

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. John's Lutheran Church

March 9-10, 2024

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Basse et dessus de Trompette" by *Louis Nicolas Clerambault*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 571 "God Loved the World" (sing "A-men")



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

(please stand for the last stanza)

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! A-men.

(10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism, page 268ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 *(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 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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

INTROIT: Psalm 27



The Lord is my light and my sal- / va- tion;	whom / shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold / of my life;	of whom shall I / be a-fraid?
Though an army encamp / a-gainst me,	my heart / shall not fear;
Though a war arise / a-gainst me,	yet I will be / con-fi-dent.
One thing have I asked / of the Lord,	that will I / seek af-ter;
That I may dwell in the house / of the Lord	all the days / of my life.
To gaze upon the beauty / of the Lord	and to inquire in His / tem-ple.
For He will hide me in / His shel-ter	in the day of / trou-ble;
He will conceal me under the cover / of His tent	He will lift me high up- / on a rock.
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.
The Lord is my light and my / sal-va-tion;	whom / shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold / of my life;	of whom shall I / be afraid?

KYRIE: pages 168-169 (*we sing the responses*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

(During Lent we omit the “Hymn of Praise.”)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: *(5 p.m.)* “Surprise Symphony” and “Grandfather’s Clock”

Abby Stellhorn (clarinet) & Cooper Wingerter (trombone)

(10:30 a.m.) “What Wondrous Love Is This”

School Grades 3-8

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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:**Ephesians 2:1-10**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **GOSPEL PREPARATION: LSB 580**

**The Gos-pel shows the Fa-ther's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
 Pro-claims how Je-sus lived and died That we might thus be jus-ti-fied.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**John 3:14-21**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.**C: (sung) Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. *For God so loved* the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things

hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*5 p.m. and 8 a.m.*) **Apostles’ Creed** (*page 175*)

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*)

(*10:30 a.m.*) **Nicene Creed** (*page 174*)

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

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

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

(*5 p.m. & 8 a.m.*) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** *LSB 744*

A-mazing grace—how sweet the sound—That save a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His Word my hope se-cures;

He will my shield and por-tion be As long as life en-dures.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

SERMON: “What Good Will That Do? Life!” Numbers 21:4-9

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Darleen Scheffert, Wil Guebert, Ed Luttman, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, Pam Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Heidi Wetzel, JoAnna Ellner, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Harper Mounts; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Dorothy Fulton, Rhonda Black, Mike Coffey, Isabella Despain, Joe Candler, Michelle Gibbs. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll,

Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow.

+the 40th wedding anniversary of Ken and Karen Wetzel on March 10

+the family of Mason Kinney who died in the Lord on Wednesday

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

OFFERTORY: (page 176)

What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-ifice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services conclude here:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: 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. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION: page 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **A-men**

CLOSING HYMN: 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

THE POSTLUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" *arr. by Benjamin M. Culli*

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

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

Preface (*spoken*)

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.

Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus (*sung*)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

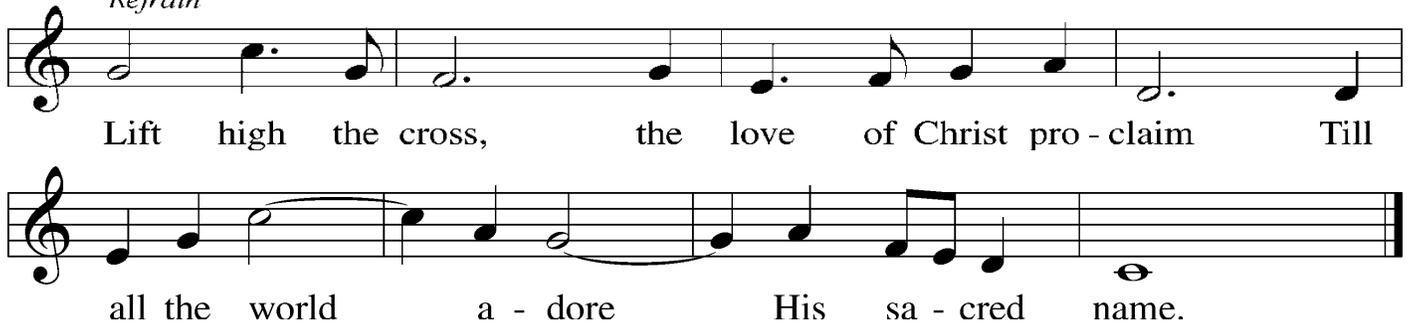
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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.)

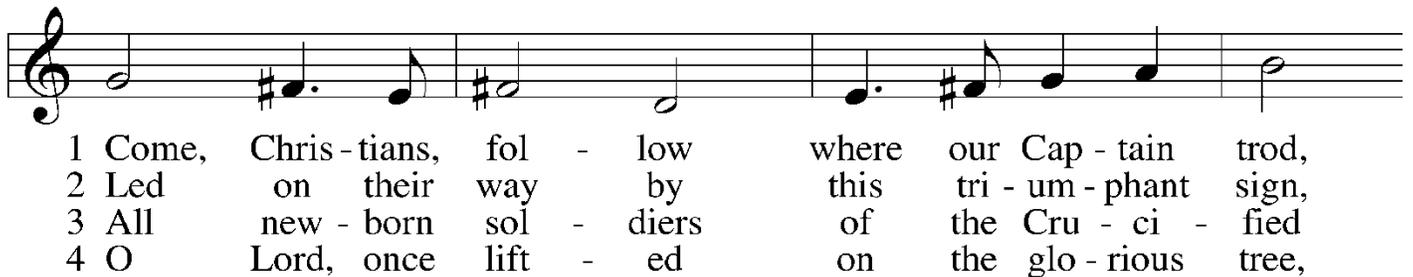
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

837 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

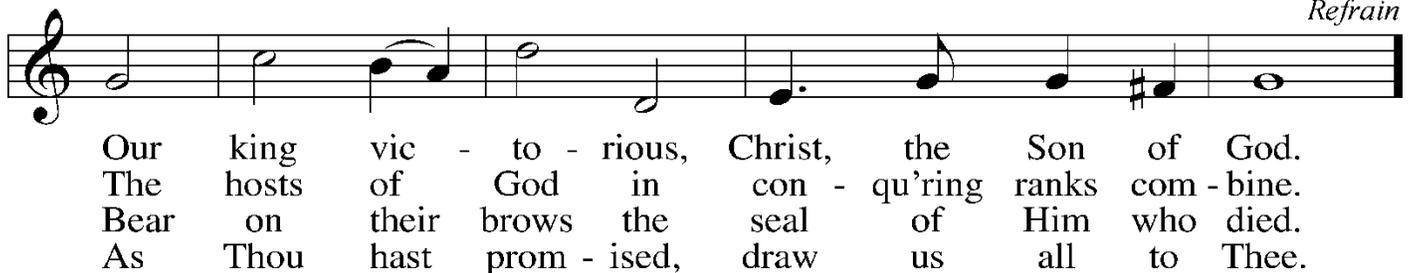


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain

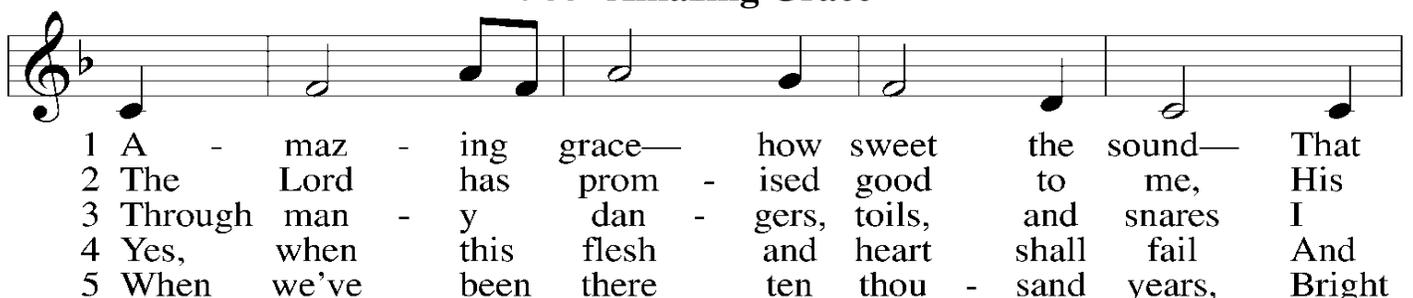


Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

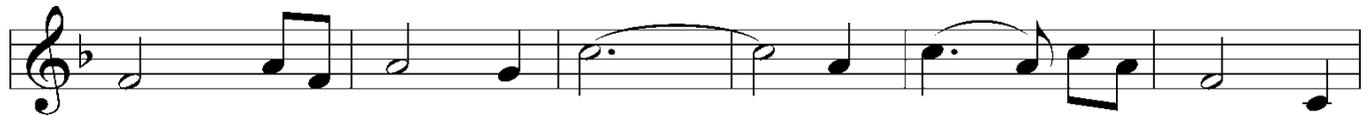
5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Refrain

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.

556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son: “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever.”
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow’r disguised He bore; A servant’s form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heavn’ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.” Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Nunc Dimittis” page 182 (*please stand if able*)
(*we sing*) **Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of
ev’ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your
peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENECTION: page 183

Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;
 shield;
 Thee;
 Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

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This Week With Our Lord, March 10-17, 2024

SUNDAY, March 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Grades 3-8 sing)
 Noon Senior Youth gather in their church basement hangout
 6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 11-

4:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Smithton
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 12- *Regional Volleyball tournament here*

Spring Picture Day at school

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

Wednesday, March 13-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School confirmation classes
 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church: Acolyte- Jozlynn Palm
 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- Carson Bowles

Thursday, March 14-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 15- *Report cards go home*

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

Saturday, March 16-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte: Kellen Herriman
 5:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker Community Club

SUNDAY, March 17-

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "All Bets Are Off"

Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler says that Jesus engages His opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us (Mark 12:13-34). 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: 329; Communion: 188; Bible classes: Adults- 30; SS & Youth: 30

Midweek Lent III Worship- AM: 130; PM:

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. 3/3- General: \$37,348; School: \$160. *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)*

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Madelyn Eleanor Guebert into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Trenton and Rachael (Renner) Guebert. Her baptismal sponsors are Sarah Nicholas, Zac Trost, and Brennan Porter. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us, everything is a gift of God's grace.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the pedestals this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Ken and Karen Wetzel on March 10. One vase is a gift from their children and grandson. One vase is a gift from Verla Salger, Brenda Kern, Julie Heck and James Salger. Thank you! Congratulations!

+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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PRESENTATION:

Micah and Jessica Preuss, teachers at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, are with us in our late service Sunday to give us an update about this school year at our local Lutheran high school and information about the next school year.

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 (chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, and applesauce) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and a hymn sing in church at 6:50 p.m.

PTL DINNER AUCTION- *Contact our office to purchase tickets!*

“Splish, Splash! We’re Having a Beach Bash!”

Saturday, March 16, 5 p.m. Hecker Community Center
 Tickets: \$45 per person (dinner, dessert and select drinks)

Homework passes can be purchased for Grades 3-8

\$250 Cougar Cash drawing for bringing new attendees

SnoCone party for the class with the highest % of adult attendees

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 and 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!

MEN’S CLUB MEETING:

This Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. our Men’s Club will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Session 2 of the LHM Bible Study “Nurturing Your Faith: Meet Them Where They Are.” We will not meet in April. We will meet one week earlier in May on the 2nd because of Ascension Day being the 9th.

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!

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/10- Greg Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster; 3/11- Timothy Donjon, Tammy Moll; 3/12- Emily Harms, Landon Ruebusch; 3/13- JoAnn Yarbrough, LouAnn Liefer, David Kuhn, Katelin Uffelmann, Lyla Hess, Zandra Harless, Addison Breier, Miles Liefer; 3/14- Donald Fausz, Jeannie Voss, Emma Fritsche, Blakelynn Grohmann, Jameson Nehrt; 3/15- Rebecca Cooper, Andrew Quinn, Demi Grohmann; 3/16- Carolyn Stellhorn, Derek Uffelmann, MaKayla Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

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

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)

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.

CHOIR CONCERTS:

+On Thursday, March 14, the 80 musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, Michigan will present a Lenten worship concert beginning at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church (737 Barracksview St. Louis). The theme of this worship is **THY WILL BE DONE**.

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

MEALS ELSEWHERE:

+Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt is hosting its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on March 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, desserts and drinks. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$13 for adults; \$5 for children ages 4-10. The building is accessible.

+St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin is hosting its Annual Chicken Dinner on March 10th from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, homemade desserts, and tea, lemonade, and coffee. Dine-in is all you can eat. Carry-outs are available. Adults are \$15, Children 4+ cost \$8; children under 4 are free. All are welcome.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with risks and costs. But as with the ancient Israelite serpent infestation, the real enemy is neither one’s neighbor nor the Maker (Numbers 21:8). Only impaling the snake (not terminating each other) brought deliverance, and the antidote called for faith instead of death. Christians insist God has sent us His Son for extending lives and not ending them (John 3:17).

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 43-46 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Deuteronomy 22-26 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/13 at 11 a.m., and continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (3/16 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, Embryo Adoption, Making Parenting Easier, The Book of Mormon and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis.

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

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

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

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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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/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak; Lector: (*Saturday*) DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Brayden McCarthy; (*8 a.m.*) Charlie Muench; (*10:30 a.m.*) Payton Liefer
Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele;
(*10:30 a.m.*) Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Paraments: Virginia Moeller