

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. John's Lutheran Church

May 11-12, 2024

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Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: "With High Delight, Let Us Unite" *arr. by Michael Costello*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL call us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

**He's ris-en, He's ris-en, Christ Je-sus, the Lord;
He o-pened death's pris-on, the in-car-nate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heav-en, in ju-bi-lant song
And earth, sea, and moun-tain their prais-es pro-long.**

**The foe was tri-um-phant when on Cal-va-ry
The Lord of cre-a-tion was nailed to the tree.
In Sa-tan's do-main did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Je-sus was slain, whom the e-vil ones fear.**

**But short was their tri-umph; the Sav-ior a-rose,
And death, hell, and Sa-tan He van-quished His foes.
The con-quer-ing Lord lifts His ban-ner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev-er-more die.**

**O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now o-pen is fair E-den's door.
For all our trans-gres-sions His blood does a-tone;
Re-deemed and for-giv-en, we now are His own.**

(please stand for the last stanza if able)

**Then sing your ho-san-nas and raise your glad voice;
Pro-claim the blest tid-ings that all may re-joice.
Laud, hon-or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Fa-ther and Spir-it He ev-er shall reign. A-men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 *(please stand if you are able)*

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

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

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

INTROIT: Psalm 27



Hear, O LORD, when I | cry a-loud; be gracious to me and | an-swer me!
 The LORD is my light and my sal- | va-tion; whom | shall I fear?
 One thing have I asked / of the LORD, that will I | seek af-ter:
 that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD all the days / of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty / of the LORD and to inquire in His | tem-ple.
 For He will hide me in His / shel-ter in the day of | trou-ble;
 He will conceal me under the cover / of His tent;
 He will lift me high up- | on a rock.
 For my father and my mother have for- | sak-en me,
 but the LORD will | take me in.
 Wait | for the LORD; be strong and wait | for the LORD!
 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: 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Christ Is Our Rock” (arranged by Mark Kellner) *Choir*

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 1:12-26

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these

with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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 5:9-15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has

borne concerning His Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

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:

John 17:11b-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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: AGPS 145

**Je-sus, name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, Glo-ri-ous Lord,
Em-man-u-el, God is with us bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.**

**Je-sus, lov-ing shep-herd vine of the branch-es, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Won-der-ful Coun-selor, Lord of the u-ni-verse,
Light of the world.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 772 "In Holy Conversation"

1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child - like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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SERMON: “God Gave Us Eternal Life in His Son” 1st John 5:9-15

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Olivia Schmitz, Geraldine Koester, Dorothy Byers, JoAnn Yarbrough, Arlou Papenberg, Peggy Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Pam Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Susan Luttman, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton; *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.

+thanks for and God's blessings upon our Christian mothers

+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-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.

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue 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 and BENEDICTION: page 183

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.**

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.

People: A-men.

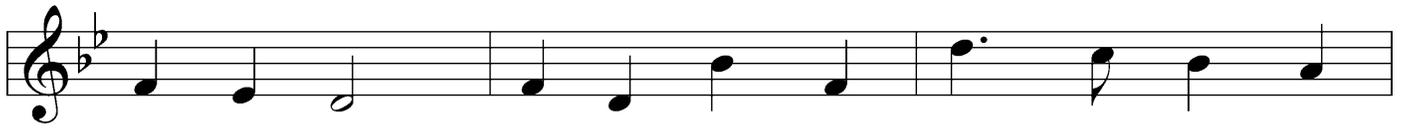
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(8 a.m.) Choral Benediction: “The God of Peace, Who Raised with Power” *Choir*

CLOSING HYMN: 924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

POSTLUDE: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” *arr. by Tim Shewmaker*

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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 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

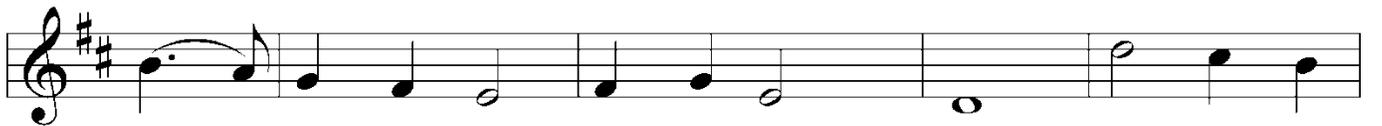
483 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
of my cheer; For He who is of death the
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es

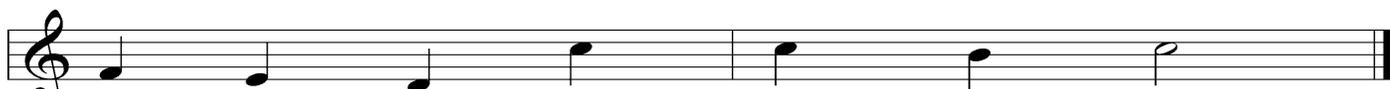


ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

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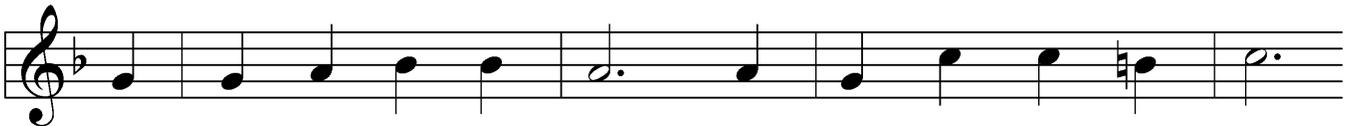
696 "O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
 And let my body have A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

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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.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Nunc Dimittis” page 182

(please stand if you are 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 & BENEDECTION: 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.**

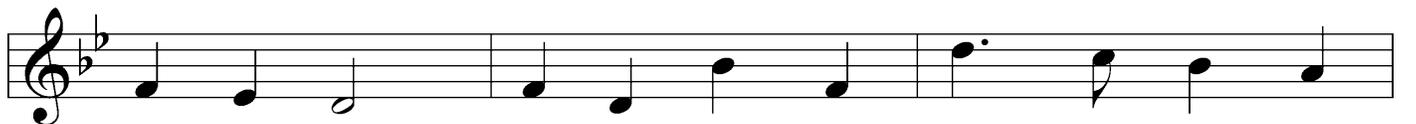
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

A-men

CLOSING HYMN: 924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

POSTLUDE: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" *arr. by Tim Shewmaker*

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This Week With Our Lord, May 12-19, 2024

SUNDAY, May 12- *Happy Mothers' Day!*

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

Monday, May 13-

- 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. 8th grade field trip to Concordia Seminary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, May 14- *Last day of school*

- 8:30 a.m. Closing School Service in new gym
- 11:00 a.m. School dismissal
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, May 15-

- 8:00 a.m. School Faculty meeting
- 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. Sports Awards Night in the school's old gym
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 16-

- 7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Romans)
- 8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

- 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation in the school's old gym

Saturday, May 18- *Lutheran State Track Meet in Chicago*

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte- Payton Liefer

SUNDAY, May 19- *The Day of Pentecost*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte- Evan Muench

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte- Sophia Zeiger

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

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 281; Communion: 153; Bible classes: Adults- 33; SS & Youth: 30

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: "Unforecastable"

Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) says that it has been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control (Acts 9:31). 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.

EPISTLES:

The May edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been emailed to all those for whom Pastor has an address.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1st John 5:12 – "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/4- General: \$25,354; Debt: \$50; School: \$190. *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)*

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 on the Sixth and Seventh Commandments this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday.

PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN APRIL:

Nursery: Nolan Liefer; Pre-Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann and Benjamin Langrehr; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Amelia Langrehr and Liam Langrehr; Fifth Grade: Abby Stellhorn. Thank you for your participation in and your 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

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.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

Eighth grade graduation for St. John's Lutheran School will be Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in our school's old gym. We want to include the names of all St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education during this school year. Please contact our office with those names. We will include them in the May 18/19 weekend worship bulletin and the June Epistle.

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.

EVENING GUILD NEWS:

On Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the 1860 Public House Restaurant in Red Bud for a Dutch Treat dinner and Bible study led by Vickie Heller. PLEASE bring your Bible! Guests and husbands are welcome. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

Screenings for Kindergarten students for next school year, 2024-2025, will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 4-6 pm., Wednesday, May 22 from 1-5 pm and Friday, May 24 from 9-11 am. Please call the school office to schedule a time for your 2024-2025 Kindergarten student.

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR PTL:

Thank you to those parents who showed support to our faculty during Teacher Appreciation Week this past week. The gifts, food, and assistance was wonderful! We praise God for your goodness and support!

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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- *Let's Celebrate With Our Savior*

<https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL> Use this link to register your child for VBS. Ages 3 for those who are entering 4th grade in the fall. All information is posted on-line. Also register to volunteer using the same link! Come join the fun and Celebrate the Savior June 17-21, 9-11 a.m. at the school!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hoock, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess, Henry Veath; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Rebecca Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcia Watters; 5/15- Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantah Lee; 5/17- Kim Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Megan Rohlfing, Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford. *Please call our office with corrections!* Page 5

MANY CONGRATULATIONS:

+St. John's member Kim Snyder was awarded the 2024 Physical Therapist Assistant of the Year award by the Illinois Physical Therapy Association.

+St. John's member and school alumnus Ryker Papenberg was the Red Bud High School Student of the Month for April. He is active in ACES, math team, captain of the golf team, NHS, student council and class officer. This is a program of the Red Bud Lions Club.

+St. John's member Lyla Hess is Red Bud High School's Prom Queen for this year. Also on court as seniors were St. John's members Dustin Salger and Isaac Moll along with junior attendant Sofia Jones.

+Praise God for His blessings to and through these members of our family of faith!

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

SID STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT FUND GOLF SCRAMBLE:

On Saturday, June 8, at 8 a.m. in Okawville, the Roland Barkau Memorial Course again will host our Southern Illinois District's annual golf scramble to benefit students from our district who are studying to become church professionals at one of our Concordia universities or seminaries. \$100 per player golf fee includes green fees and cart, coffee, donuts, lunch, skins game, 1 mulligan & 2 drink tickets. Prizes for low score, skins, closest to the pin (par 3s), and longest drive (men & women). Registration forms and sponsorship sheets (if you are not able to play) are on the bulletin boards at church. In its 19-year history, this tournament has added over \$160,000 to our district's Student Aid Endowment Fund. Talk to Pastor Nebel for more information as he is on the committee for this event.

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)

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. They will meet this Thursday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. in the Lion's Club Pavilion next to the sports complex.

Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair. In case of bad weather, they will meet in the Trinity Lutheran School meeting room. Call Vickie Heller at 618/521-7417 for more information.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

Giving Thanks: We thank God for His provision for *COS*.

He has supplied us with a science and math teacher for 2024-2025. We are graduating six seniors this year and we have more students enrolled for next year. We are also grateful for the responses from our spring appeal.

Graduation: You are invited to 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 Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

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Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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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,
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 Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements,
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Church Council

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 Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak; (8 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Clare Carnahan; (8 a.m.) Easton Ruebusch; (10:30 a.m.) Aubrey Kiefer
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Lisa Quinn & Christine
 Kellerhouse; (10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter and Cindy Ebers
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Irma Birkner Paraments: Carol Turner