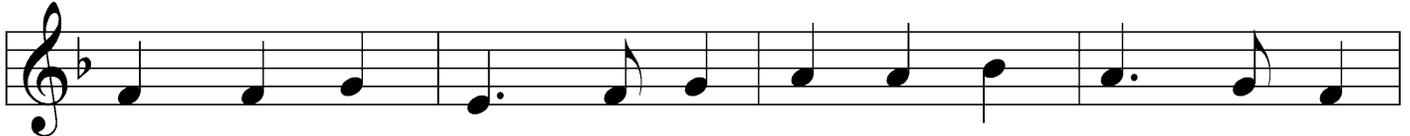


THE HOLY TRINITY**The First Sunday After Pentecost****St. John's Lutheran Church****May 25-26, 2024****Red Bud, Illinois**The Prelude: "God Bless Our Native Land" *arranged by Sandra K. Tucker*The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy and joyful worship.Processional Hymn: 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"*(Please stand as the cross and flags enter.)*

1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
 2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
 On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er night, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
 watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Our Pledge to the American Flag: *(spoken in unison)*

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Our Pledge to the Christian Flag: *(spoken in unison)*

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

The Call to Worship: *(from The Athanasian Creed)*

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal Christian faith.

Congregation: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

P: The universal Christian faith is this,

C: that we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance.

**You will not abandon my soul | to She-ol,
or let Your holy one see cor- | rup-tion.**

**You make known to me the | path of life;
in Your presence there is full- / ness of joy.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | U-ni-ty.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mer- | cy to us.

The Collect of the Day:

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

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Psalm 150” (by John A. Behnke) *Choir*
(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) “Here I Am, Lord” *Solo/Duet*

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” **P:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, **and His greatness is unsearchable.**
 On Your wondrous works I will meditate, **and I will declare Your greatness.**

The New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, ³⁵until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Introduction: (please stand if you are able) (Common Doxology)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heav’n-ly host:
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

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

Our Confession of Faith: (from *The Athanasian Creed*)

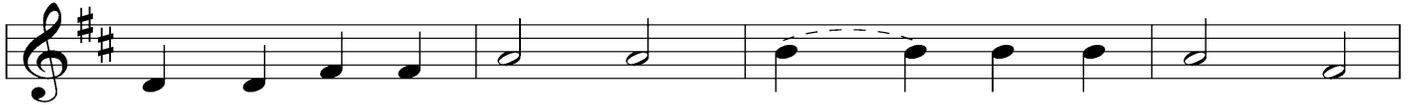
It is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before all worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world.

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven. He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

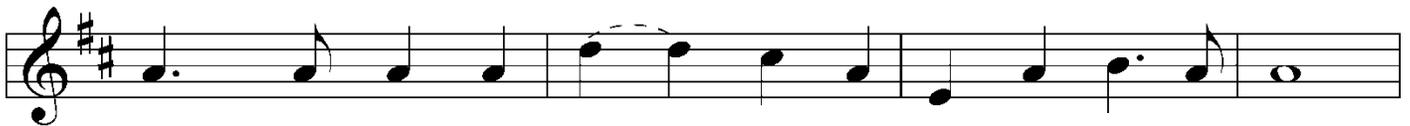
At whose coming all people will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works. They that have done good will go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the universal Christian faith which, except one believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

(please be seated)

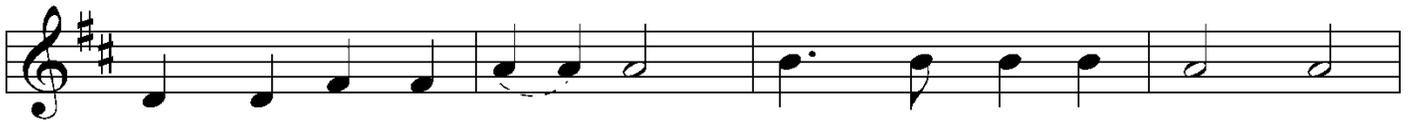
The Sermon Hymn: 507 “Holy, Holy Holy”



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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The Festival Sermon: “Our Triune God Asks, ‘Who Will Go for Us’” Isaiah 6:1-8

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Olivia Schmitz, Geraldine Koester, Dorothy Byers, Peggy Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Wayne Voss, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner,

Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members*: Gerald Hitzmann, Tyson Moonier, Mary Gibson, Ted Stellhorn, Richard vanBuren, Art and Gladys Thies, Ruby Liefer, 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

+thanksgiving for those who gave their lives in military service

+for our local graduates

+those suffering from deadly tornadoes in Iowa this week

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of all life, we join with those who suffer the loss of life in the death of a loved one, including the families of those killed in Iowa's storms. We ask that the Holy Spirit comfort them and all those who mourn with fond memories of their loved ones' lives with them but also with the knowledge of the resurrection to eternal life that Your Son Jesus has won for us by His own life, death and resurrection. We pray for the recovery of health, house, and livelihood for those whose lives have been devastated in this tornado. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, we join in thanksgiving with those who have completed a stage of their lives by graduating from a school this month. We pray that You will continue to guide them as they enter a new level of education or move on to better our society with the use of the knowledge and skills they have learned. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, we remember the work of those whose efforts in their fields and with their livestock provide the food that maintains the strength of our lives. We pray for favorable

weather for farming this week, for safety in their labors and for conditions that benefit the work that they do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who continue to serve us as members of our nation's armed forces, elected and appointed government officials, law enforcement personnel, emergency responders, and healthcare professionals as through them You bless our nation and protect and increase the privileges we have, looking always to You, from whom these privileges come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, uphold Olivia, Geri, Dorothy, Peggy, Roger, Ruth, Pastor Koen, Wayne, Gary, Julie, Jay, Susie, Susan, Marcy, JoAnna, Ashlynn, Gerald, Tyson, Mary, Ted, Richard, Art, Gladys, Ruby, Marie, and all we name before You in our hearts who suffer in body, mind or spirit and let them know that since You are present with them, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's cleansing body and blood present for us here in the bread and wine of this holy supper, that we may not be lost but abide in Your gracious presence forever. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

The Offertory: (*LSB 782*)

Gra-cious God, You send great blessings New each morn-ing all our days.

For Your mer-cies nev-er end-ing, For Your love we of-fer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un-num-bered claim,

Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

Heav'nly Fa-ther, may our car-ing Bear the im-print of Your grace;

With the Son and Ho-ly Spir-it, Praise be Yours in ev-'ry place!

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un-num-bered claim,

Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name. A-men.

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 forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of 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*.

The Service of the Sacrament, (*LSB*, page 208ff.)

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
 P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being. Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

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

Distribution Hymns: (*please be seated*)

506 "Glory Be to God the Father"



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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948 "All Glory Be to God Alone"



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

Nunc Dimittis: "Song of Simeon" page 211 (please stand if you are able)

**O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n - ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill,**

The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus and Benediction

- P 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 Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 504 “Father Most Holy”

Fa-ther most ho-ly, mer-ci-ful, and ten-der; Je-sus, our Sav-ior, with the Fa-ther reign-ing; Spir-it of com-fort, ad-vo-cate, de-fend-er, Light nev-er wan-ing.

Trin-i-ty bless-ed, u-ni-ty un-shak-en, Good-ness un-bound-ed, ver-y God of heav-en, Light of the an-gels, joy of those for-sak-en, Hope of all liv-ing

Mak-er of all things, all Thy crea-tures praise Thee; All for Thy wor-ship were and are cre-at-ed; Now, as we also wor-ship Thee de-vout-ly, Hear Thou our voic-es.

Lord God Al-might-y, un-to Thee be glo-ry, One in three per-sons, ov-er all ex-alt-ed! Glo-ry we of-fer, praise Thee and a-dore Thee, Now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Postlude: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

arranged by James W. Kosnik

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This Week With Our Lord, May 26- June 2, 2024

SUNDAY, May 26- *The Holy Trinity*

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Classes

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

Monday, May 27- Memorial Day; Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28-

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Garden Place

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 29-

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

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

Thursday, May 30-

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

Saturday, June 1-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Kellen Herriman

SUNDAY, June 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Mallory Arbeiter

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Lucas Summers

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: 240; Communion: 196; Bible classes: Adults- 30; SS & Youth: NC

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)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/19- General: \$10,792; School: \$390. *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).*

BORROWED FOR PAYROLL:

In order to cover our mid-May payroll, St. John's treasurer borrowed \$50,000 from the Estate Fund Committee.

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 Eighth Commandment this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday in the school library. There is no Sunday School today. Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Penultimate Sacrifice"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that Memorial Day honors those who made the "ultimate sacrifice" in service to our country, but there is One whose sacrifice for us is infinitely greater (Acts 10:1-2). 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our quarterly devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, (July-September) is available in the racks by the front doors of church.

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

JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH:

This is open to anyone, any age!!! Junior and Senior Youth Group (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. The Senior youth will earn \$3- \$4 per skater at the door that they can use as fundraising toward the National Youth Gathering! The concession stand there will be open.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John's member and school alumnus Ryker Papenberg was one of the Red Bud High School valedictorians at graduation. He also served as a class officer along with St. John's member and fellow graduate Lyla Hess who also was the class salutatorian. Junior marshals for graduation included St. John's member and school alumnus Samuel Roscow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year benefited 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.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:

“Calling all students, youth, and adults who sing and/or play an instrument! I am looking for anyone who is interested in using your gifts of music to enhance our weekend worship services by providing pre-service music before the worship services begin. I welcome everyone, from beginner to advanced! If you would like to play/sing in a different part of the service, that can be arranged also. If you are interested, please let me know!” *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

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.

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.

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!:

5/26- Grayden Schloemann; 5/27- Jean Menke, Quentin Stenzel, Lily Liefer; 5/28- Craig Crafton, Lucas Quintin, Karlyn Meier; 5/29- Paige Liefer, Lily Thompson; 5/30- Anne Sievers, Daniel Hemmer, Ryan Langrehr, Alex Wild, Tanner vanDorn, Alexcis Crafton; 5/31- Lucille VanHoy, Ryan Muench, August Guebert; 6/1- Cindy Nebel, Amy Sutton, Tiffany Stellhorn, Courtney Pollard. *Please call our office with corrections!*

SENIOR YOUTH:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school! We recently received a \$100 check from them!

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school ministry. Copies are on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John's debt reduction.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The truth of Father, Son, and Spirit proves that God loves relationship, family, and community. He gives these blessings no matter how young or old (John 3:4-5), even inhabiting the womb or entering the tomb. The One who creates, redeems, and calls every human being reigns as Lord over life and death (Acts 2:36). Abortion and assisted suicide are idolatrous, and Jesus has come to save from it (John 3:17).

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: Dorothy Byers & 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, Study Ezra 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Proverbs 22-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.) and study the Lord's Supper in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/1 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: American Revivalism, Christian Hope, The U.S. Constitution & Civic Virtue, and Media Bias. Listen on-demand

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PARISH NURSE NOTE: (LCMS *Better Health*)

Lycopene and Vitamin E are the two most powerful antioxidants that help prevent cancer and aging. Lycopene is present in tomatoes (fresh and canned), watermelon, papaya, and pink grapefruit. Vitamin E is abundant in Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, mango, kiwi, and nuts.

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

Positions Available: *COS* is seeking a Golf Coach for fall 2024. To learn more, call the office and talk with Mrs. Prange.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 19 and 20. Items may be brought to our gym beginning June 17.

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 closed this Monday for Memorial Day but will be open Tuesday–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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Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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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 Wetzell

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Brayden McCarthy; (8 a.m.) Carson Moll; (10:30 a.m.) Jozlynn Palm
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele;
 (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf
 Veteran Flagbearers: (5 p.m.) Clyde Rowald and Dale Burmester; (8 a.m.) John Preston and
 Dennis vanBuren; (10:30 a.m.) Omer Liefer and John Preston
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Irma Birkner Paraments: Carol Turner