

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **Red Bud, Illinois**
The Day of Pentecost *May 19, 2024* *10:30 a.m.*
THE FESTIVAL ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude: "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" *arranged by Valerie Floeter*
The Ringing of the Bell calls us to reverent worship.

The Invocation: (*Please stand if you are able.*)

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

C: Amen. All praises be to our Triune God!

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world with God's grace telling us of our Father's love for us through His Son, Jesus. Alleluia!

C: We rejoice in the mercy our God has shown us. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: 650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

The Confession and Absolution:

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us we see our many sins and bring them before You: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit we trust in You to forgive our sins because of the death of Jesus for us: **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit we live as the forgiven body of Christ to serve one another in love. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given His Son Jesus unto death to take away our sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

The Introit: Psalm 104

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

O LORD, how manifold are Your works! **The earth is full of Your creatures.**

These all look to You, **to give them their food in due season.**

When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. (please be seated)*

Song of Praise: "Breath of the Living God" (AGPS 77)

**Breath of the liv-ing God on the wa-ters in the be-gin-ning mov-ing,
Breath of the liv-ing God, You fill all cre-a-tion with fruit-ful life.**

(Refrain) **Come now and live with-in us, and with Your gifts en-rich us:
Breath of the liv-ing God, O most Ho-ly Spir-it of the Lord!**

**Breath of the liv-ing God, You con-ceived the Son, Je-sus, to be like us,
Breath of the liv-ing God, so You re-cre-ate all who live in Him. (refrain)**

**Breath of the liv-ing God, You bring us to life in bap-tis-mal wa-ter,
Breath of the liv-ing God, we new crea-tures live by Your liv-ing breath. (refrain)**

The Collect of the Day:

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

C: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

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

The Gradual:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

With the heart one believes and is justified

and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

The Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Introduction: (*please stand if you are able*)

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Text: Public domain

The Holy Gospel: (*read from the center of the sanctuary*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 is read.*)

[Jesus said:] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. . . .

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

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

Our Pentecost Statement of Faith: (*confessed in unison*)

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

The Song of the Day: 496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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The Festival Sermon: “God’s Verdict Is In!” John 16:5-11

The Prayer of the Church: *(please stand if you are able)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Olivia Schmitz, Geraldine Koester, Dorothy Byers, Arlou Papenberg, Peggy Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Wayne Voss, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, 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, Richard vanBuren, Marie D. *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.

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

+those who have graduated or are graduating from any level of school

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, You are the giver of all life. We take Your daily blessings of health for granted. We thank You that in our times of need You grant us the service of doctors and nurses, the assistance of medicine and therapy, and the love of family members and friends. According to Your will we ask that You would bless those in need of physical healing with strength of body and peace of spirit so that they would share with others the joy of life in Your name even during their time of illness and trouble. We remember Olivia, Geri, Dorothy, Arlou, Peggy, Roger, Ruth, Pastor Koen, Wayne, Gary, Julie, Jay, Susie, Susan, Marcy, JoAnna, Ashlynn, Gerald, Tyson, Mary, Ted, Richard, Marie and all those we name in our hearts who are in need of healing and strength, for them we pray, Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You bless us with rain and sunshine. It is easy for us to complain about the weather when it is bad and hard for us to praise You for the conditions when they are good. We thank You that You provide for our needs. We ask You to bless us with favorable weather for farming this week and safety in the fields for all who work the land in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You are served by an army of angels who dwell in Your glory. How little do we recognize the protection they provide us! We do see how the military of our country protects our freedom and liberty. We thank You for all those who serve in our nation's armed forces. We ask for Your safety and protection to be upon our country's military personnel, government officials, law enforcement officers, emergency responders and healthcare professionals. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, Your first disciples stood on the streets of Jerusalem and proclaimed Jesus the Messiah to strangers gathered in the city from many parts of the world. Your call of us to witness for our Lord leads us to family, friends and neighbors, yet not with powerful sermons, but by words of encouragement, acts of love, and gifts of music which praise our Savior who lives in and through us. We pray for the Holy Spirit to work in us that we might take advantage of the many ways You give us to reach out with the good news of Jesus to those who are around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, send Your Spirit upon Your faithful people that, by the proclamation of Your Gospel message, fervent love for one another would increase. By Your Spirit, empower Your people to abound in works of love toward those in need. We thank You for the ministry of St. John's Lutheran School and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. We pray that You would bless the teachers and students as they look forward to continued growth in their life together in the name of Jesus. We join with all those who have graduated from a school this spring in thanking You for the education they have received. We pray that You will use this education as a blessing for them in their future endeavors in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Your own and have granted us the remission of sins. United in Your teachings, make all those who approach Your altar this day ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and grant us grateful hearts, that we may give thanks to You for this wonderful sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Triune God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ **C: Amen.**

The Offertory: "We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices. We lift our hands.

We lift our lives up to You. We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands.

Lord, use our lives, they are Yours.

We are an offering. We are an offering.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day as He has promised the Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. At this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven 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.

The Lord's Prayer: (*prayed in unison*)

The Words of Institution:

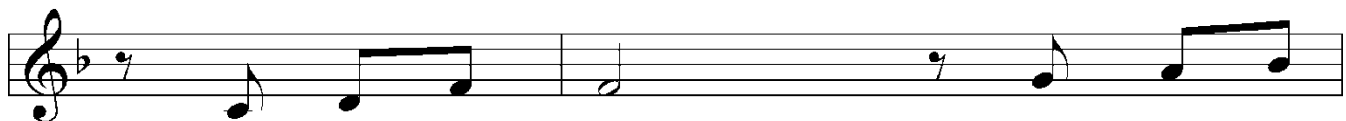
P:The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Agnus Dei: "The Lamb" (*LSB 547*)

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa-ther, where's the sac-ri-fice?
Faith sees, be-lives God will pro-vide the Lamb of price!
Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!**

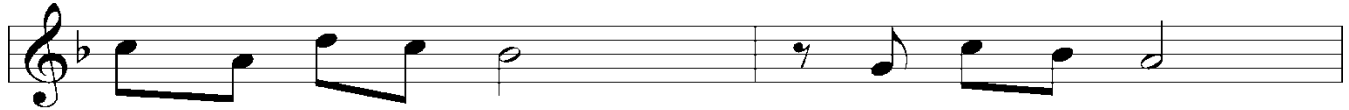
Distribution Hymns: (*please be seated*)

629 "What Is This Bread"



1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
That I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and He should die
Word and prom - ise clear,
giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
The cup of grace
Un - der the rod?
In mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



This life we take,
Brings His em - brace
My God, my God,
He makes us whole—
That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
Of life and love un - til I
Why have You not for - sak - en
Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
sing! O taste and see—
me? O taste and see—
meal. O taste and see—
blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.
the Lord is free.
the Lord is real.
the Lord is good.

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691 "Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing"



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease,
loves to bless;
and our goal,
har - vests cease;

Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

700 "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"



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



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



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



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



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



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

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The Post-Communion Prayer: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: O Holy Spirit, You are powerfully present among us through the speaking and hearing of God's Word during this time of worship. We ask now that You would send us forth in faith, guide us by grace, and renew within us confidence so that we may confess the name of Jesus as our Savior and spread His Gospel message of salvation into all the world;

C: we pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: The love of God the Father, the grace of God the (+) Son and the strength of God the Holy Spirit go with you and remain with you here in time and thereafter in eternity.

C: All praises be to our Triune God! Amen.

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

The Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

arranged by Mark Knickelbein

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This Week With Our Lord, May 19-26, 2024

SUNDAY, May 19- *The Day of Pentecost*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Classes; No Sunday School today

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

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

Monday, May 20- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, May 21-

8:00 a.m. School faculty meeting in the school library

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

Noon Volunteer luncheon at school

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at 1860 Public House

Wednesday, May 22-

8:00 a.m. School faculty meeting in the school library

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

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

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

Thursday, May 23-

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

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

Saturday, May 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Acolyte-Brayden McCarthy

SUNDAY, May 26- *The Holy Trinity*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Carson Moll

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Jozlynn Palm

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for their graduation by the St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2024

+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

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/12- General: \$10,842; School: \$700. *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 Seventh Commandments this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday in the school library. There is no Sunday School today.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 324; Communion: 61; Bible classes: Adults- 42; SS & Youth: 22

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: “Waiting, But Not Alone”

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge says that Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. 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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member JoAnn Yarbrough who died in the Lord early last Saturday morning at the age of 86 years. A funeral service will be

held for her here at St. John's on Saturday, July 6 at 11 a.m. with an hour of visitation preceding the service.

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

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

Please contact our office with the names of St. John's members who are graduating from any level of school this year. We will include them in the June Epistle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year benefitted both the Musketeer Market (\$250) and the Royal Table (\$250). These are operated through our local District 132 Schools that supply families with food, basic care needs, and supplies for making birthday cakes for the elementary children in our local community. St. John's member Katelin Uffelmann spoke to our students about this work and accepted the checks on Sunday May 5.

PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN MAY:

Nursery 3: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Clarke Thien, Attlee Thien; Pre-Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Eliza Schrader; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Jack Valentine; Fourth Grade: Jackson Carnahan, Cassidy Palm, Henry Schnepel; Sixth Grade: Jozlynn Palm. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry.

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 Thursday June 6 (postponed twice now) 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.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Gift planning offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. You may wonder how a ministry can best use a gift from your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate conversations between you and ministry leaders. For assistance, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for information or to start your plan.

OPENING FOR A PRESCHOOL AIDE:

We are looking for a part-time Preschool Aide for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The aide will support the teacher in her rules of the classroom, routines, expectations, and structure. This position requires a person who loves to share the love of Jesus with children and who is willing to help with day-to-day tasks such as cleaning and sanitizing the classroom. If you have interest in the position email office@stjohnsredbud.org or call the school at 618-282-3873.

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!

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candace Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Bob Turner, Dylan Minemann; 5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman; 5/22- Sandra Mueth, Janet Papenberg, Kent Liefer; 5/23- Brendan Harms, Ellessandria Sutton, Henry Schnepel; 5/24- Cash Grohmann. *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

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)

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, begin studying Ezra on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Baptism in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/25 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin study this week on the Book of Psalms. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The Holy Spirit means to make a dwelling place of every human body (1st Corinthians 6:19-20). The Scriptures explicitly apply this mission to old and young, male or female (Acts 2:17), and even the unborn (Psalm 139:13). We have the invitation and commission to proclaim this prophetic message to a culture that beholds some neighbors as lifeless bones (Ezekiel 37:2-3). Let His precious breath of life (Genesis 2:7) inspire us all!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (LCMS *Better Health*)

Research finds that people experience more psychological stress and higher heart rates when they hold grudges than when they grant forgiveness.

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

Congratulations Class of 2024! May God bless you as you start the next chapters of your lives.

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.

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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

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 SchnepelSeventh 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/Pianist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Instrumentalists: (10:30 a.m.) John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt, Jonathan Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Payton Liefer; (8 a.m.) Evan Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Sophia Zeiger

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer;

(10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

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

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner Paraments: Carol Turner