



First Sunday in Lent
St. John's Lutheran Church- Red Bud, Illinois
February 17 & 18, 2024, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.



PRELUDE: (Sat.) "O Christ, You Walked" arr. by K. Hildebrand
 (Sunday) "Morning Glory" Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

(please stand) **OPENING HYMN: 656 "A Mighty Fortress"** (stanzas 1-2)

**A might-y for-tress is our God, A trust-y shield and weap-on;
 He helps us free from ev-'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak-en.
 The old e-vil foe Now means dead-ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e-qual.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef-fect-ed;
 But for us fights the val-iant One, Whom God Him-self e-lect-ed.
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je-sus Christ it is, Of Sab-a-oth Lord,
 And there's none oth-er God; He holds the field for-ev-er.**

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, C: **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**
 P: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,
 C: **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down

from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **GOSPEL PREPARATION:** *(sung)* (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry, Sav-ior di-vine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt a-way;

O let me from this day Be whol-ly Thine!

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” ¹² The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed *(pg.191 or inside back cover of hymnal)*

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)

(please be seated) **HYMN OF THE DAY: 547 “The Lamb”**

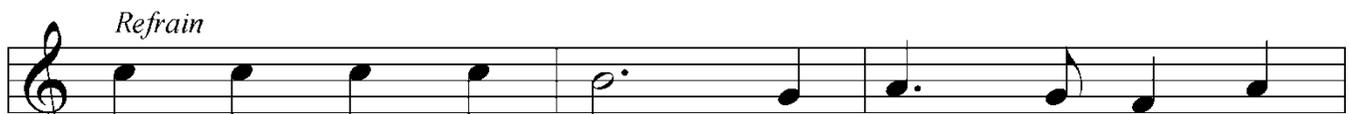


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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SERMON: “God Will Provide” Genesis 22:1-18

OFFERTORY: pages 192-193

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.

A-men.

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: Wil Guebert, Flo Zschiegner, Jim Guebert, Lucille vanHoy, David Guebert, Paul Schrieber, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, Sherry Winkelman, Pam Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Jack Kennedy; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Dorothy Fulton, Rhonda Black, Mike Coffey, Isabella Despain, Joe Candler, Michelle Gibbs. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase 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, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow.

+birth of a daughter to Trenton & Rachael (Renner) Guebert on January 20

+for peace in the world and comfort for those who mourn and suffer violence

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

P The Lord be with you. **C And with thy spirit.**

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

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. **C It is meet and right so to do.**

P 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: *(sung)*

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He
 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology*)

...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

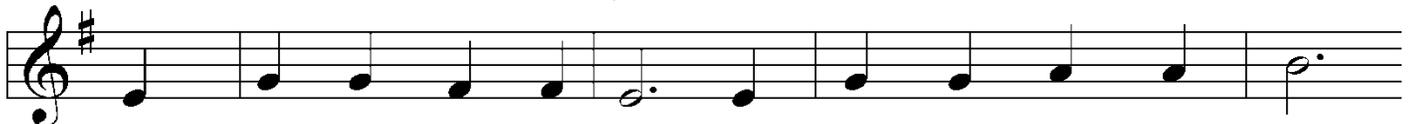
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (*please be seated*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

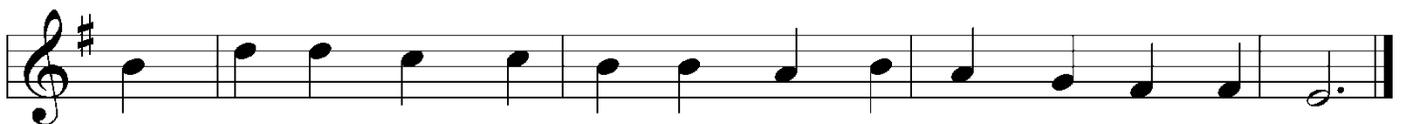
(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting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

(*Sunday*) **Anthem:** "Meditation on the Cross" *Bell Choir*

424 "O Christ, You Walked the Road"



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

527 "O Savior, Precious Savior"



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"



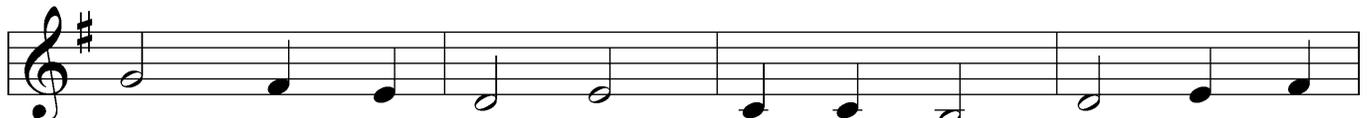
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying. Public domain

*May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you faithful to life everlasting.
 Go in His Peace. AMEN!*

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200 (*please stand if you are able*)
**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for
 mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of
 all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el.
 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the
 beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: (*sung*) and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

P: 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*) Amen.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spir-it.**

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be
 gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (*sung*) A-men, a-men, a-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (*stanzas 3-4*)

**Though dev-ils all the world should fill, All ea-ger to de-vour us;
 We trem-ble not, we fear no ill; They shall not o-ver-pow'r us.
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
 He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let re-main Nor an-y thanks have for it;
 He's by our side up-on the plain With His good gifts and Spir-it,**

**And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our vic-t'ry has been won; The King-dom ours re-main-eth.**

THE POSTLUDE: “A Mighty Fortress”

arranged by Johann Pachelbel

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This Week With Our Lord, February 18-25, 2024

SUNDAY, February 18-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

10:15 a.m. Fundraising BBQ for Prigge family at school

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Noon Senior Youth paintballing

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, February 19- No School! Presidents' Day; Trustees Work Day

8:15 a.m. Junior Youth to Hidden Valley for snowboarding

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, February 20- Pastor Nebel returns

9 a.m. Evening Guild quilt tying & 1 p.m. meeting in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Prairie duRocher

Wednesday, February 21-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church; Acolyte- Hollis Wolfmeier

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

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

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church; Acolyte- Loreli Aubuchon

Thursday, February 22-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. Girl's Volleyball at home versus Steeleville

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, February 23- Volleyball A @ St. John-Chester; C @ home

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym

Saturday, February 24-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Addison Brier

SUNDAY, February 25- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Joey Biffar

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brian Liefer

1:00 p.m. Euchre Tournament in the school's old gym

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Redeeming DIY"

Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and of dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world (Mark 1:12-13). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 315; Communion: 241; Bible classes: Adults- 42; SS & Youth: 32

Ash Wednesday: Worship: 218 Communion: 104

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. (Heb. 10:24-25)

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL booklets are on tables in the entryway.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/11- General: \$14,382; School: \$465; Automatic Giving: \$5,515. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Cor. 9:7)*

OUT OF TOWN UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

Pastor and Cindy Nebel are out of town at her mother's funeral service in Lidgerwood, North Dakota this weekend. They will return on Tuesday.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nowak leading "Proverbial Phrases Inspired by Bible Passages." Mr. Palm's class on Bible Survey will meet this Sunday in the school library.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Mark 1:13 – "And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of His temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Averie Faye Mehring into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Tim and Brooke (Hartmann) Mehring. Her baptismal sponsors are Jon and Rachel Mehring, Brittney Stines, Erica Mehring and Laurie Wright. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Trenton and Rachael (Renner) Guebert with the birth of a daughter, Madelyn Eleanor, on January 20 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She joins her older brother William at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John's member and Red Bud High School Senior Owen Liefer was selected as Student of the Month for January. He is the son of Darren and Andrea Liefer. This program is sponsored by Red Bud Lions Club.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2024: (Chairman, Jeremy Stellhorn)

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

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru 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 thru Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

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

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

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

BENEFIT BBQ:

This Sunday, February 18, our faculty/staff is hosting a BBQ in our school parking lot to benefit the Prigge family medical expenses. The menu is pork steaks, brats, potato salad, baked beans, slaw and macaroni and cheese. A free will offering bake sale will be held in conjunction with the BBQ.

EVENING GUILD GATHERING & QUILT PROJECT:

This Tuesday, February 20, we will start assembling and tying quilts from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Devotions will be led by Paula Wiley, followed by our business meeting at 1:00 p.m. We will not have an evening gathering in February.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

During this season of Lent we hold services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service will be preceded with a Lenten supper (spaghetti, garlic bread and lettuce salad) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and a hymn sing in church at 6:50 p.m.

THE LATEST EDITION:

St. John's Lutheran School Alumni Newsletter is in paper copy in the entryway for those who did not receive one in the mail.

SONSHINE VISITATION:

Valentine gifts and cards for you to give to your members are on a pew on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. May God bless your visits!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Thank you to all you directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's for 2023! We received \$1,876 in this way for our ministry. If you have not yet done so, please consider St. John's as your recipient. You have until March 31 to do so if you have not already done so.

LEAP YEAR DAY:

To celebrate Leap Day on Thursday, February 29, 2024, we are having a “LEAP OUT OF BED & WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL DAY” for any student who brings in a nonperishable breakfast food item to school that day. These breakfast items could include peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, granola bars, pancake mix, syrup, instant oatmeal packets, and boxed cereal. All food items will be donated to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market. *Please make sure all pajamas are school-appropriate and students have tennis shoes to wear at recess.

ANOTHER REASON TO JUMP FOR JOY ON LEAP YEAR DAY:

On Thursday February 29 we will have a pep rally for those teams going to LSA State. The cheer team will be doing their routine and the girls' basketball team will do a warmup. We will announce both teams and present coaches with the thank you gift for going to state.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/18- Amber Piel, Lauren Mehring; 2/19- Keith Miller, Jennifer Brown, Luke Hartmann, Callie Todaro, Kadence Koen; 2/20- Daniel Meier, Kaleb Matzenbacher, Nickolas Mehner; 2/21- Patricia Wagner, Adam Wild; 2/21- Darla Cowell, Sarah Wetzel; 2/23- Doug Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain; 2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Beth Kilpatrick, Ava Kiefer. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

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).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

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

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

PARISH NURSE NOTE: LCMS *Better Health*

Popcorn Can Be a Healthy Snack- Unfortunately, we cancel out popcorn's health benefits by adding lots of butter and salt. An entire bag of microwave buttered popcorn is 210 calories, 14 grams of fat and 390 mg of butter. Three cups of this makes for a third of those amounts.

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS OF THE METRO EAST:

On Feb. 23rd @ 6:30 p.m., Good Shepherd in Collinsville will host a game night. On March 15th @ 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross in Collinsville will host a volleyball night. Check the QR code on the bulletin board flyer.

CHOIR CONCERT:

The Singing Saints of St. Paul Lutheran High School of Concordia, Missouri, will be in concert on Friday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Missouri. The concert is free but an offering will be taken to cover the expenses of the choir's spring tour.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

A good gift plan within one's estate plan can help manage taxation. In the past, you may have created a future gift for ministry with a beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy. All the while, you have that same amount in a qualified retirement plan that will go to family. This is backwards, giving taxable things to family and non-taxable things to ministry. Just changing a couple beneficiary forms could save thousands in taxes. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

God kept Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac (Genesis 22:12). Abortion is immoral because it is unnecessary. Jesus alone serves as beast of burden in the solemn rite of righting wrongs (Mark 1:13). Death always hatches from sin (James 1:15), but we belong in the business of redemption. If God's forgiveness forgets even abortion (Psalm 25:7), we ought to forget about it also.

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, hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.), continue studying Galatians 5-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Deuteronomy 9-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/21 at 11 a.m. On demand at kfuo.org or KFUO Radio app!

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

Mattress & Furniture Sale and Fundraiser: Red Bud Mattress Company will donate to *COS* for every item purchased there in February. All you have to do is let them know that you want them to support *COS* when you buy your items.

Puff Pastry Sale: Starts this week. This fundraiser supports student council and student activities. Contact the office if you would like to place an order.

Save the date: Our annual Fish & More dinner will be Friday, March 1 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The FFA Helping Hands Auction will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Items needed for Drama: For our play this year, our director is asking for empty Girl Scout cookie boxes and any size of women's blouses, jackets, and dresses. Please bring your donation to school by March 1. Our play will be March 9.

Registration for 2024-2025 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private

tour. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Tuition for all students will be on a sliding scale. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – 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: Kristin Sachtleben 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, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Jill Gross

Elder Chair: Jeremy Stellhorn Parish Education Chair: Derek Uffelmann

Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak

Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (5 p.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Amelia Cheek; (8 a.m.) Tessa Stenzel; (10:30 a.m.) Colin Korando

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
(10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Jamie and Natalie Korando Paraments: Ella Hemmer