

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 a.m.

March 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. Please place your finger to your lips if you would like an individual cup. 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

(The service begins in silence and darkness.)

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Pastor: Why are you here? Why do you seek the Living among the dead?

Congregation: We seek Jesus who was crucified.

Pastor: He is not here. He has risen!

Congregation: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

(We stand if able for the procession of the Christ Candle.)

Processional Hymn: 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (*sing “A-men”*)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead; of the Son who rose victoriously from the grave, and of the Holy Spirit who brings resurrection victory to our mortal bodies. **C: Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Our Confession and God's Absolution:

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

C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence for confession)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

C: we confess our sins to You.

P: For I know my transgressions

C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against You only have I sinned

C: and done what is evil in Your sight.

P: We poor sinners beg You

C: to create in us clean hearts and to free from sin and guilt. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and uphold us with Your Holy Spirit.

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. Our Risen Lord has removed your sins. God forgives you. You are forgiven!

C: We are forgiven indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Service of the Word

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C: For His steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let the house of Aaron say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the Lord say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, **C: but the Lord helped me.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song; **C: He has become my salvation.**

P: Glad songs of salvation

C: are in the tents of the righteous:

P: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, **C: the right hand of the Lord exalts."**

P: I shall not die, but I shall live,

C: and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: 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.

Kyrie:

P: Jesus, Son of David,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Risen Lord,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Lamb of God,

C: Have mercy on us.

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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



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



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Collect of the Day:

P: Let us pray. **C:** Almighty God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and the grave. You opened the gates of everlasting life. Grant that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

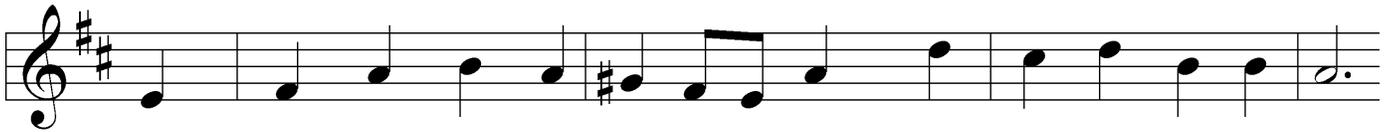
Anthem: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (arranged by Walter Pelz)

Choir

LSB 525 Congregation can join in singing stanzas 1, 4 and 5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

³ The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name.

- ⁴ “Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.
- ⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- ⁷ In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow Your adversaries;
You send out Your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
- ⁸ At the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- ⁹ The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
- ¹⁰ You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- ¹¹ “Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- ¹² You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them.
- ¹³ “You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.
- ¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- ¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- ¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your arm, they are
still as a stone, till Your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by
whom You have purchased.
- ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD,
which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands
have established. ¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”
- P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading: 1st Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

Hymn of Joy: 488 “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

**He is a-ris-en! Glo-rious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are o-pen. My Je-sus did tri-um-phant die,
And Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie, De-stroyed hell's fierc-est weap-on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic-to-rious, Ris-ing glo-rious,
Life is giv-ing. He was dead but now is liv-ing!**

The Holy Gospel: *(please stand if you are able; the Gospel is read from the center of the sanctuary accompanied by the candle)*

P: The message of God's Good News according to St John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:1-18 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her. P: This is the Good News of our living Lord. **C: Praise to You, risen Christ.**

Our Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (inside back cover of *Lutheran Service Book*)

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*)

Hymn of the Day: 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”

**This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide A-way with sin and sor—row!
My love, the Cru-ci-fied, Has sprung to life this mor—row:
Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Je-sus crossed the riv—er;
Lov-er of souls, from ill My pass-ing soul de-liv-er: *refrain*
Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea-son slum—ber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num—ber: *refrain*
Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

The Resurrection Message: “Against All Odds” Exodus 15:1-18

The Prayer of the Church (*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: 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.

Offertory: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (*LSB 781*)

**We give Thee but Thine own, What-e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**And we be-lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;
What-e’er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un-to Thee.**

Service of the Sacrament

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 fitting to thank You, Father, for all of Your gifts of body and soul. Above all we thank You for sending Your only Son to earth. On this day He rose victoriously from the dead giving life and salvation to all who believe. Grant that we may now receive His body and blood as a gift and guarantee of this salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name evermore praising You and singing...

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!

(LSB, page 208)

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed in unison*)

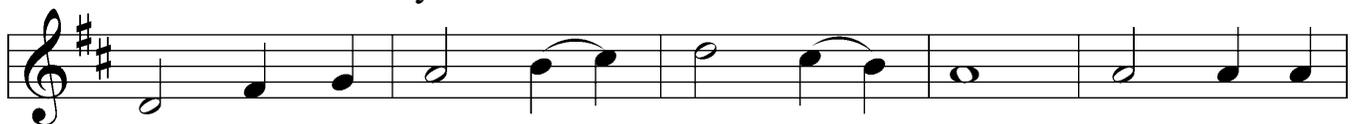
The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini:

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

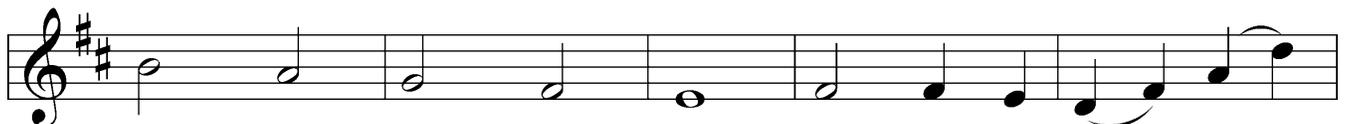
(please be seated) Distribution Hymns:

(we will use the continuous line method of communion distribution)

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!

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463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

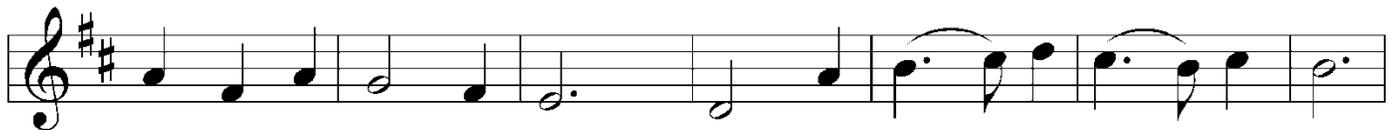


At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified." Public domain

474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent:	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!	Splen - dor, the Lamb,	Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;	Break - ing our bread,	Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree;	Heav - en to earth,	Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.	Cher - u - bim sing:	"O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,	Riv - er of life,	Saints and arch -



ev - er!	Oh, what a mir - a - cle	God has in sight!
glo - ry:	Je - sus our bless - ing,	our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple,	Gift of the fu - ture now	flow - ing to me.
o - pen!"	Clothe us in won - der,	a - dorn us in light.
an - gels,	Sing with cre - a - tion to	God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Collect: (*please stand if you are able*)

P: 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; **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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

C: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah Chorus" (by Georg Friedrich Handel)

Choir

The Postlude: "This Joyful Eastertide"

arranged by John A. Behnke

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 Luttman, 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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Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804 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, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

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