

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 16 & 17, 2024, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: (Saturday) "Simple Gifts" *arr. by Charles W. Ore*
 (Sunday) "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Bell Choir*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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Divine Service Three, page 184ff. (please stand if you are able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

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

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

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

INTROIT: Psalm 116



**I love the Lord, because / He has heard my voice and my pleas for / mer-cy.
 Because He inclined His / ear to me, I will call on Him as long / as I live.
 The snares of death laid / hold on me; I suffered distress and / an-guish.
 Then I called on the name / of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliv- / er my soul!"
 You have delivered my / soul from death,
 my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumb-ling.
 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.
 I love the Lord, because / He has heard my voice and my pleas for / mer-cy.**

KYRIE: (sung)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And with thy spirit.** **P:** Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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)

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Bell Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

THE GRADUAL:

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

THE EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him,

“You are My Son, today I have begotten You”; as He says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

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

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

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

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

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

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*please be seated*)

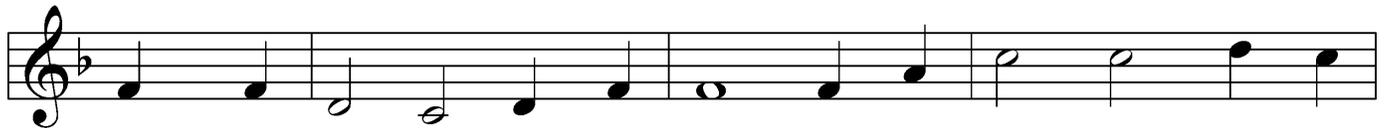
HYMN OF THE DAY: 848 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



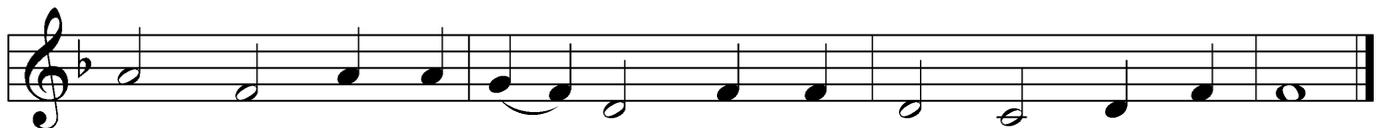
hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

SERMON: “Jesus Is Our Suffering Source of Salvation and Service” Hebrews 5:7-10

OFFERTORY: pages 192-193

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

**Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.
Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.
A-men.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand if you are able*)

(*Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Darleen Scheffert, Wil Guebert, Ed Luttmann, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton; *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

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.

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

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

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

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: (*sung*)

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

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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI

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

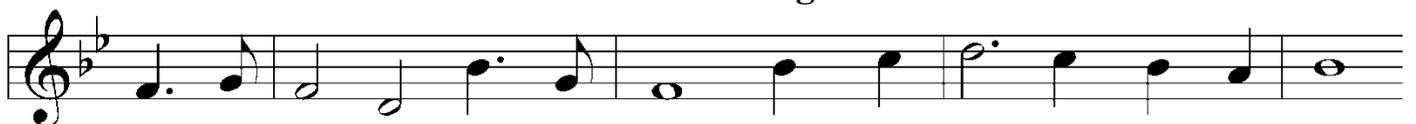
AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

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

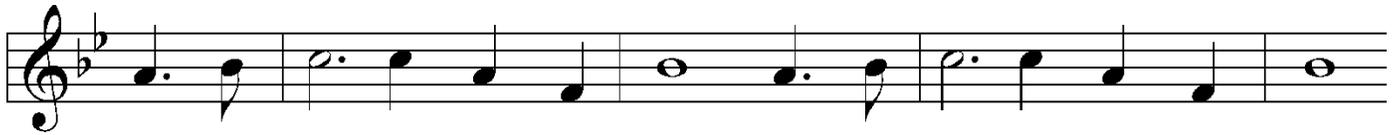
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(*Sunday*) **Anthem:** "Meditation of Assurance" *Bell Choir*

761 "Rock of Ages"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
 That He His foes From thence might free.

- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

(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” pages 199-200 (*please stand if you are able*)
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of

all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING:

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

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

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: (*sung*) A-men.

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

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

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

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

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

CLOSING HYMN: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



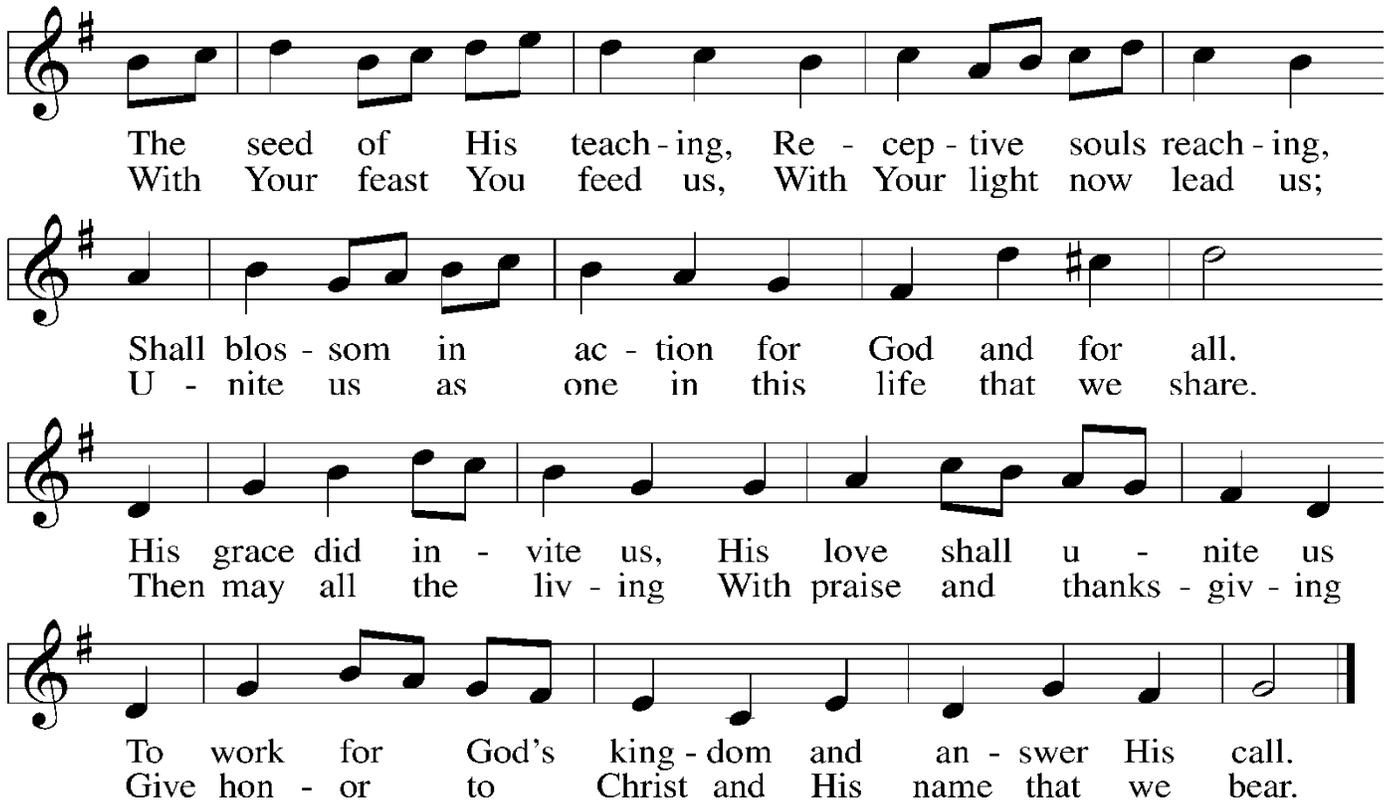
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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THE POSTLUDE: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” *arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

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This Week With Our Lord, March 17-24, 2024

SUNDAY, March 17-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 18-

- 3:15 p.m. School faculty meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the church balcony

Tuesday, March 19-

- 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Lenten Prayer Service at church

Wednesday, March 20- *All year sports pictures at school*

- 7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes
- 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church: Acolyte- Liam Kilpatrick
- 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- Sydney Kassing

Thursday, March 21-

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5-7 p.m. School students will attend the Art Festival at RBES

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

Friday, March 22-

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

5:30 p.m. Fifth grade fundraiser at the Thunderdome (Vices in Red Bud)

Saturday, March 23-

10:00 a.m. Girl's Volleyball at Herrin High School vs. New Horizon Christian School

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte- Landon Bumann

SUNDAY, March 24- Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte- Tessa Stenzel

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion: Acolyte- Wiley Minemann

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Strangest Request"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe says that God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. 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: 320; Communion: 103; Bible classes: Adults- 42; SS & Youth: 37

Midweek Lent IV Worship- AM: 128; PM: 54

And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/10- General: \$10,639; School: \$890. *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 the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday in the school library.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

EVENING GUILD LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE:

All women of our congregation and guests are invited to a Lenten Prayer Service in our church sanctuary, sponsored by our Evening Guild. It is this Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will follow.

LAST 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 (ham, potato casserole, and heavenly carrots) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and a hymn sing in church at 6:50 p.m.

EASTER LILY FORMS:

Easter Lilies will be on display again this year. We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. The cost is \$9. You may return it to our church/school office or by way of the offering plate by Tuesday, March 26th. Forms are on the tables in the entryway. Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD:

Our Altar Guild will meet on Monday, March 25, at 6 p.m. to practice for Maundy Thursday’s Stripping of the Altar.

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!

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. We recently received another \$785 from Thrivent. 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.

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!:

3/17- Jane Blankenship, Deborah Siegfried, David W. Stellhorn, Ralph Sievers, Kerrigan Zeiger; 3/18- Verla Salger, Harvey Liefer, Tim Kueker, Crew Grohmann; 3/19- Larry Gielow, Staci Candler, Christine Liefer; 3/20- Ronald Seymour, Julie Koester, Nicholas Uffelmann, Landon Kilpatrick; 3/21- Virginia Moeller, Emma McCarthy, Nicholas Junge; 3/22- Kristine Neff, Emily Buatte, Samuel Wright; 3/23- Kathryn Chunn, Stanley Langrehr, Kathleen Salger, John Hemmer, Marquita Tindall, Ken Wild, Jarrett Fleming. *Please call our office with any 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)

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

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.

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.

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 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. Pastor turned in another six bottles on Thursday. If you still have a bottle of change, please bring it to church or our office so we can deliver it to Life Network.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Jesus Christ embodies the God who abides beside us in our ailments and frailties. Our incarnate and crucified Savior suffers with and for those who cannot sustain or save themselves. He regards even human beings beset by weakness or sickness worthy enough to take on our life Himself (Hebrews 5:7-9). The Gospel just leaves no room for abortion or assisted suicide.

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, study Isaiah 47-49 for Lent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Deuteronomy 27-30 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/20 at 11 a.m., and continue studying Good Works on Concord Matters (3/23 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

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 for middle and lower income 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 couldn’t 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

ISSUES, ETC.:

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Galatians. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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

Mission Service Trip: Nine of our students and two chaperones are going to Marianna, Florida to help with tornado relief efforts March 14-20. Please pray for a safe and productive trip.

COS Track: Our first track meet is at Dupon on March 18. The team is coached by Mrs. Keri Sims. Registration for 2024-2025 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private tour. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Tuition for all students will be on a sliding scale. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

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

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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

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Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kellen Herriman; (8 a.m.) Brynlee Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Brooke Wolter

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

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

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Parents: Virginia Moeller