

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*St. John's Lutheran Church*

July 1-2, 2023

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "O Gott, du Frommer Gott" *setting by Carl Schalk***THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 703 "How Can I Thank You, Lord"** (*stand for last stanza*)

1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.

5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
 O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
 O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
 That I may serve You here And there with You abide. A-men. Public domain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C A-men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" (page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain:

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) And also with you. P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the

people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 7:1-13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 156) *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Nicene Creed** *(page 158)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic

Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 159)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen. (please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: AGPS 107

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good He's so good to me.

He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.

I'll do His will, I'll do His will, I'll do His will, He's so good to me.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 691 "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

SERMON: “We Have Died to Bear Fruit for New Life” Romans 7:4-6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand if you are able*)

(*Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Eunice Snyder, Kenneth Koester, Richard Roehrkasse, Darlene Lohman, Joan Prigge, Floyd Wolter, Ruth Hecht, David Guebert, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelmann, Bill Becker, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Kevin Conboy, Delores Stirnaman, Kathy Wolter, Gary Hayes, Lori Hollmann, Leila Keiser, Velma Koenig. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelmann; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+God’s blessings upon our nation and our need for rain

OFERTORY: pages 159-160

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

(*The 10:30 a.m. service concludes here.*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray: **Our Father who art..**

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of

our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

**God bless our na-tive land; Firm may she ev-er stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul-er of wind and wave,
Do Thou our coun-try save By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers a-rise To God a-bove the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who are ev-er nigh, Guard-ing with watch-ful eye,
To Thee a-loud we cry: God save the state!**

POSTLUDE: “National Anthem”

setting by Sondra K. Tucker

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: **Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

...**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** (*sung*) **A-men.**

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in

me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me

Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your

strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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966 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down



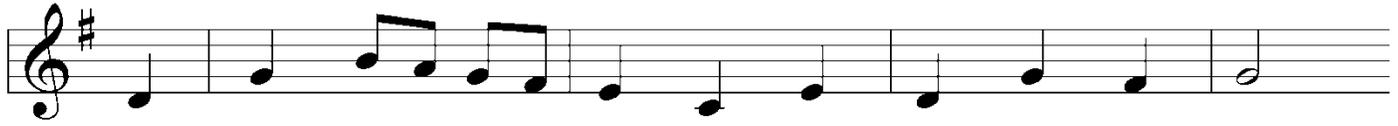
we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its
 rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng,
 With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song! Public domain

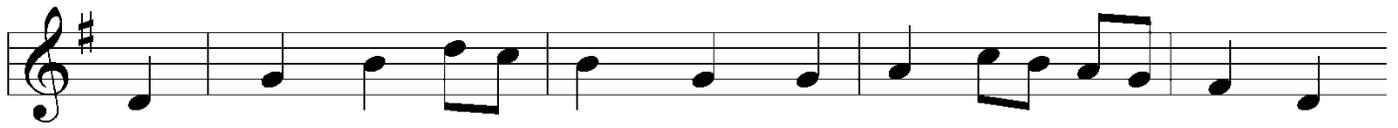
643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



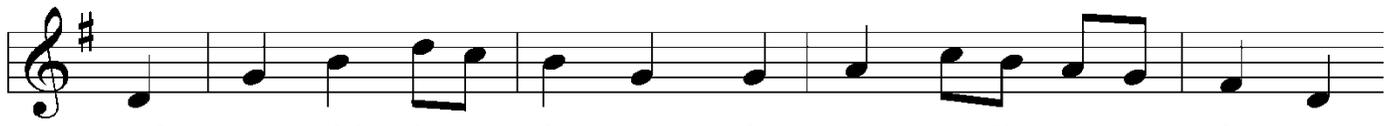
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



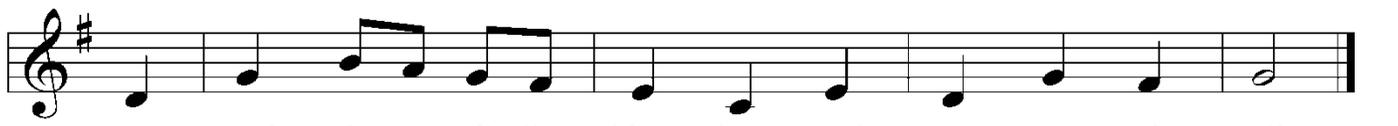
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

(please stand if you are able)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" page 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** *(sung)* **A-men.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C *(sung)* **A-men.**

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Do Thou our coun-try save By Thy great might.

**So shall our prayers a-rise To God a-bove the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who are ev-er nigh, Guard-ing with watch-ful eye,
To Thee a-loud we cry: God save the state!**

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This Week With Our Lord, July 2-9, 2023

SUNDAY, July 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte-

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Macie Brown

Monday, July 3- *Justin Palm on vacation this week*

Tuesday, July 4- *Office Closed! Happy Birthday America!*

Wednesday, July 5-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)

Thursday, July 6-

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Hosea)

9 a.m. Office Staff meeting

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in Pastor’s Office

Saturday, July 8- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, July 9-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Noon Senior Youth swimming at Mike & Marilyn Kuhn’s lake

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in Fellowship Hall

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Give Me Life?!"

Guest Speaker, Pastor Keith Haberstock, says “Finders, weepers; losers, keepers” as he speaks about finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ (Matthew 10:39). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 262; Communion: 85; Adult/Youth: 30; Sunday School: 5

And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Jacob and Nicole (Schleyhahn) Moll with the gift of life in the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Suzanne, on Friday, June 23 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The July-September edition of our daily devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front door of church.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading the topic of “Eternal Election to Salvation.”

THE EPISTLE for July is in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor has an address.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. this week. Their topic is Deb Burma’s recent book, “Be Still and Know” (cost is \$21). Wednesday’s class on 2nd Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday’s class on the Old Testament minor prophet Hosea will meet from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, July 15 to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE’ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 6/25- General: \$12,065.20; School: \$690; Automatic Giving: \$2,465. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 10:42 – “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

Our \$500 Sunday School mission gift provided 100 Bible books for children in Ukraine. “Thank you for supporting LHF as we share God’s Word in 96 countries and more than 150 languages. Thank you so much, children of St. John’s Lutheran Sunday School, for your mission hearts to the Ukrainians! I and my wife, a native of Ukraine, are truly grateful. God bless you! *Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation*

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Registration night will be held on Wednesday, July 12th from 4-7 p.m. in the new gym lobby at school. Parents of students in Kindergarten-8th grade should attend to complete paperwork and pay applicable fees. Be on the lookout for a post to our school Facebook page in the coming days with more information. If you have any questions or will not be able to attend that evening, please call Sara in the office at 618-282-3873 to make arrangements to register.

NOTES FROM OUR DCE:

+I am offering a Lego/STEAM camp for those students who are entering grades five-eight. This will be held July 10-14 and limited to the first 30 students that register. The \$10 cost will go towards snacks, batteries, and supplies. We will meet in the science/art room from 9-10:30 a.m. Please RSVP to 618-282-2958.

+The remaining funds of \$750 from the 8th Grade Class of 2023 have been put into the Outdoor Pavilion fund. We thank the Class of 2023 for their donation.

COOKOUT AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY:

Every Friday during the summer Concordia Seminary holds an evening cookout (5 p.m.) for student families in the married student housing complex. Our Estate Fund Committee is sponsoring this meal on Friday July 14. St. John's members are invited to join them on this occasion! Please RSVP to our office if you would like to attend. Also, if you want to go early for a tour of the seminary campus, let Pastor know so he can make that arrangement.

FREE PIANO!

St. John's Lutheran School currently has a piano that is looking for a new home. It is a tall, brown, antique upright piano, in good condition and in tune! Best of all, it is free!! If you are interested, please contact Lindsey Hudak at 618-340-6055 (call or text) to make arrangements.

SUMMER SINGERS:

Do you like to sing? For the months of June and July, I'm inviting anyone who's interested to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! You do not have to be a choir member to participate! We will sing for the 8 a.m. worship services on Sunday, July 9th, and Sunday, July 30th. Those mornings, we will meet at 7:30 a.m. upstairs on the south side to practice the song. The songs we sing will be fairly simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to sing also!! Let me know if you are interested! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

ADOPT A FLOWER BED:

Dear school and church families, we are looking for individuals small groups who wish to "adopt" a section of our landscaping at school or church. There is no cost to this except the sweat effort of keeping that section of landscaping free of weeds. If you are interested, please call the school office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. any weekday. We will recognize your

efforts with a sign within that landscape section naming your group or family. Thank you to the five groups that already have claimed a spot. *Mr. Justin Palm*

SYNODICAL CONVENTION DELEGATES:

Representing our circuit at the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee July 28-August 3 will be voting delegates Rev. Lyle Buettner (New Athens/Darmstadt; 618/696-2649; lylebuettner@yahoo.com) and Mike DeRousse (St. John's, Red Bud; derousse@gmail.com) and advisory delegate Bill Becker (St. John's, Red Bud; 618/282-2958; becker@stjohnsredbud.org). Rev. Matthew Harrison has been elected to his fifth term as LCMS President in pre-convention online balloting.

NATIONAL MISSION OFFERING:

The national mission offering for our synodical convention this summer will “support high-priority translation of essential teaching materials into other languages. Your gift of financial resources will help bring the clarity of the Gospel to others in languages they can understand” *President Matthew Harrison*. This will be another way of doing what our Sunday School and day school mission projects supported this last year through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Please bring your gift to our church office or put it in an envelope marked “National Mission Offering” and put it in an offering plate at church. Thank you!

CASEY'S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to our St. John's school. Thank you!

ELDER ZONES FOR 2023: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – D. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/2- Kim Breier, Kirk Uffelmann, Travis Oettle; 7/3- Jim Guebert, Krysta Schmidt, Kathleen Brunkhorst, Connor Bumann, Jozlynn Palm; 7/4- Sue Guebert, David Lucht, Dawn Booker, Ryan Dannenberg; 7/5- Martha Krick, Chrystal Kiefer, Jessica Stenzel, Ian Moll; 7/6- Megan Thien, Cason Cox, Graham Liefer; 7/7- Nancy Richards, Jeff Schrader, Bradley Koester,

Levi Beare, Emmett Cowell, Jacob Kuehner; 7/8- Sharon Guebert, Brandy Wagner, Becky Stellhorn, Josh Heller, Jacob Miller, Jack Kennedy. *Please call our office with corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Alice Smith; Three Springs in Chester: Eunice Wiatr, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker; Columbia Garden Place: Barb Ladwig

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

FINANCIAL NEED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:

St. John's member and recent Red Bud High School graduate Ashlynn Crafton has been diagnosed with leukemia. We can provide some financial assistance for her treatments at her GoFundMe account <https://gofund.me/3579ba87> or at an account set up with Buena Vista National Bank Account #272745. Thank you for considering how you can help during this difficult time.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, study the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 2nd Samuel 16-19 plus a new Free Text Friday on Matthew 18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10 a.m.). On demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Far from freedom and the opposite of autonomy, death-dealing measures like abortion and assisted suicide hold hearts captive to sinful passions (Romans 7:5-6) such as pride and lust. The sanctity of life Gospel brings the sword that truly liberates (Matthew 10:34) "so that you may belong to another" (Romans 7:4). The Heavenly Father holds every human life as His own precious treasure.

The Summer edition of LifeDate is available in the entryway for you to take.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Toxic War on Masculinity; The Battle for the Bible in the LCMS; Women & Head Coverings; Does the Bible Condone the Killing of Homosexuals? and more. You can tune in live weekdays

from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618/853-7300

Opening Worship & Installations: Please join us in welcoming our new administrator and teachers as they begin their new year at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. The service and installations will be held Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This will be a wonderful time to visit with the new and current faculty and staff. Amazing things are happening at *Christ Our Savior!*

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 14 and 15. Items may be brought to school Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until July 11. We are looking for clean, saleable items. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. Volunteer times are posted on our FB page.

It's not too late! Registrations are being accepted for all classes. Financial aid based on need is available. For more information, check our website, www.coslhs.org, or contact the school office at 618-853-7300. School will start August 15.

Summer Office Hours: The office will be closed, Monday July 3 and Tuesday July 4. Have a safe and blessed holiday! Office hours will resume on Wednesday.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.

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Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

Aides: Nola Jean Vallett, Shawn DeRousse, and Elizabeth Schaefer

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
Eighth Grade Homeroom: Bill Becker Athletic Director – Scott Voss
School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm
Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams,
Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck,
Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Melissa
Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney
Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Stephanie
Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Deanna Ward, Kaitlyn Brown

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Blayton Sutton; (8 a.m.) Amelia Guebert; (10:30 a.m.) Macie Brown
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Pam Miller and Kortney Moll Paraments: Virginia Moeller