

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*St. John's Lutheran Church***May 4-5, 2024***Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** (Sat.) "Outbursts of Joy" *Bell Choir (Sunday)* "All Glory Be to God" arranged by J. Pachelbel**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven"***(we stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men")*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

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 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 66

Come and hear, all you | who fear God,

and I will tell what He has done | for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;

sing of His name; give to Him glo- | ri-ous praise!

Bless our God, | O peo-ples;

let the sound of His | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among | the liv-ing

and has not let | our feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,

because He has not removed His steadfast | love from me!

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: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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)*

(5 p.m.) ANTHEM: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Bell Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of

peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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:

1st John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the

water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. **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 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 158)

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.

(10:30 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 159)

**C 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.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (LSB 547 "The Lamb")

**He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.
His song pro-long 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: 947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

**All glo-ry be to God on high And thanks for all His fa-vor;
No harm can touch or ter-ri-fy A child of God for-ev-er.
God shows His good and gra-cious will And grants His peace,
the world to fill— All strife at last has end-ed.**

**We praise and laud and wor-ship You; We give You thanks for-ev-er,
O Fa-ther, for Your rule is true And just and chang-es nev-er.
With bound-less pow'r, Your might-y reign
Ful-fills what-ev-er You or-dain. Lord, grant us ev-'ry bless-ing!**

**O Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son Be-got-ten of the Fa-ther,
Your sav-ing death has made us one With God and with each oth-er.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our dis-tress we sin-ners cry, Have mer-cy on us, a-men!**

**O Ho-ly Spir-it, our de-light And source of con-so-la-tion,
Pro-tect us from the dev-il's might Through Je-sus, our sal-va-tion,
Who by His death up-on a tree
Has res-cued us from mis-er-y: To this we hold for-ev-er.**

SERMON: “Favored Without Favoritism” Acts 10:34

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: Dorothy Byers, JoAnn Yarbrough, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Wayne Voss, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Pam Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Susan Luttmann, 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.

+those who mourn: family of Sam Elliott, nephew of Wayne Mesnarich

+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.

(The 10:30 a.m. service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer)

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.

CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:

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.

C: (sung) A-men.

(please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN: 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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POSTLUDE: “Shades Mountain”

arranged by John Eggert

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(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **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.**

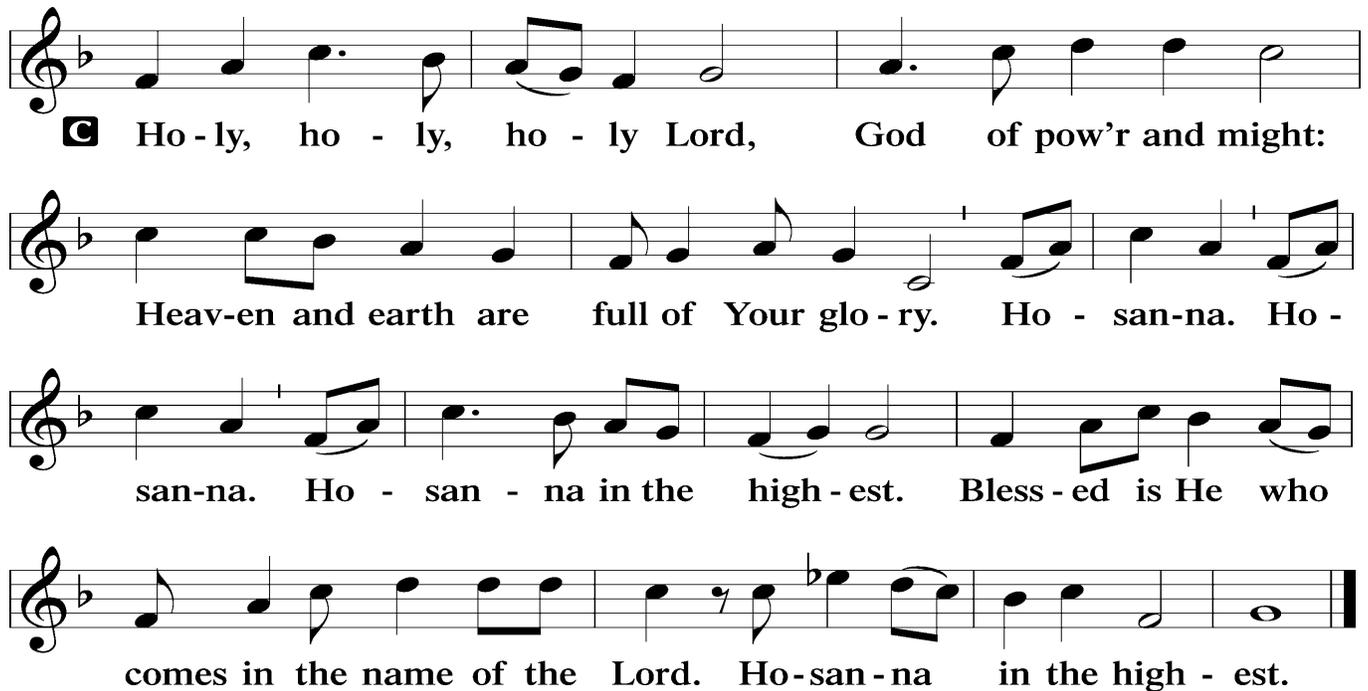
P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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**



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

☐ 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*)

487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing

God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

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822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



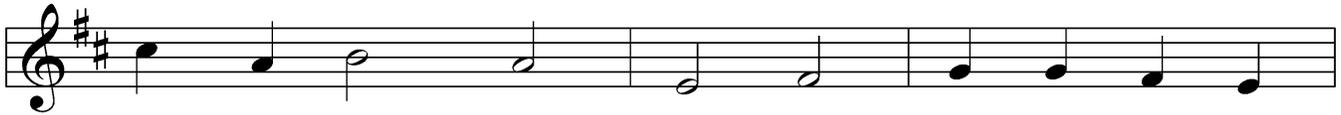
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through
 the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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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



C 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: 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem-pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad-ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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POSTLUDE: “Shades Mountain”

arranged by John Eggert

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This Week With Our Lord, May 5-12, 2024

SUNDAY, May 5-

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

Monday, May 6- *Teacher Appreciation Week at school*

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school’s music room
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in the school library

Tuesday, May 7-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. District Pastors’ Conference at Collinsville

Wednesday, May 8-

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. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 9- *The Ascension of Our Lord*

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church; Acolyte- Liam Kilpatrick
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church; Acolyte- Addison Breier

Saturday, May 11- *Southern Illinois District Track Meet*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Clare Carnahan

SUNDAY, May 12- Happy Mothers' Day!

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Easton Ruebusch

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Aubrey Kiefer

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in their church basement hangout

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 287; Communion: 61; Bible classes: Adults- 47; SS & Youth: 32

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: "Rejoicing on the Way"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes says that God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way (Acts 8:28-29). 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1st John 5:3 – "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/28- General: \$10,296.45; \$5,140; Automatic Giving: \$2,815; School \$105. *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 Fourth and Fifth 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

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH:

“Thank you to all who arranged and attended our birthday party on April 21. We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness with your cards and gifts. We thank God for your goodness and support!” *Pastors Nebel and Nowak*

ANOTHER THANK YOU:

A huge thank you to all who supported the Class of 2026 with their Ted Drewes fundraiser after the musical! Also, thank you to all those who supported the Class of 2025 at their recent BBQ on Sunday morning/afternoon. Both events were very successful because of your great support!!

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.

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.

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!:

5/5- Kathy Stellhorn, Angie Hewitt, Natalie Guebert, Becky Bauer, Emily Grohmann, Emmett Schoenbeck; 5/6- Carol Matzenbacher, Angie Schoenbeck, Cole Booker; 5/7-

Sophia Zeiger; 5/8- Jason Hick, Henry Liefer, Lillian Guebert, Eve Guebert; 5/9- Wil Krick, Curtis Schrieber, Connor Liefer; 5/10- Joan Ruwald, Morgan Buch; 5/11- Kevin Hartmann, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer, Henry Roy. *Please call our office with corrections!*

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: 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

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.

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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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week on KFUE AM850, study Daniel 4-8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and continue studying the book of Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Civil War," Brokenness Theology, Pascal's Wager, The Hymn "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

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

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

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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss
 School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm
 Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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 Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Amelia Cheek; (8 a.m.) Elle Sutton; (10:30 a.m.) Austin Stellhorn
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
 (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Irma Birkner Paraments: Carol Turner