

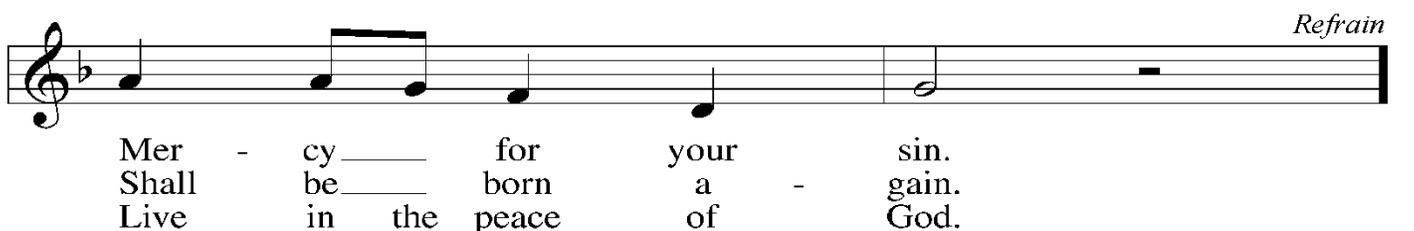
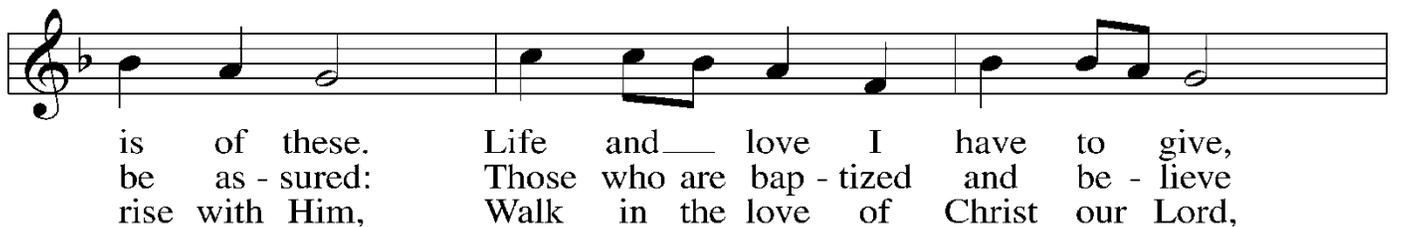
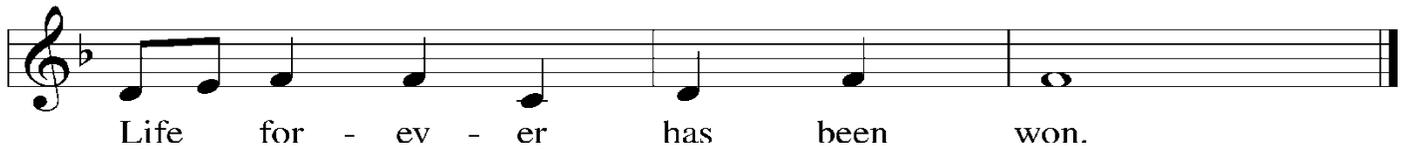
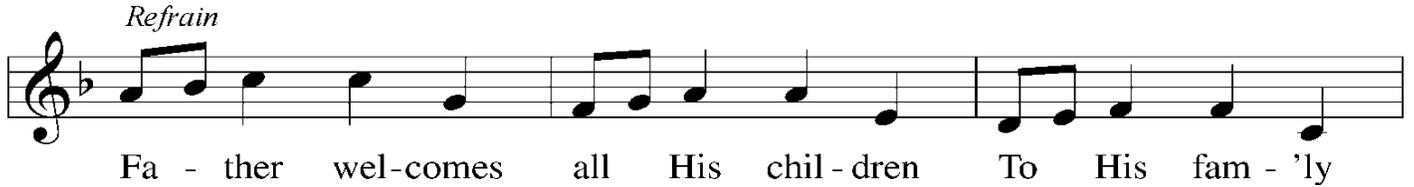


***First Sunday in Lent***  
***St. John's Lutheran Church-Red Bud, Illinois***  
**February 18, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**



PRELUDE: "O Love, How Deep" *arr. by Rachel Chapin*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

**OPENING HYMN: 605 "Father Welcomes"**



Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.**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.**

**INTROIT: Psalm 91**

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him My salvation.**

No evil shall be allowed to befall you, **no plague come near your tent.**

For He will command His angels concerning you **to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up, **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him My salvation.**

**SONG OF PRAISE: "Do Lord: Psalm 27"**

*(Refrain)* **Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do re-mem-ber me!**  
**Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do**  
**re-mem-ber me! Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do re-mem-ber me!**  
**Look a-way be-yond the blue!**

1. **You're my light and my sal-va-tion, I won't be a-fraid!**  
**You're the strong-hold of my life, by You all things were made.**  
**Foes at-tack me, has-sle me, but I will nev-er fade,**  
**For I move in the strength of the Lord. *(refrain)***
  
2. **Though a host en-camp a-gainst me, I will nev-er fear!**  
**Even though a war sur-rounds me You are al-ways near.**  
**One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure**  
**Is to live in the house of the Lord. *(refrain)***
  
3. **You will hide me in Your shel-ter in the day of strife;**  
**You'll con-veal me in Your tent or set me on the height.**  
**Now my head is lift-ed up a-bove the storms of night,**  
**So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. *(refrain)***
  
4. **Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther and to God the Son;**  
**Glo-ry be to God the Spir-it, ev-er Three in One.**  
**As it was in the be-gin-ning till our race is won,**  
**We can live in the light of the Lord. *(refrain)***

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#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** **And with your spirit.** **P:** Let us pray. **C:** **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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:**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and

go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.<sup>5</sup> Then 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.”<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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?”<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>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.<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”<sup>12</sup> 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.”<sup>13</sup> 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.<sup>14</sup> 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.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven<sup>16</sup> and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,<sup>17</sup> 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,<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> 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: Praise to You, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 547 "The Lamb"** *(stanzas 1 and 2)*

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa-ther, where's the sac-ri-fice?**

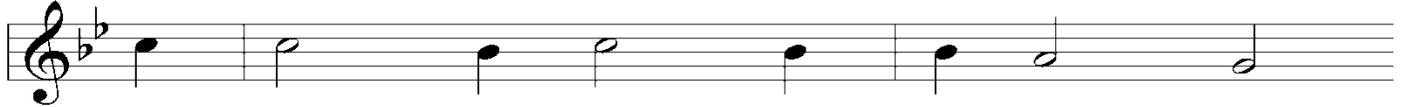
**Faith sees, be-lieves God will pro-vide the Lamb of price!**

**Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!**

**The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One per-fect fi-nal of-er-ing.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!**

**SONG OF THE DAY: 544 "O Love, How Deep"**



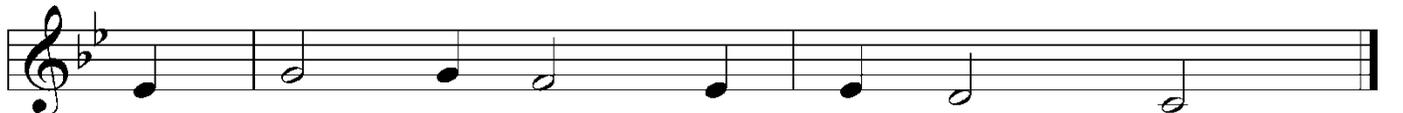
1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an-gel to our race,  
3 For us bap-tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
5 For us by wick-ed-ness be-trayed,



Be-yond all thought and fan-ta-sy,  
Of high-er or-of low-er place,  
His ho-ly fast and hun-gered sore;  
For us His dai-ly works He wrought,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar-rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu-man frame,  
For us temp-ta-tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac-tions thus  
He bore the shame-ful cross and death;



Our mor-tal form for mor-tals' sake!  
And to this world Him-self He came.  
For us the tempt-er o-ver-threw.  
Still seek-ing not Him-self but us.  
For us He gave His dy-ing breath.

6 For us He rose from death a-gain; For us He want on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spir-it here To guide, to strength-en, and to cheer.

*Please stand if you are able*

7 All glo-ry to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trin-i-ty whom we a-dore For-ev-er and for-ev-er-more. A-men.

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

**SONG OF RESPONSE:** “In God We Believe” (tune: “Immortal, Invisible”)

**In God we believe; the Creator whose pow’r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the church now He does bless.  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. A-men.**

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**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

**OFFERTORY: 806 "Give Thanks"**



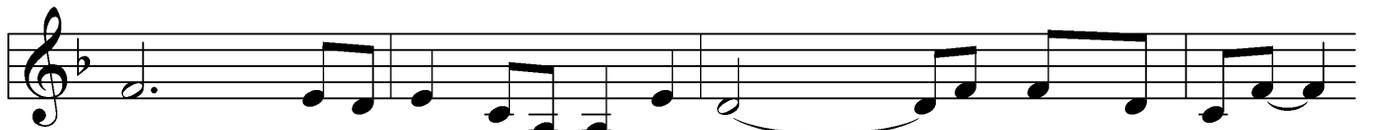
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_



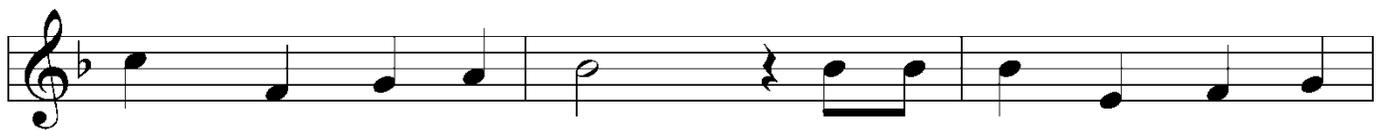
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the



weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

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

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 lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: 550 "Lamb of God"



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod,      And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud,    And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod,      And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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**THE POSTLUDE: “Give Thanks”**

*arranged by Douglas E. Wagner*

*Instrumentalists: Lindsey Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt and Jonathan Hudak*

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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. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Luttmann, 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Good Shepherd in Collinsville will host a game night. On March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto: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](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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 [kfu.org](http://kfu.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](http://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.*

### **St. John's Lutheran Church – LCMS 508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois**

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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

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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  
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 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