

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance"

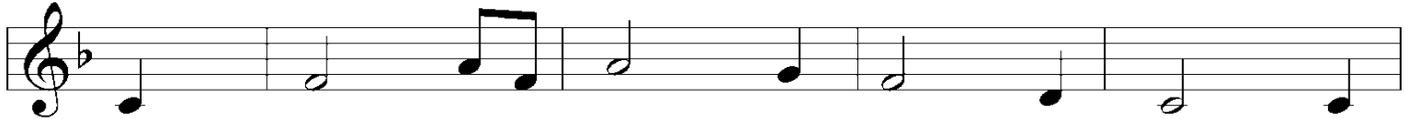
*St. John's Lutheran Church*

Red Bud, Illinois

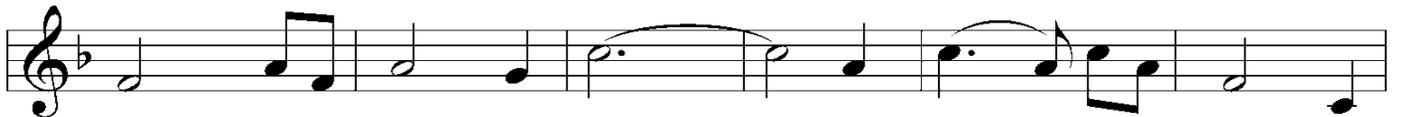
*arranged by Rachel Chapin*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING SONG: 744 "Amazing Grace"**



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** *(please stand if you are able)*

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

P 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 mercy.  
**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 anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*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.*

### **SONG OF PRAISE: “Blessed Assurance”**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;*

**This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission—Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,  
 Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His  
 own. (refrain)**

**Knowing forgiveness, now I’m at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
 Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.  
 (refrain)**

**Vic-t’ry o’er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I’m saved!  
 Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone! (refrain)**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

**ANTHEM:** “Best of All Friends” *School Grades Kindergarten, One and Two*

**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 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, 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: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He**

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(please be seated)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "A Time to Serve"**

**Je-sus hears His chil-dren cry-ing, Sees them hun-gry, lost, and dy-ing;  
Who will com-fort all their sor-rows? Who will bright-en their to-mor-rows?**

**Young and old a-like He's call-ing, Hu-man grief is so ap-pall-ing;  
Since He gave His life to save us, Let us share the lives He gave us.**

**Rise and fol-low! He will lead us; Heed the cries of those who need us!**

**And when life has end-ed for us, Hea-ven's glor-ies lie be-fore us.**

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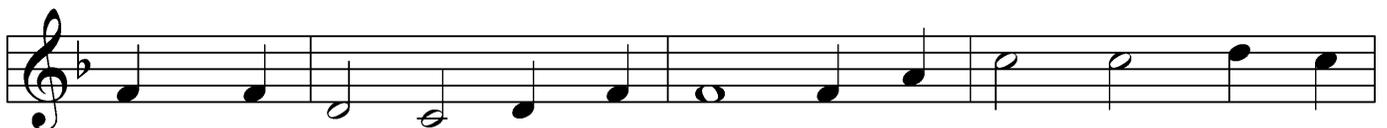
**SONG OF THE DAY: 848 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"**



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.

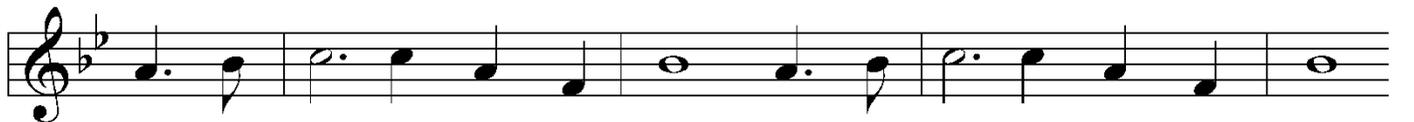
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**SERMON:** “Jesus Is Our Suffering Source of Salvation and Service” Hebrews 5:7-10

**SONG OF RESPONSE: 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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**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 Luttman, 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

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.

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

### OFFERTORY: 806 "Give Thanks"

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines to indicate a long note or a breath mark. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_".

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

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

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

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

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

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

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

**P:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)* **CLOSING SONG: “The Wonderful Cross”**

- 1. When I sur-vey the won-drous cross On which the Prince of Glo-ry died,  
My rich-est gain, I count but loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride.**
- 2. See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor-row and love flow min-gled down!  
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?**

*Refrain* **Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross,**

**Bids me come and die and find that I may tru-ly live**

**Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross**

**All who ga-ther here by grace, draw near and bless your name.**

- 3. Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all!**

*Refrain* **Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross,**

**Bids me come and die and find that I may tru-ly live**

**Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross**

**All who ga-ther here by grace, draw near and bless your name.**

*Ending* **Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all.**

**POSTLUDE: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” arr. by C. Callahan**

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

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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. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

#### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

#### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, 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](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, 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](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOC. DINNER AUCTION:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>." 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](mailto:acolvin@lesastl.org) or at [www.LESAstl.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.coslhs.org).

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

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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

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

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

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

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

Church Council

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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 Paraments: Virginia Moeller