

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

The Resurrection of Our Lord 5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. March 30 & 31, 2024

“We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments, and provide Christian education in service to all people.”

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Welcome to St. John’s! Please greet one another in the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you take time during the offering to sign the attendance pad in the pew rack and pass it to the person next to you. Cards in the attendance pad are for those who are visiting with us. Thank you to our visitors today. We are happy that you have joined us. We invite you to worship with us again very soon!

We Celebrate Holy Communion Today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Since this Holy Communion is a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to our Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this.

THE FESTIVAL ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “The Day of Resurrection” (*Sat.*) *Bell Choir*; (*Sun.*) *arr. by R. Thygeron*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to joyful worship.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION:

Pastor: Jesus is risen! Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: This is the day that our Lord has made.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: The joy of Christ’s resurrection fills our lives with hope.

P: Our lives are hidden with Christ Jesus.

C: He is the source of our eternal salvation.

P: He lives! We, too, shall live! The joy of Christ’s resurrection renews our lives now.

C: Jesus will restore our lives in eternity.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “An Earthquake at the Break of Day”

(please STAND if you are able when the cross enters)

(tune: TLH 475 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”)

1. **An earth-quake at the break of day,
An an-gel rolls the stone a-way. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Be-hold, O hear the an-gel say:
“Come, see the place where Je-sus lay.”
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

2. **The Lord is ris-en, as He said.
The Fa-ther raised Him from the dead. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
He con-quer-ed death and hell and dread
And stands as vic-tor in our stead.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

3. **Go forth and tell that He shall reign,
That Je-sus suf-fer-ed not in vain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
That we shall see our Lord a-gain
And sing for-ev-er this re-frain:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

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THE INVOCATION:

P: O God, our Father, by Your great mercy, life and immortality were brought to light.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

P: O Jesus Christ, by Your sinless life, shameful death, and glorious resurrection full payment has been made for our sins.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

P: O Holy Spirit, by Your life-giving power we have been brought to a living hope of eternal life through the work of Jesus.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS:

P: O Triune God, You are the source of our life and salvation. We come before You on this great day to confess our unworthiness of Your goodness to us in Jesus Christ, our resurrected Savior, and to beg Your forgiveness for our many sins which caused Jesus to be born, to live and to die on the cross for us.

C: Forgive us, O Lord, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment.

P: We call Jesus Christ our Lord, but we do not serve Him.

C: We call Him the Light of the world, but we live in the darkness of our sins.

P: We say He is the Way, but we follow our own selfish paths.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us our sins. Restore us to newness of life.
Fulfill Your promise to us in Your Son Jesus Christ.**

P: Glory be to God on high! Christ our Lord is risen from death.

C: Alleluia! He is risen from the dead!

P: We who were lost in our sins now share in Christ's victory.

C: Alleluia! He is risen from the dead!

P: Because Jesus lives we are alive to God and dead to sin. In the stead and by the command of our risen Savior, Jesus, as His called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen. Alleluia! Jesus is risen from the dead!**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

P: Let us pray: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever;

C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

(Saturday) ANTHEM: "The Strife Is O'er; the Battle Done"

Bell Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

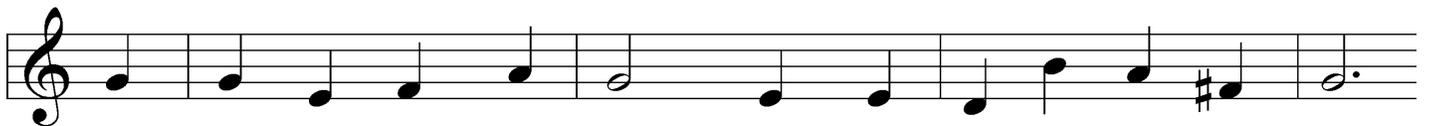
Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

HYMN OF JOY: 478 “The Day of Resurrection” (*please stand for the last stanza*)



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*in unison*)

I believe that on the first day of the week God anointed His Son Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit and raised Him living from the dead.

I believe that in the person of Jesus Christ God's might and power have broken into our fallen world. I believe that Jesus now proclaims His victory over all the forces of sin. I believe in the love of Jesus Christ and boldly confess that my Lord, who was crucified, now lives, raised from the dead by the mighty Spirit of God.

I believe that through the Holy Spirit we bear witness to the power of God's love and await the glorious return of Jesus Christ. While we are waiting, God gives us new energy to declare: JESUS IS OUR RISEN LORD! ALLELUIA!

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

FESTIVAL SERMON: "Journey with the Risen Jesus" John 20:11-19

THE RESPONSIVE EASTER PRAYER: *(please stand if you are able)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, Dorothy Byers, Charlie Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Ray Kaaz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Paul Mollet, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton, Brodie Stenzel; Family/Friends of St. John's Members: Dorothy Fulton, Mike Coffey, Isabella Despain. Gerald & Bonnie Hitzmann 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.

+thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Gladys Brand on March 30

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

P: On this glorious day of new life restored, give us the hope of salvation, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: God wants all to come to a knowledge of His truth and be saved through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with Him.**

P: On this great day of death conquered by a risen Savior, give us the hope of triumph over death, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in death.**

P: On this blessed day of victory over Satan's powers, give to us the hope of eternal life, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: By Your great mercy we have been born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance which is kept in heaven for us.**

P: O Lord God, You have remembered our need for salvation through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus. We now ask that You would remember...*(the Prayers of the Church are spoken)*. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Grant that all**

may come to know and believe that Jesus has risen from the dead for them.
Amen.

THE OFFERTORY: LSB 547

**He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.
 His song pro-long Till ev-'ry heart to Him be-long.
 Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne.**

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P: The Lord is with His people; now may He be with you.

C: The Lord is with His servants; now may He be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

C: To God we lift them high.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise to God who comes to us.

P: It is truly good, right and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly do we praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with the angels and saints of heaven we worship and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: (*tune: TLH 208 "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"*)

**Ho-ly are You, the hea-v'nly King!
 With an-gel hosts we join to sing,
 "Your maj-es-ty fills ev'ry-thing!"
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ho-ly are You, our Lord most high!
 Bless-ed is He who now draws nigh
 In God's own name! With joy we cry:
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ho-ly are You, through end-less days!
 Our glad ho-san-nas now we raise
 To greet You with ex-alt-ed praise
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (prayed in unison)THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P:The peace of the Lord be with you always.

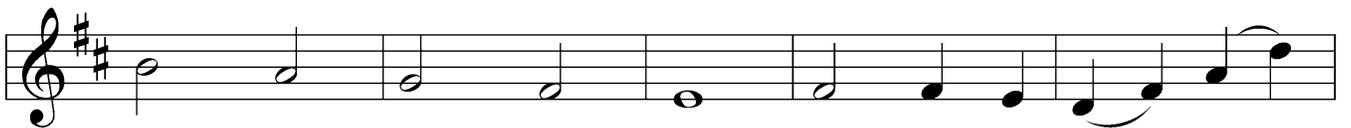
C: **And also with you.** (please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (continuous line in the 10:30 a.m. service)

461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



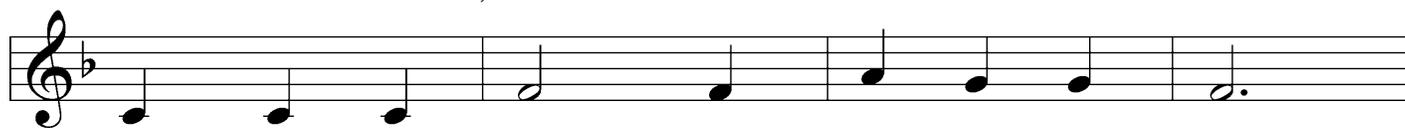
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

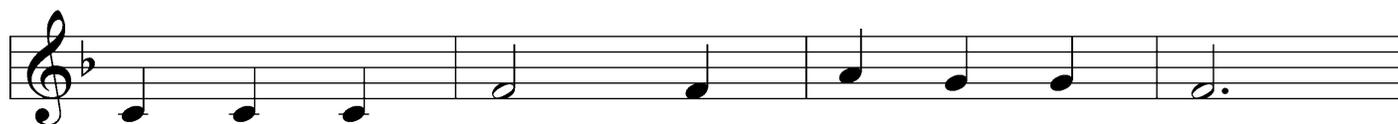
466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



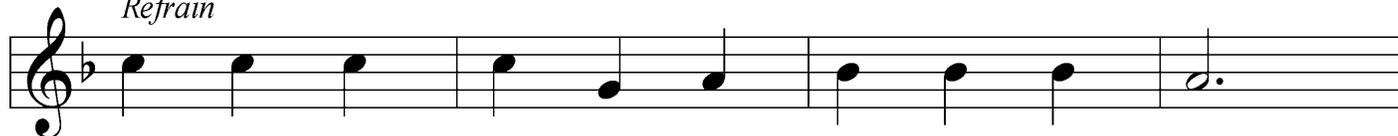
Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



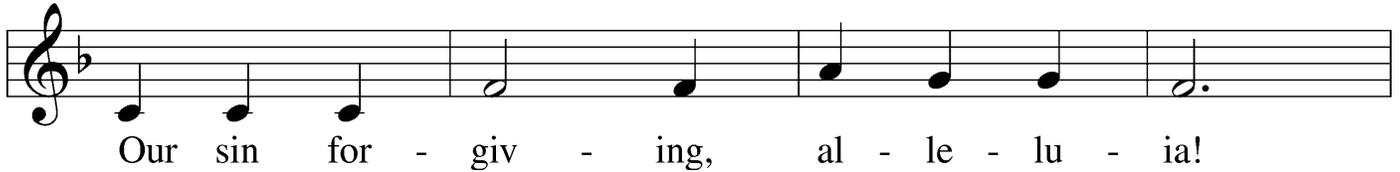
E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



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490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call - me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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548 "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
 2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
 3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
 Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
 pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
 On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
 For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
 rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
 scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
 tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
 and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: We thank You, Lord of heaven and earth, for raising Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead and through Him promising us eternal life. As You have promised we trust in You to strengthen us in faith through this sacrament You have given us. We ask You to rule in our hearts so that we may proclaim our risen and living Savior Jesus to a world lost and suffering in sin;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: May God the Father who raised His Son from the dead;

C: Our Father gives us life.

P: May God the Son who lives and rules forever;

C: Jesus Christ, our Savior, is risen from the dead.

P: May God the Holy Spirit give you the light of our risen Savior;

C: The Holy Spirit gives us the light of life.

P: May our Triune God, the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit bless you and preserve you now and forever.

C: We depart in God's peace. Christ is risen! Amen.

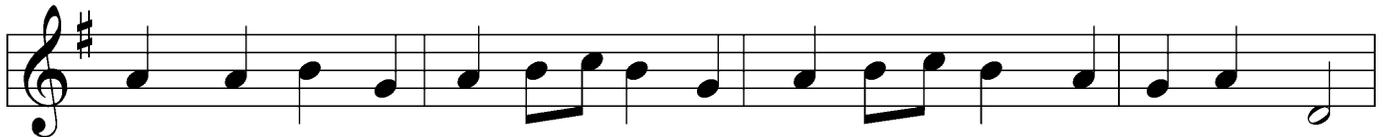
THE CLOSING: 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" (*we sing "A-men"*)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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THE POSTLUDE: "Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious" *arr. by David Christiansen*

This Week With Our Lord, March 31-April 7, 2024

SUNDAY, March 31- The Resurrection of Our Lord!

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by our Senior Youth in old gym

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

Monday, April 1- No School!

4-6 p.m. 8th grade confirmation retreat at church

Tuesday, April 2- School golf at Mystic Oak

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, April 3- Senior OVC Track Meet

7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel service at church

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

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

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, April 4-

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. School golf at Nashville

6:00 p.m. Confirmation pictures in the church

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Questioning and Reception

Friday, April 5-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service at church

Saturday, April 6-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte- Brynlee Liefer

SUNDAY, April 7-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Confirmation): Acolyte- Athena Wolfmeier

4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (new)

MONETARY GIFT:

In thanksgiving for God's many blessings of life, a monetary gift has been given to St. John's Debt Reduction.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The April-June edition of our daily devotional, Portals of Prayer, is available by the front doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members should take one for those whom they visit.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/24- General: \$10,045.20; School: \$800; Debt: \$20; Automatic Giving: \$2,515; School: \$105. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. It sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

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.

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.” This Sunday we will focus on “Doubting Thomas.” Mr. Palm’s class on the 12 disciples will not meet this Sunday.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 1, 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at church for 8th graders.

Thursday, April 4, 5:45 p.m. Pictures in church; 7 p.m. Questioning Service

Sunday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. The Rite of Confirmation

A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR MOMS:

Morgan Buch and Kourtney Meier are going to re-start a mom-focused Bible Study to connect deeper in our faith as we deal with the ups and downs of motherhood. They have identified "Joy: A Study of Philippians" as the first guided topic. This will start on Sunday, April 7th at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Morgan or Kourtney so they can get you the link to purchase the book and provide you additional details about this Bible Study group. Morgan - 618-317-8246; Kourtney - 618-792-9686

OPENING FOR A HEAD COOK FOR SCHOOL & DAYCARE

After fourteen years of wonderful service from Mrs. Jill Gross as our head cook, she will move on to new endeavors. We thank her for her dedication over the years. She has graciously offered to do one last item for the school and daycare, to train her replacement. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 618-282-3873 or office@stjohnsredbud.org. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the “Food Manager’s Certificate” from the State of Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. John’s member and school student Grayden Schloemann who won the championship for his weight class for the 6th time at the recent IKWF Illinois State Wrestling Tournament.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SEMINARY PRESENTATION:

Concordia the Reformer Seminary Mission Event is Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments following. It will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway St., in Mascoutah. The speaker will be Erin MacKenzie, Volunteer Coordinator, Latin America & the Caribbean. At our last convention, the Southern Illinois District voted to work in

partnership with this seminary in the Dominican Republic by supporting with our prayers and financial gifts the work that is being carried out in the DR and throughout Latin America.

ARISON CONCERT:

Dear members of St. John's Lutheran Church and School, you are cordially invited to a Christian Lutheran Concert that will be held in the new gymnasium on April 28 at 6:30 pm. We are blessed to have Jennie Williamson back with us. She is a performer for all ages and shares the greatest message; Christ Crucified. Our students are familiar with her songs, and our teachers love her music as well! We hope to see you there! A free-will spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and desserts supper will be held starting at 5:00 p.m. in the old gym.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/31- Brooke Wolter, Tripp Fleming; 4/1- Howard Mehner, Doug Luttmann, Jayden Birkner; 4/2- Brooke Mehning, Clay Zeller; 4/3- Todd Birkner, Addison Liefer, Nolan Kassing; 4/4- Sue Schwegel, Cheyanne Kelley; 4/5- Jessica Bowles; 4/6- Vernitta Wolter, Richard Burgdorf, Jr., Luke Jackson, Jessica Rowold, Adam Quinn, Tori Muench, Presley Liefer. Please call our office with corrections!

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)

THANK YOU:

"We thank you so much for all of your prayers and support during our loss of Mason. We know that we will see Mason again because Jesus lives! Your jobs are so important teaching little ones to know Jesus as their Creator and Redeemer! Love, Nathan, Bethany and Eva Kinney

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, Dorothy Papenberg, 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

SUMMER BABYSITTING AND TUTORING OFFERED:

Christine Liefer, Mrs. Rebekah Liefer's daughter, is tutoring the lower grades in Reading, Phonics and other skills over the summer. She also will babysit all ages. Please call Christine at 618-612-5996 or contact Mrs. Liefer at 618-570-4957 if you are interested in either of these services.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1st Cor. 15:1-4)!

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, Christ is risen! Alleluia! Study Isaiah 54-57 and Lutheran Service Book 457 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/6 at 10:00 a.m.), and worship with us this Easter week in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LIFE NETWORK THANK YOU:

+ "Thank you for participating in our Baby Bottle Project. To date, 32 of your 50 bottles have been returned. In these bottles we received \$693.91. Thank you! We appreciate every dollar

you donated. It all makes a difference in our clients' lives. We really appreciate your support!" The Board of Directors and staff of Life Network

+P.S. If you still have a bottle of change, please bring it to church or our office so we can deliver it to Life Network.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOC. DINNER AUCTION:

The 20th Annual Dinner Auction of the Lutheran Elementary School Association will be Saturday, April 13 at Orlando's West in Maryland Heights, Missouri from 6-9 p.m. "A Night for Kids" dinner and auction is a celebration of Lutheran education! The theme is "20s for the 20th." Proceeds from the evening assist LESA in providing financial assistance families attending LESA member schools, professional development for administrator and educators, including faith-based curriculum, and in providing marketing assistance and support. During the 2023-24 school year, LESA has supported 665 students with over \$566,000 in financial assistance. The LESA Board is committed to increasing that support each year. In 2023-24, over 500 additional applications for assistance could not be considered because available funding had been depleted. "A Night for Kids" is a primary source of this funding. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight. Tickets include a three-course dinner and an opportunity to purchase both silent and live auction items. This year's items include tickets for St. Louis City games, Champions Club seating for Cardinals games and Busch stadium, and Ozzie Smith autographed items. Contact Ameer Colvin at (314) 200-0797 or acolvin@lesastl.org or at www.LESAstl.org

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

Alleluia! He is Risen! Easter greetings to your family from our family at COS.

COS Track meets are at Red Bud on April 1 and on April 5 at Pinckneyville.

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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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, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: (5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Pastor Mark Nebel; (6:30 a.m.) Pastor Brian Nowak
 Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel; Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Lector: (10:30 am) Mr. Bill Becker; Instrumentalists:
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Layla Kilpatrick; (6:30 a.m.) Addy Schloemann; (10:30 a.m.) Norah Wagner
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (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: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Paraments: Virginia Moeller

Easter Lilies Garden List

Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Brian C. Hunt	A gift from Lisa Quinn and family
Orville Liefer	A gift from his wife, Nancy Liefer
Edward & Estella Becker	A gift from their daughter, Nancy Liefer
Our parents: Ben and Clara Maurer, Wilbert and Earline Stamm	A gift from Eugene and Doris Stamm

- Scherer and Wahneta Preston, Boniface and Elda Stirnaman, Robert Stirnaman
and Nicole Stirnaman Valleroy A gift from John and Norma Preston
- Mason Kinney and all our loved ones celebrating in heaven
A gift from Bill, Diana, Briana and Bryce Becker
- Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Guebert A gift from Mary Ann Wegener
- Loretta Bievenue A gift from Norman Bievenue
- Art and Bertha Husemann, Paul and Betty Gurley
A gift from Wayne and Paula Husemann
- Paulette Kueker, Paul and Leona Hecke, Clarence and Ruth Kueker
A gift from the Don Kueker family
- Larry Ebers A gift from Cindy Ebers and family
- Larry Ebers, Charlee Kennedy, Floyd, Keith and Morgan Wolter
A gift from the Voss cousins
- Judge Carl H. and Betty L. Becker
A gift from Michael, Jennifer, Dylan and Sam Roscow
- Kenneth Ruwald A gift from his children, grandchildren and great-grandson
- Willie Guebert, Karin Lynn Whelan, Frank and Ardell Linnertz, Larry Berg
A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, and Kane Whelan
- Edwin, Nina, Danny, Beth, and Kimberly Guebert
A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, and Kane Whelan
- Glen and Wilma Wagner A gift from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
- Rev. Donald Schultz A gift from his wife, Mary Schultz, and family
- Archie Rahn A gift from his wife, Alverda Rahn, and family
- Sharon DeRousse A gift from her husband, children, and grandchildren
- Floyd Wolter A gift from Vernitta Wolter
- Our loved ones A gift from the Rick and Diane Stenzel family

