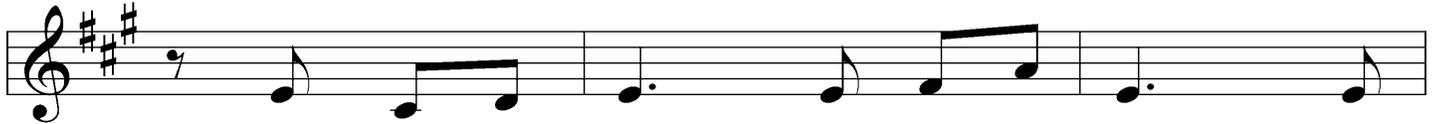
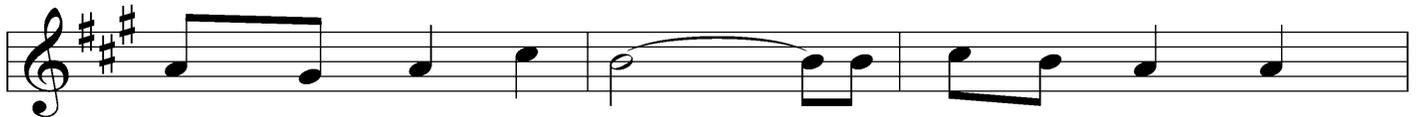


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER***St. John's Lutheran Church***April 6-7, 2024***Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** (5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) "Joyous Day" arranged by John Leavitt

(8 a.m.) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Bell Choir

**THE RINGING** of the bell calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 720 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"**

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found.  
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 151 (*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 to reflect on God's Word and 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 105**



**Give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name;**

**make known His deeds among the | peo-ples!**

**Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him;**

**tell of all His | won-drous works!**

**Glory in His | ho-ly name; let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD re-joyce!**

**Seek the LORD | and His strength;**

**seek His presence contin- | u-al-ly!**

**Remember the wondrous works | He has done,**

**His miracles, and the judgments He | ut-tered.**

**He remembers His covenant for- | ev-er,**

**the word He commanded for a thousand gener- | a-tions.**

**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.**

**KYRIE: (page 152) (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" (page 155)**

*Refrain:* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain:* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, 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: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)**

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "A Simple Celebration"

*Bell Choir*

**THE FIRST READING:**

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them

and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: 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 1:1-2:2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 156) *(sung)*

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:****John 20:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed**

*(page 158 or inside back cover of hymnal)*

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according**

to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY: 472 “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The  
 2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was  
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That  
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the  
 keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -  
 one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers  
 thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
 pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.  
 read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.  
 palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

**SERMON:** *(Saturday)* “Be An Encourager!” Acts 4:32-37 and John 20:19-31

*(Sunday)* “That You May Believe and Confess, ‘My Lord and My God’” John 20:28-31

*(10:30 a.m.)* The Rite of Confirmation page 272ff.

Parents and baptismal sponsors are invited to stand when their child comes forward for the blessing.

**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, Charlie Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Kathleen Salger, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Ray Kaaz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Paul Mollet, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton, Brodie Stenzel; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Gerald & Bonnie Hitzmann  
*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.

+safety for students and guests leaving on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip this Friday

+the ministry of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

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

**OFFERTORY:** pages 159-160

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

**I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice 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.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

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 confess our common Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**PREFACE:** page 160

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

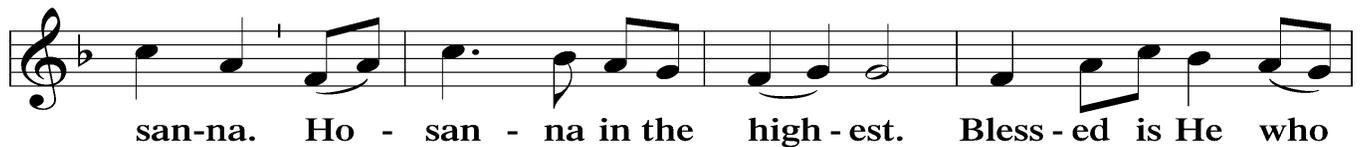
**P** Lift up your hearts.      **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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**



### **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.**

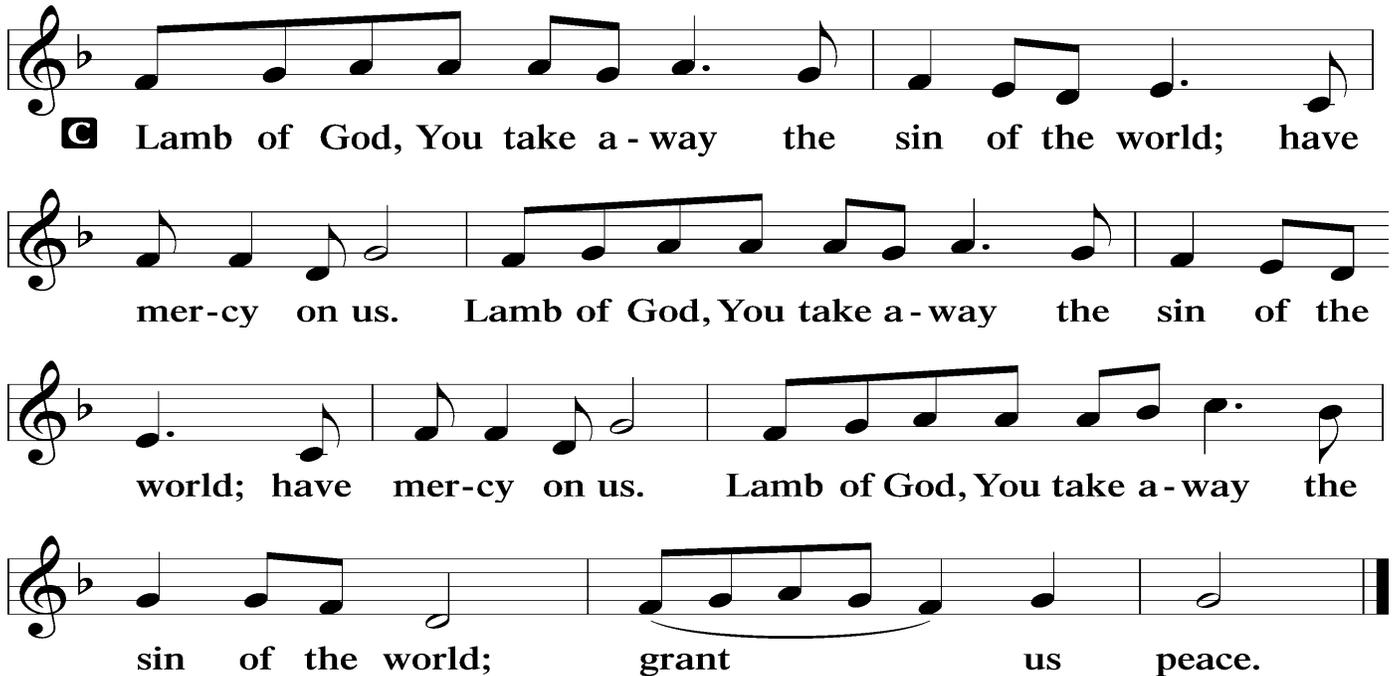
### Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

**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.**

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

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(8 a.m.) Anthem: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"      *Bell Choir*

### 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



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

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
 Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant  
 been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Public domain

### 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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### 817 "Earth and All Stars"



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the  
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the  
 5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing  
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling  
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming  
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing  
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

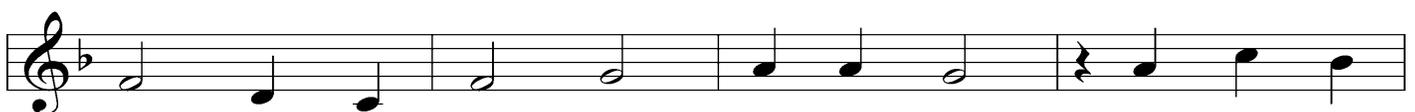
6 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*

7 Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and  
 earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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### 867 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -  
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of  
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -  
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of  
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger  
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His  
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
 God's own Word, To place in Him their  
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.  
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,  
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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(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.)

*(please stand if able)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" page 164**



**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.**



**He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

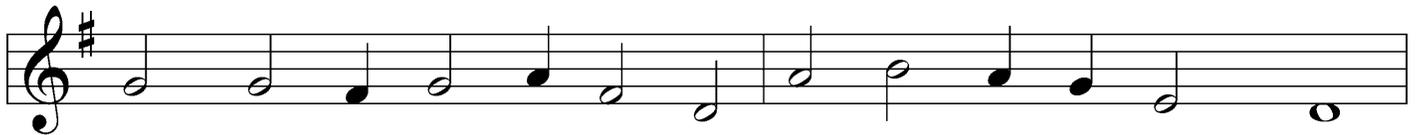
## Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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

C (*sung*) **A-men.**

## CLOSING HYMN: 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast - ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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## POSTLUDE: “Christ Is Arisen”

*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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***This Week With Our Lord, April 7-14, 2024*****SUNDAY, April 7-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Rite of Confirmation)  
 4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (new)

**Monday, April 8- *Solar Eclipse!***

4:00 p.m. School golf at North County Country Club  
 6-8 p.m. Junior/Senior Youth Roller Skating in Belleville  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in the school library

**Tuesday, April 9- *Sara returns to the office!***

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Chester  
 3:15 p.m. School faculty meeting

**Wednesday, April 10-**

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  
 6:15 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in library  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

**Thursday, April 11-**

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
 4:00 p.m. School golf at North County Country Club  
 6:00 p.m. Life Network Banquet at The Falls in Columbia  
 7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in cafeteria

**Friday, April 12- *Pastor Nebel on vacation this weekend***

6:00 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade leaves for class trip  
 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at church

**Saturday, April 13- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Sydney Kassing****SUNDAY, April 14-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service (Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday School sings); Acolyte- Charlie Muench  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Wiley Minemann  
 4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (new)  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 667; Communion: 465; Bible classes: Adults- 18; SS & Youth: 20

Good Friday Worship- AM: 58, PM: 128

*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: “Raise the Flag”

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler: Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God’s flag in the world (Acts 1:1-11). 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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/31- General: \$21,056; School: \$665; Debt: \$370; Bulletin Covers: \$125. *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

John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God by the Confirmation Class of 2024. Thank you! +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.

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.” This Sunday we will focus on “When God Closes a Door He Opens a Window” and “God Loves a Cheerful Giver.” Mr. Palm’s class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday.

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 are going to re-start a mom-focused Bible Study to connect deeper in our faith as we deal with the ups and downs of motherhood. They have identified "Joy: A Study of Philippians" as the first guided topic. This will start on Sunday, April 7th at 4 p.m. 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 Monday, April 8th 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.

PTL MEETING CHANGE:

Dear parents and teachers, Our Parent Teacher League Meeting for April 9 will be moved to April 11 @ 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. We thank you for working to accommodate this change. It will help our PTL officers who do so much for the group.

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

The class trip begins this Friday; April 12 and we return April 20. We are gathering at 5:30 a.m. on Friday in the school's parking lot with a 6 a.m. departure. All parents and guests are asked to park along the south side of the new gym. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels, good weather, and wonderful times of learning.

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 next 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 proclaim God's love to us in worship.

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.

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.

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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

4/7- Annelise Quinn; 4/8- Gary Buatte, Jennifer Hemmer, Brian Wetzel, Britton Liefer, Dawson Nichols; 4/9- Robert Stoll, Brenda Gilpatrick, Mark Vogt, Kathy Valleroy, Megan Brown, Jessica Langrehr, Alyssa Heller; 4/10- Scott Dilley; 4/11- Steven Notter, Kathy Mueth, Steve Uffelmann, Natalie Liefer; 4/12- Rhonda Schaefer, Mark Moeller, Austin Whelan, Wyatt Cowell; 4/13- Pastor Mark Nebel, Jane Minemann, Dawn Schrader, Lindsey Schumacher. *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: 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

**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.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, Study Isaiah 58-61 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Proverbs 3-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and continue studying Good Works on Concord Matters (4/13 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**ISSUES, ETC.:**

LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES: Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville recently completed a Classical Christian Worship series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service. Listen to this six-part series at [issuesetc.org/classicalworship](http://issuesetc.org/classicalworship).

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

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction of the Lutheran Elementary School Association will be Saturday, April 13 at Orlando's West in Maryland Heights, Missouri from 6-9 p.m. "A Night for Kids" dinner and auction is a celebration of Lutheran education! The theme is "20s for the 20<sup>th</sup>." Proceeds from the evening enable LESA to provide financial assistance to families attending LESA member schools, professional development for administrator and educators, including faith-based curriculum, and marketing assistance and support. During the 2023-24 school year, LESA has supported 665 students with over \$566,000 in financial assistance. In 2023-24, over 500 additional applications for assistance could not be considered because available funding had been depleted. "A Night for Kids" is a primary source of this funding. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight to enjoy a three-course dinner and an opportunity to purchase both silent and live auction items. This year's items include tickets for St. Louis City games, Champions Club seating for Cardinals games, and Ozzie Smith autographed items. Contact Ameer Colvin at (314) 200-0797 or [acolvin@lesastl.org](mailto:acolvin@lesastl.org) or at [www.LESAstl.org](http://www.LESAstl.org)

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

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). School 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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Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

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

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: (*Saturday*) Pastor Brian Nowak; (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (*10:30 a.m.*) Mr. Bill Becker

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Brynlee Liefer; (*8 a.m.*) Jacob Liefer; (*10:30 a.m.*) Athena Wolfmeier

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Lisa Quinn and Christine Kellerhouse; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ken and Karen Wetzel

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

Flower Servers: Chris Deien and Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller