

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*St. John's Lutheran Church*

Red Bud, Illinois

Divine Service Four, pages 203ff.

April 27-28, 2024

PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 595 "O Blessed Spring"**

1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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(Saturday) Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 203 (*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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of

**To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior, You take our sins a-way.
Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—**

**For You a-lone are ho-ly; You on-ly are the Lord.
For-ev-er and for-ev-er, Be wor-shiped and a-dored;
You with the Ho-ly Spir-it A-lone are Lord Most High,
In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)*

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "I Am the True Vine" (by Larry Peters)

Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were

going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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:

1st John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**John 15:1-8**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(inside back cover of hymnal)**(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)***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 206)

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 547)**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.

His song prolong Till ev-'ry heart to Him be-longs.

Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



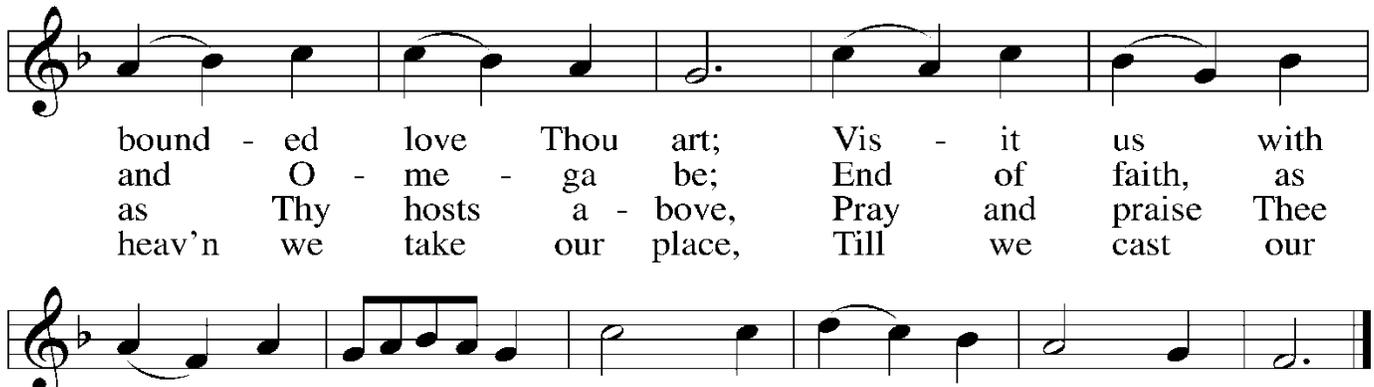
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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SERMON: “How to Recognize the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Falsehood”

1st John 4:1-11

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: Arlin Winkelman, Dorothy Byers, Don Kueker, Joyce Mesnarich, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Wayne Voss, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Ray Kaaz, Pam Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Susan Luttmann, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton, Brodie Stenzel; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Gerald Hitzmann, Tyson Moonier, Mary Gibson, Ted Stellhorn, Marie (?). *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.

+birth of a son to Brandon and Jessica (Snyder) Nehrt on April 23

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

OFFERTORY: (*LSB 786*)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 Use them Your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill.
 To-kens of love and pledg-es they shall be
 That our whole life is of-fered to Your will.
 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;
 Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;
 Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;
 To You with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

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

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. **Amen.**

(*5 p.m.*) **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

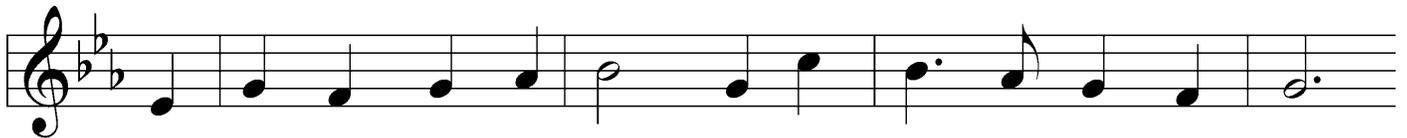
C: Thanks be to God.

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.

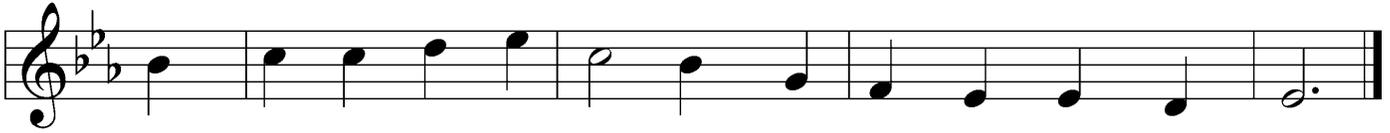
C: Amen.

(please be seated)

(*8 a.m.*) **ANTHEM:** "Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon" (arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman) *Choir*

CLOSING HYMN: 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
 Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above. Public domain

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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 208ff.

Preface

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

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 and The Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

- 1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"



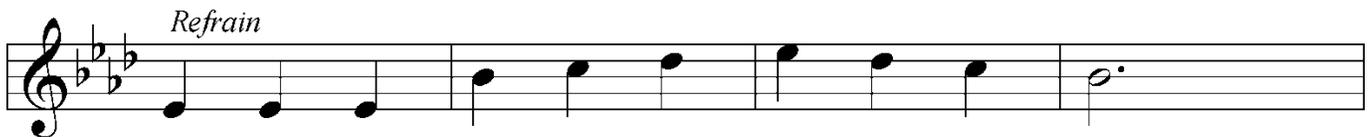
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|------------------------|---|
| 1 Al - le - lu - ia! | Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - |
| 2 Walk - ing the way, | Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the |
| 3 Je - sus the vine, | We are the branch - es; Life in the |
| 4 Weep - ing, be gone;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



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



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



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



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

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611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



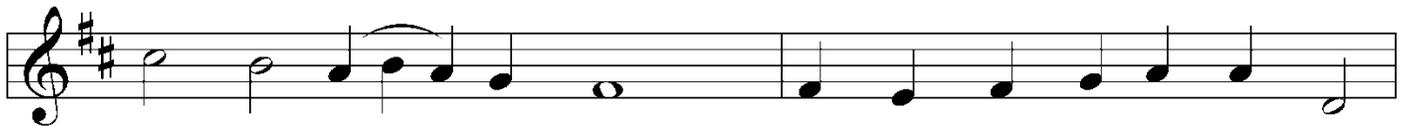
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. *Public domain*

633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (*stand for the last stanza, sing “A-men”*)



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death’s dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Please stand if you are able

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia! A-men.

(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.)

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P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

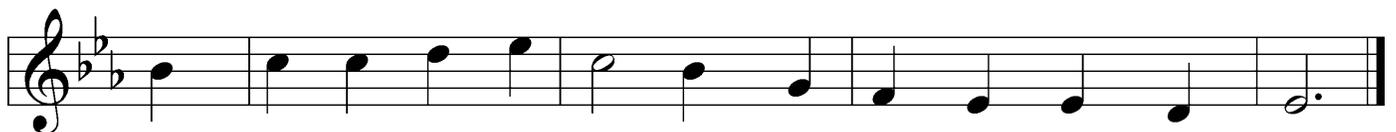
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above. Public domain

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This Week With Our Lord, April 28-May 5, 2024

SUNDAY, April 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Meal and 6:30 p.m. Arison Concert at school

Monday, April 29-

9:00 a.m. Arison Concert at school

6:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers’ meeting in school library

Tuesday, April 30-

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

Wednesday, May 1-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Junior Confirmation classes

9:00 a.m. All-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

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 2-

7:00 a.m. Community Prayer Breakfast at Red Bud Regional Hospital

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

6:30 p.m. Men’s Club gathering in the church garage (fish fry)

Friday, May 3- Kindergarten & First Grade field trip to St. Louis Zoo

Saturday, May 4-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Amelia Cheek

SUNDAY, May 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Elle Sutton

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Austin Stellhorn

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 299; Communion: 156; Bible classes: Adults- 42; SS & Youth: 38

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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “We Can’t Stop Talking”

Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler says that Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, to endure opposition and to engage others in conversation (Acts 4:20). 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.

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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/21- General: \$12,376. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 15:2 – “Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Mylee Ann McDaniel into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Geoffrey and Kelsie (Schoenbeck) McDaniel. Her baptismal sponsors are Kody and Courtney Schoenbeck. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Brandon and Jessica (Snyder) Nehrt with the birth of their son, Bodie David, on Tuesday, April 23, at Missouri Baptist Hospital. He joins his older brother Jameson at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. to study the Large Catechism with Pastor Nebel leading the topic the Second and Third Commandments this Sunday. Mr. Palm’s class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday.

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

CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISING BBQ:

This Sunday from 10:15 a.m.-??? in our school parking lot our current 7th graders will hold a BBQ of pork steaks, brats, mac & cheese, potato salad, baked beans with a freewill offering bake sale.

SONSHINE VISITATION MEETING:

Sonshine Visitation members will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. this 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 mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, and desserts supper will be held starting at 5:00 p.m. in the old gym.

MEN'S CLUB GATHERING:

Our Men's Club will gather this Thursday, May 2 (a week early due to Ascension Day) at 6:30 p.m. in the garage behind church for a fish fry.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH:

"Thank you to all who arranged and attended our birthday party last Sunday. We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness with your cards and gifts. We thank God for your goodness and support!" *Pastors Nebel and Nowak*

SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT:

Kindergarten and First Grade began a service project on April 22. We are helping the Royal Table and Musketeer Market supply their students in need with snacks for the summer. We also will have snacks available for our own families. Families in need may ask in the school office. We are using Thrivent Matching Gift cards to purchase some of the snacks. We also are asking our student families to help with donations or cash. These snacks are needed: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn and boxes of pancake mix. The collection site will be in the school lobby. Please leave any donations there by May 8. Thanks for your help!

ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION:

We will observe the Ascension of Our Lord with Holy Communion services on Thursday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

St. John's Lutheran School's last day in session for this school year will be May 14. We will have a chapel service in the new gymnasium. Then we will have awards and the last day games by grade level. The graduation of our 13 8th grade students will be Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the school's old gym.

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.

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 or 618-282-3873. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the "Food Manager's Certificate" from the State of Illinois.

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. It will be served in the school cafeteria.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/28- Jamie Foster, Ashlynn Crafton, Layla Meyer, Emma Schlueter; 4/29- Pat Malik, Paul Schrieber, Pastor Nowak, Ciara Hogendobler, Lim Quintin, Loxton Sutton, 4/30- Alpha Koester, Tim Guebert, Laurie Renner, Liza Wagner; 5/1- Ron Moeller, Lori Rees, Kyle Herriman, Byron Falkenhain, Kendall Liefer; 5/2- Sarah Roy, Mason Wiegard; 5/3- Marilyn Kuhn, Roger Hanebutt, Christopher Stenzel; 5/4- Richard Burgdorf, Sr., James Walker, Sr., Nancy Fuhrhop-Vogt, Michael Schrader, Cody Strong. *Please call our office with corrections!*

PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:

Samuel Roscow is requesting assistance with his National Honor Society community service project for Health Care Workers. He will be putting together thank you treat bags for nursing staff at Mercy South Hospital. He is asking for donations of candy, gum, chocolate or salty snacks. He is also accepting cash donations or Wal Mart gift cards that can be used to buy the items. Please contact him by phone call or text at 618 972 5366 for drop off or any questions. He would like to have these items by Friday, May 3rd.

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.

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: 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

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST:

Thursday, May 2nd: Red Bud Regional Hospital will host a Community Prayer Breakfast to commemorate the National Day of Prayer. The buffet will begin at 7 a.m., followed by a program from 7:30 am – 8:30 am. Dr. Marc Kiehna, Randolph County Commissioner and Chairperson of the Randolph Society Foundation, will be the featured speaker. He will share a message about Randolph County’s rich history of faith. There is a freewill donation. All proceeds will be donated directly to Comwell. Seating is limited so please RSVP to rbprayerbreakfast@gmail.com or by text to 618-973-5627.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP FORMED:

Trinity in Prairie is forming a widows’ group for fellowship and encouragement. The Anna Group will meet the third Thursday of each month and is open to all widows. More information to come.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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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: Taylor Swift’s Latest Album, Men Competing in Women’s Sports, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship, “I Have Overcome the World,” “Love One Another” and more. Tune in live

weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Track: The last track meet for the boys is Monday, April 29 at Nashville.

Graduation: You are invited to our Graduation Service on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Positions Available: COS is seeking 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.

School Hours: The office is open 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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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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

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

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

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sutton Jones; (8 a.m.) Blaine Rohlfing; (10:30 a.m.) Katelynn Braun
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
 (10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Chris Deien and Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller