

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

April 13-14, 2024

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**PRELUDE:** “” *arranged by*

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

**OPENING HYMN: 464 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”**

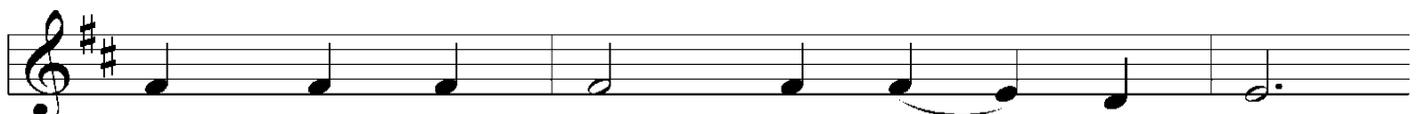
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
 The bars from heav’n’s high por - tals fell.  
 From death’s dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**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 30:1-5; Psalm 16:11b**



**In You there is full- | ness of joy;**

**at Your right hand are pleasures for- | ev-er-more.**

**O LORD, You have | drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice | ov-er me.**

**O LORD my God, I cried to | You for help, and You have | healed me.**

**O LORD, You brought up my soul | from She-ol; You restored / me to life.**

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you His saints, and give thanks to His | ho-ly name.**

**For His anger is but for a / mo-ment, and His favor is for a | life-time.**

**Weeping may tarry / for the night, but joy comes with | the morn-ing.**

**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.**

**In You there is full- | ness of joy;**

**at Your right hand are pleasures for- | ev-er-more.**

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “This Is the Feast” pages 171-72

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: (sung) Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

**C: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE FIRST READING:**

**Acts 3:11-21**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.”

“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn

again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.”

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

## **THE GRADUAL**

Christ has risen from the dead.

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
**He has put all things under His feet.**

## **THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

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

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173 *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 24:36-49**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see. For a

spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them.

Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(5 p.m. & 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.**

(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 605**

**Fa-ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam-‘ly through His Son.**

**Fa-ther giv-ing His sal-va-tion, Life for-ev-er has been won.**

**Lit-tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king-dom is of these.**

**Life and love I have to give, Mer-cy for your sin.**

**Fa-ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam-‘ly through His Son.**

**Fa-ther giv-ing His sal-va-tion, Life for-ev-er has been won.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”**



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day; Bring flow’rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joyce and say:  
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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**SERMON: “When Doubts Come Calling” Luke 24:36-49**

*(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.”)*

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+safety for students and guests leaving on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip this Friday  
 +mission partnership with the Lutheran seminary in Dominican Republic  
 +wedding of Kayla Kelley and Matthew Elliott in Highland on Friday  
 +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. and 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: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**THE POSTLUDE:**

**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 And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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)

#### 468 "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"



1	I	am	con-	tent!	My	Je -	sus	ev -	er	lives,	In	whom	my
2	I	am	con-	tent!	My	Je -	sus	is	my	head;	His	mem -	ber
3	I	am	con-	tent!	My	Je -	sus	is	my	light,	My	ra -	diant
4	I	am	con-	tent!	At	length	I	shall	be	free,	A -	wak -	ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,  
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's	wrath	He	has	ap -	peased.	Since	He	in	death
With	cries	of	ag -	o -	ny.	Now	death	is	brought
Sweet	com -	fort,	hope,	and	peace.	This	Eas -	ter	sun
With	You,	my	liv -	ing	head.	The	chains	that	hold



could	per	-	ish	nev -	er,	I	al -	so	shall
in -	to	sub -	jec -	tion		For	me	by	Je -
has	brought	sal -	va -	tion		And	ev -	er -	last -
my	bod -	y,	sev -	er;		Then	shall	my	soul

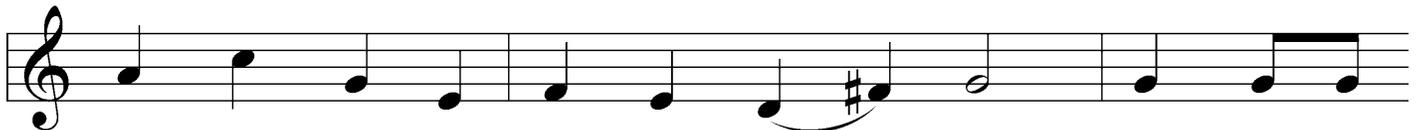


not die for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
 sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
 re - joice for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!

### 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



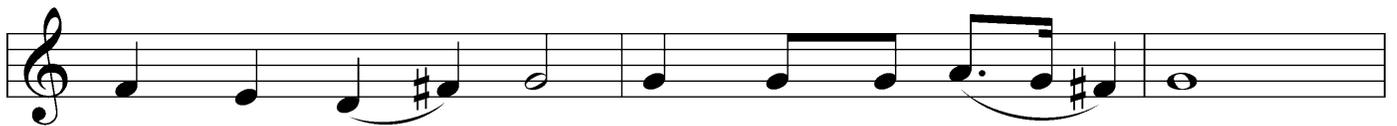
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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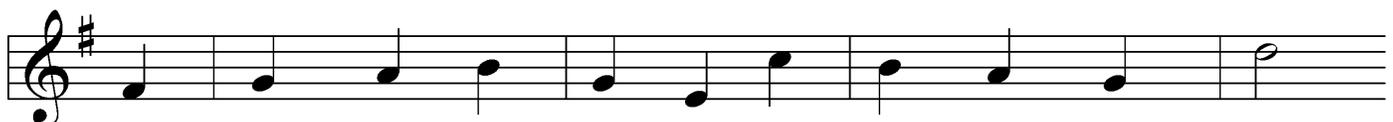
### 804 "O Worship the King"



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

**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 & BENEDICTION:** 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: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him-self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**THE POSTLUDE: “”***arranged by*

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***This Week With Our Lord, April 14-21, 2024*****SUNDAY, April 14-**8:00 a.m. Divine Service (Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday School sings)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

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

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

**Monday, April 15-**

4:00 p.m. School golf at North County Country Club

**Tuesday, April 16-**

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 17-**7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Public School Confirmation classes

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Southern Illinois District Mission Event in Mascoutah

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

**Thursday, April 18-**

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting; Track meet at Sparta

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

**Friday, April 19-**

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

11:20 a.m. Early School Dismissal; 12:45 p.m. Faculty meeting

**Saturday, April 20-**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Colton Albert

7:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade class returns from its trip**SUNDAY, April 21-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Aubrey Kiefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Acolyte- Jackson Pensoneau

1-3 p.m. Birthday party for the pastors in the Fellowship Hall

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 478; Communion: 301; Bible classes: Adults- 34; SS & Youth: 27

*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. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez says that the Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ (Acts 2:42-47). 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.

PASTOR NEBEL is out of town this weekend celebrating his birthday with his family.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/7- General: \$29,725; School: \$240; Debt: \$155; Sunday School: \$200. *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> Corinthians 9:7)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

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.

THE APRIL newsletter, *The Epistle*, is on the tables in the entryway.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nowak leading this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS SING:

Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School students will sing "Jesus Loves Me" in the 8 a.m. service this Sunday, April 14. They will sit with their parents and come forward to sing when Pastor invites them. After they sing, they will return to their seats. Thank you for letting your child sing of God's love to us in worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH:

Three-year-olds: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, and Clarke Thien; Four-year-olds: Nolan Kassing; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Natalie Kassing; and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sydney Kassing. Thank you for your participation and dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

#### A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR MOMS:

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

#### JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH:

This is open to anyone, any age!!! Junior and Senior Youth Group (and family and friends) will hold an Event/Fundraiser on Tuesday May 28th (postponed from last Monday) at Skate City in Belleville from 6-8 p.m. The skating rink will be closed to the general public, this time slot will be for anyone that you invite to come along! The cost is \$7 admission and \$4 skate rental if needed. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3- \$4 per skater at the door that they can use as fundraising toward the National Youth Gathering! They do have a concession stand that will be open.

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP:

The class trip began on Friday, April 12. They return on April 20. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels, good weather, and wonderful times of learning.

#### OPENING FOR A HEAD COOK FOR SCHOOL & DAYCARE

After fourteen years of wonderful service from Jill Gross as our head cook, she will move on to new endeavors. We thank her for her dedication over the years. She graciously offers to train her replacement. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org) or 618-282-3873. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the "Food Manager's Certificate" from the State of Illinois.

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SEMINARY PRESENTATION:

Concordia the Reformer Seminary Mission Event is Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments following. It will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway St., in Mascoutah. The speaker will be Erin MacKenzie, Volunteer Coordinator, Latin America & the Caribbean. At our last convention, the Southern Illinois District voted to work in partnership with this seminary in the Dominican Republic by supporting with our prayers and financial gifts the work that is being carried out in the DR and throughout Latin America.

#### AGING PASTORS' BIRTHDAY PARTY:

Help us celebrate 110 combined years. We will gather on Sunday, April 21, from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pastor Nebel (April 13) and the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pastor Nowak (April 29). Cake and drinks will be served!

#### SONSHINE VISITATION MEETING:

Sonshine Visitation members will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

ARISON CONCERT:

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

IN NEED OF A BANNER MAKER:

We are in need of a volunteer to make the small banner that hangs on the baptism banner and goes home with the newly baptized. Materials and assistance will be passed on to you. Call our office if you are interested in doing this for us.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/14- Alverda Rahn, Trish Sachtleben, Sydney Kassing; 4/15- Jacob Arbeiter, Mackenzie Schweizer; 4/16- Terri Dilley, Chase Jackson; 4/17- Roy Wirth, Carol Turner, Christine Deien, Claire Diewald, Cassidy Palm; 4/18- Neva Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Griffin Ziebold; 4/19- Erin Krick, Danette Kaesburg, Breanna Bingel, Issac Moll, Ava Moll; 4/20- Karen Wetzel, Chloe Cowell, Joey Biffar, Lucas Summers. *Please call our office with corrections!*

ELDER ZONES FOR 2024: (Chairman, Jeremy Stellhorn)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

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: Arlin Winkelman, 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, 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

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (LCMS *Better Health*)

Exercising when you are younger can keep your bones stronger when you are older. Physical activity as a young adult make bones stronger throughout life, making you less prone to broken bones and osteoporosis when you are older.

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.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON: Our family of faith is blessed by the service of many volunteers. In appreciation of them, St. John's staff is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21 at noon. The luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. We rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

LUTHERAN HYMN FESTIVAL:

The year 2024 is the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal, Etlich Cristlich lider, (also often called the Achtliederbuch) which was published in Wittenberg early in 1524. In honor of this anniversary, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah will host a hymn festival on Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. This hymn festival will feature several hymns first published in this earliest Lutheran hymnal, as well as more recent Lutheran contributions to hymnody. Each hymn will be preceded by a commentary given by an area LCMS pastor to give the background and meaning of the hymn. The hymn festival is free and open to all. Come and join in the great Lutheran tradition of singing hymns together at Zion-Mascoutah at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 14!

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, it is Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFUO Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon).

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

Thank You to everyone who has helped make this weekend's COS Prom and Post Prom memorable for our students and their guests.

Positions Available: COS is seeking a math teacher for 2024-2025 and a Golf Coach for fall 2024. To learn more, call the office and talk with Mrs. Prange.

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).

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

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

#### *Faculty and Staff*

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (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 Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak Pianist: Mrs. Lynn Langrehr  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sydney Kassing; (8 a.m.) Charlie Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Wiley Minemann  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf  
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Chris Deien and Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller