

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**June 15 & 16, 2024, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.**

*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

**PRELUDE:** "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" *arr. by J. Kohrs*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

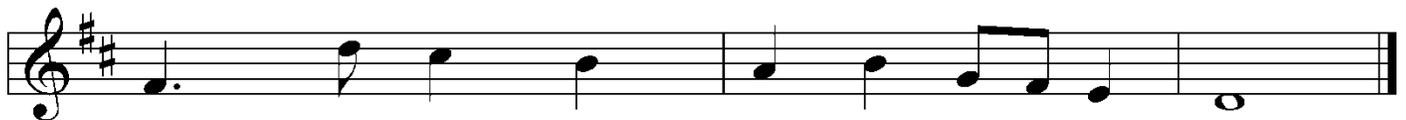
**OPENING HYMN: 862 "Oh, Blest the House"**



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** pages 184-185 (*please stand if able*)

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**INTROIT: Psalm 92**



It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,

to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High.

The righteous flourish like the | palm tree

and grow like a cedar in | Leb-a-non.

They are planted in the house | of the LORD;

they flourish in the courts | of our God.

They still bear fruit in | old age; they are ever full of | sap and green,

to declare that the LORD IS | up-right;

and there is no unrighteousness | in Him.

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:** (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** pages 187-189

**P:** Glory be to God on high: **C:** and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with  
the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.** **P:** Let us pray.

**C: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for  
our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and  
inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed  
hope of everlasting life; 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)**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I Myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**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 EPISTLE READING:****2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:1-10**

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if able)*

**ALLELUIA:** page 190 (*sung*) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:****Mark 4:26-34**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: (*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And He said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not

speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

*(please be seated)* **HYMN OF THE DAY: 742 “For Me to Live Is Jesus”**

**For me to live is Je-sus, to die is gain for me;  
So when my Sav-ior pleas-es, I meet death will-ing-ly.**

**For Christ, my Lord, my broth-er, I leave this world so dim  
And glad-ly seek an-oth-er, Where I shall be with Him.**

**My woes are near-ly o-ver, Though long and dark the road;  
My sin His mer-its cov-er, And I have peace with God.**

**Lord, when my pow’rs are fail-ing, My breath comes heav-i-ly,  
And words are un-a-vail-ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.**

**In my last hour, O grant me A slum-ber soft and still,  
No doubts to vex or haunt me, Safe anchor-ed in Thy will;**

**And so to Thee still cleav-ing When death shall come to me,  
I fall a-sleep be-liev-ing And wake in heav'n with Thee!**

**SERMON:** “From Temporary Tents to a Heavenly House” 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:1-10

**OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.**

**Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence,  
and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.**

**Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion,  
and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.**

**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:** Mary Gross, Roger Hanebutt, Christine Kellerhouse, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, Joyce Carnahan, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Gerald Hitzemann, Tyson Moonier, Mary Gibson, Ted Stellhorn, Richard vanBuren, Art and Gladys Thies, Ron Pflueger, 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

+the ministry of our Vacation Bible School this week

+for our fathers, especially as they raised us in the Christian faith

+Pastor Nebel’s call to teach at Saint Paul Lutheran High School

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

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

P The Lord be with you. C *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C *(sung)* **It is meet and right so to do.**

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. 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: *(sung)*

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry.  
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He  
that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology)*

...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI**

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

**AGNUS DEI** *(sung)*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est**

away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. **A-men.** (*please be seated*)

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

**704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”**



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

**748 I'm But a Stranger Here”**

**I'm but a strang-er here, Heav'n is my home;**

**Earth is a des-ert drear, Heav'n is my home.**

**Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand;**

**Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.**

**What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home;**

**Short is my pil-grim-age, Heav'n is my home;**

**And time's wild win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;**

**I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.**

**There-fore I mur-mur not, Heav'n is my home;**

**What-e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home;**

**And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;**

**Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.**

## 811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song  
 Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng  
 And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

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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.)

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200 (*please stand if able*)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly**

**Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

**THANKSGIVING:**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C: (*sung*) and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.**

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: (*sung*) Amen.**

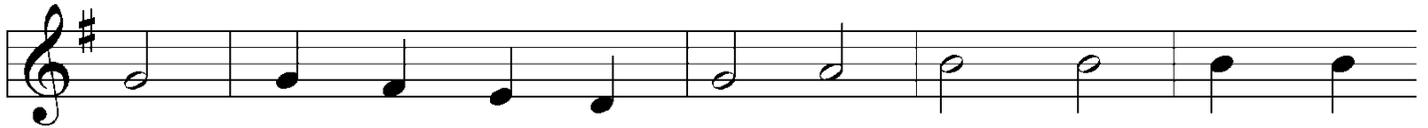
**SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (*sung*) And with thy spir-it.**

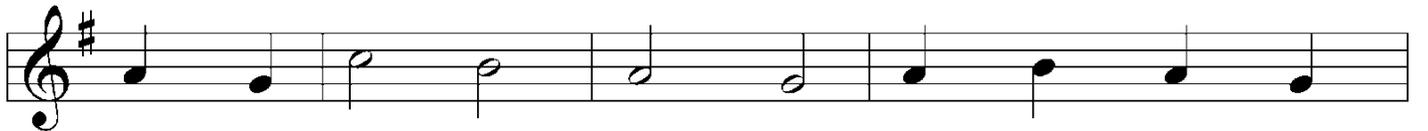
P: Bless we the Lord. **C: (*sung*) Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace. **C: (*sung*) A-men, a-men, a-men.**

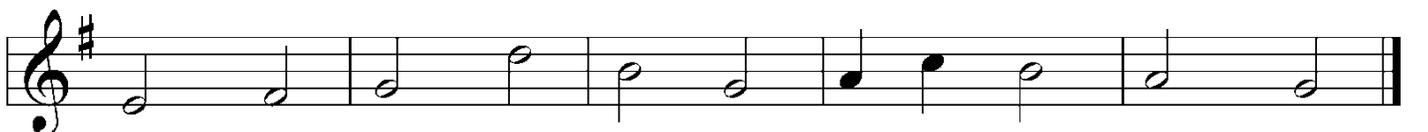
**CLOSING HYMN: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (*sing* “A-men”)**



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **POSTLUDE: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” arr. by Benjamin M. Culli**

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### **This Week With Our Lord, June 16-23, 2024**

#### **SUNDAY, June 16- Happy Fathers’ Day!**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

#### **Monday, June 17-**

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

#### **Tuesday, June 18-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

#### **Wednesday, June 19-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

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

#### **Thursday, June 20-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

#### **Friday, June 21-**

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School closing service in the old gym

#### **Saturday, June 22- Lindsey Hudak on vacation thru the 26th**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Athena Wolfmeier

#### **SUNDAY, June 23-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Joey Biffar

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Tessa Stenzel

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

Worship: 297; Communion: 110; Bible classes: Adults- 26; SS: 3

*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)*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 6/9- General: \$17,474.73; School: \$145; VBS: \$40; Sunday School: \$200; Automatic Giving: \$5,360; School: \$105. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7).*

**BORROWED FOR PAYROLL:**

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

**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.

**SUMMER SINGERS:**

Do you like to sing? For the summer months I'm inviting anyone who's interested to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! You do not have to be a choir member to participate! We will sing again for the following worship services: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m., and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. On those mornings we will meet a half an hour before church to practice the song. The songs we sing will be simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to sing too!! Let me know if you are interested! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.” How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments. Let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

**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 Third Article of the Apostles' Creed this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday in the school library. Summer Sunday School continues this Sunday in the school library.

**DIVINE CALL:**

Pastor Nebel has received a divine call to serve as an Instructor in Bible and Christian Doctrine at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri. He asks for your prayers and welcomes your response as he makes this decision.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Water Power”**

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers (Acts 16:5). 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.

**EPISTLES:**

The June edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor has an address.

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

Last week already our registration reached capacity and then some with 105 children signed up for our Vacation Bible School every morning this week.

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 worship services by providing music before the 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-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](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the school at 618-282-3873.

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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (LCMS *Better Health*)

A Norwegian study published in the International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine found that the more time a person spends at church, the lower his or her blood pressure will be. This supported an American study that already had made that same conclusion. (More on this next week.)

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

6/16- William Hanebutt, Michael Renner, Sofia Jones, Kolton Liefer; 6/17- Sharon Henke, Catherine Glasscock, Olivia Valleroy; 6/18- Steven Roy, Dominick Liefer, Kadin Liefer, Brooke Horrell; 6/19- Robert Niklich, Dennis Grohmann, Cathleen Uffelmann, Breanne Muench, Alex Gunter; 6/20- Derek Liefer, Rebecca Howlett, Maverick Cowell; 6/21- Rick Stenzel; 6/22- Barbara Moeller, Danielle Conway, Cohen Eggemeyer. *Please call our office with corrections!*

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Fathers embody how much difference the little things make. What seems just a personal choice at first quickly affects everyone around with its repercussions. The devil uses privacy and independence as deceptions. But salvation also only starts small (Mark 4:30-32). An embryo soon grows into the Savior of the universe, and one word spoken in courage and compassion changes untold hearts and saves countless lives.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

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

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; 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 & Gary Schwartzkopf; Waterloo Garden Place: Olivia Schmitz; Ruma R&R: Kenneth and Geraldine Koester.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

SUMMER BABYSITTING AND TUTORING OFFERED:

Christine Liefer, Mrs. Rebekah Liefer's daughter, is tutoring the lower grades in Reading, Phonics and other skills over the summer. She also will babysit all ages. Please call Christine at 618-612-5996 or contact Mrs. Liefer at 618-570-4957 if you are interested in either of these services.

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)

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!

#### ISSUES, ETC.:

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW SERIES... What is truth? What is a human being? What should we value? What is beauty? What is the source for morality? You'll find answers to these questions in a seven-part Issues, Etc. series based on a new resource from Concordia Publishing House, "Prepared with a Reason." Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org/preparedwithareason](http://issuesetc.org/preparedwithareason) or with a podcast provider.

#### KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUE AM850, finish studying Nehemiah and begin Esther on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin studying the Gospel of Luke on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Repentance in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/22 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

#### POSITION AVAILABLE:

The Southern Illinois District seeks an Administrative Assistant to support the District President. This full-time position, Monday to Friday, includes comprehensive health care and retirement benefits. The ideal candidate should possess strong verbal, writing, and interpersonal skills. The role involves various tasks such as computer work, email correspondence, phone calls, texting, form completion, filing, and office organization. Knowledge of Filemaker Pro is an advantage. Interested individuals are to reach out to President Timothy Scharr at [sidlcmspres@gmail.com](mailto:sidlcmspres@gmail.com) by submitting their resume and inquiries.

#### LCMS FOUNDATION:

Planning a gift for ministry from your estate can generate concern about whether that ministry will be still in existence when the Lord calls you home. Gift planning offers solutions to these concerns. You can create a personal endowment fund that will make an annual gift to your favorite ministry. With the LCMS Foundation, provisions will be included in that endowment, directing the LCMS Foundation to direct ministry gifts to a parallel ministry if your first choice no longer exists. LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can help. Contact him at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

**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. Clean, saleable 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](http://www.coslhs.org).

School Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

*The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.*

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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618/237-5802 or home 618/282-3050

Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741 Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

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

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak; Lector (10:30 a.m.): DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Layla Kilpatrick; (8 a.m.) Carson Bowles; (10:30 a.m.) Hollis Wolfmeier

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

(10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

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

Flower Servers: Rebekah and Christine Liefer      Paraments: Carol Turner