

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT*St. John's Lutheran Church*Red Bud, Illinois *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. February 24-25, 2024**PRELUDE:** (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Lift High the Cross" arranged by John Eggert

(10:30 a.m.) "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"**

1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
 You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
 You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*please stand if you are able*)P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the

infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

INTROIT: Psalms 25 and 115



Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your /	stead-fast love,	for they have been /	from of old.
You who fear the Lord, trust /	in the Lord!	He is their help /	and their shield.
The Lord has re- /	mem-bered us;	He will /	bless us;
He will bless the house of /	Is-ra-el;	He will bless the house of /	Aa-ron;
He will bless those who /	fear the Lord,	both the small /	and the great.
Glory be to the Father and /	to the Son	and to the Holy /	Spir-it;
As it was in the be- /	gin-ning,	is now, and will be forever. /	A-men.
Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your /	stead-fast love,	for they have been /	from of old.

KYRIE: (page 204) (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord have mer-cy.

(During Lent we omit the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "All For Christ I Have Forsaken" *Bell Choir*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, ² that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ...¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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:****Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we

are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **GOSPEL PREPARATION:** *(LSB 418)*

O Lord, through-out these for-ty days You prayed and kept the fast:

In-spire re-pen-tance for our sin, And free us from our past.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8TH chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Apostles' Creed** *(page 207)*

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.

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)

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)

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: LSB 837

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
Till all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.
O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
As Thou has prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
Till all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

SERMON: “While We Were Still Sinners, Christ Died For Us” Romans 5:6-11

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, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, 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.

+the family of Sherry Winkelman who died in the Lord on Monday

+district's partnership with the Lutheran seminary in Dominican Republic

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

OFFERTORY: (*LSB 786*)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill.
To-kens of love and pledg-es they shall be
That our whole life is of-fered to Your will.
Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;
To You with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 763 “When Peace, Like a River”

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
 It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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THE POSTLUDE: “A Little Fugue”

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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*.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

Preface

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
 Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

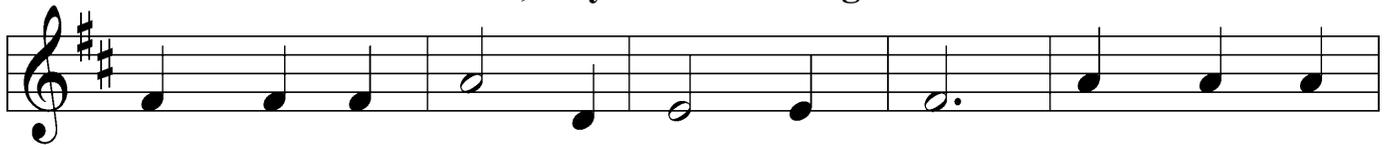
Agnus Dei (*sung*)

1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

Anthem: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" *Bell Choir*

563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



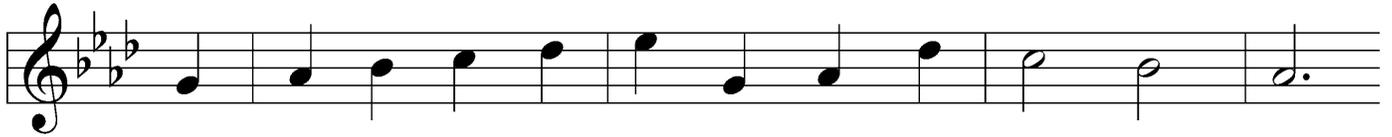
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. *Public domain*

798 "The God of Abraham Praise" (*stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men"*)



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,
 And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:
 A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!"

Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!”

Please stand if you are able

9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise! A-MEN. Public domain

(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.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)
O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav’n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.

All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

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C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 763 “When Peace, Like a River”



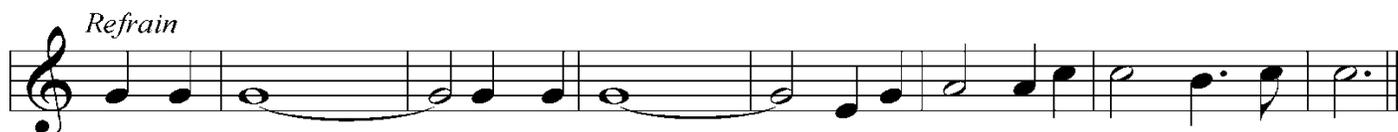
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



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This Week With Our Lord, February 25-March 3, 2024

SUNDAY, February 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

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

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

Monday, February 26-

3:15 p.m. School faculty meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

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

Tuesday, February 27- Epistle Information due in the church office

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Garden Place
 5:30 p.m. Girls' volleyball at home versus Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, February 28-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes
 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church; Acolyte: Sophia Zeiger
 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: Case Hess

Thursday, February 29-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 2:15 p.m. Pep Rally for Lutheran State in the school's new gym
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 1-

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

Saturday, March 2-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Payton Liefer

SUNDAY, March 3-

8:00 Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Mallory Arbeiter
 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Norah Wagner
 6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "When Winning Is Losing"

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes explains what it means that in Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing (Mark 8:35-37). 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: 330; Communion: 149; Bible classes: Adults- 19; SS & Youth: 45

Midweek Lent I Worship- AM: 133; PM: 59

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)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/18- General: \$23,898; School: \$290. *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)*

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel 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 8:32 – “And Jesus said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.” Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

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. CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Sherry Winkelman who died in the Lord on Monday at the age of 64 years. She received a Christian funeral here on Friday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

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 (pulled pork, beans, mac and cheese) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and a hymn sing in church at 6:50 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year (10% of offerings) is benefitting the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. These are operated through our local District 132 Schools that supply families with food, basic care needs, and supplies for making birthday cakes for the elementary children in our local community. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (LCMS *Better Health*) Walking just 2,400 steps per day can help reduce your risk of dying prematurely from heart disease or stroke.

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)

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!:

2/25- Daniel Liefer, Ryan Stamm, Jordan Schneider, Megan (Mrs. Tyler) Henry, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Bob Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Gene Liefer, 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Finn Liefer; 3/1- Judy Guebert, Kelly Mehring; 3/2- Amy Zeller, Jakob Biffar, *Please call our office with any corrections!*

CASEY'S REWARDS:

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

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS OF THE METRO EAST:

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.

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

SENIOR YOUTH:

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.

CHOIR CONCERTS:

+*The Kapelle* of Concordia University Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Charles P. Brown, will be in concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. The concert is free but an offering will be taken to support the choir's spring tour.

+*Laudamus*, the select seminary choir of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, under the direction of Cantor Philip Magness, will perform "Not Unto Us" at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, MO, on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

A good gift plan within one's estate plan can help manage taxation. In 2024, you can get credit for donations to ministry of up to 60% of your adjusted gross income (see your tax form for your AGI number) or 30% for your non-cash contributions. You can carry these credits out for five years after the contribution. Is there a ministry you would like to support today, as part of your overall gift plan? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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:

Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Genesis 17:1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another's crosses (Mark 8:34, 38). So let us resist Satan's temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8:33). We will rejoice in our suffering (Romans 5:3) and receive neighbors as gifts even in theirs (Psalm 22:24).

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2024 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your names on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Cynthia in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

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 KFUE AM850, hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.), begin studying Isaiah 40-66 for Lent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Deuteronomy 14-17 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/28 at 11 a.m. Programs on demand at kfuo.org!

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 Deconstruction of Christianity Movement, The Book of Mormon, A Cloud of Witnesses, The Book of Zechariah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3–5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

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: This fundraiser supports student council and student activities. Contact the office if you would like to place an order. Orders end March 11.

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 this year's play, 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.

NASP Archery Tournament at COS on March 2 from 9:00- 2:00 p.m.

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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 Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928
 Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

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,
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Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak; Lector: (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addison Brier; (8 a.m.) Joey Biffar; (10:30 a.m.) Brian Liefer
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
 (10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter and Cindy Ebers
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Jamie and Natalie Korando Paraments: Ella Hemmer