

THE PRELUDE: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203

- P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have



**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:****Genesis 45:3-15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:****Psalm 117: 1-2a; 96:8**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:****1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you

sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 6:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)

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

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

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

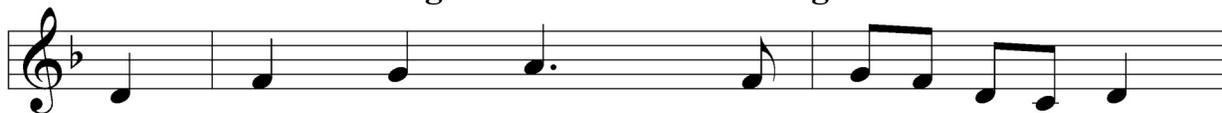
*(please be seated)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

**"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"** (AGPS 237, vs. 1, 3)

1. We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
- 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
- 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

**SERMON:**

**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:** Ashlynn Crafton, Riley Foster, Charles Guebert, Wil Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Peggy Koen, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Dorothy Papenberg, John Preston, Jay Prigge, Darleen Scheffert, Lorna Schneider, Wanda Steele, Pam Stellhorn, Marcy Watters; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Roger Womack.

**MILITARY:** 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

+those who mourn: family of Eunice Snyder; died in the Lord on Monday, February 17

+ Mary Gross’ 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Wednesday, February 26

+wedding of Mark Langrehr and Grace Garcia on Saturday, March 1st

**OFFERTORY: 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” (vs 4)**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us  
 With Your lifeblood as the price,  
 Never grudging for the lost ones**

**That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.**

*The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn.*

*(10:30a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**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*.

**PREFACE:** *(we speak the responses) (page 208)*

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:** *(page 208) (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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and you justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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:**

P: ....The 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)**

**706 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"**



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

696 "O God, My Faithful God"



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



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



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



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

**5 Let me depart this life**

**Confiding in my Savior;**

**By grace receive my soul**

**That it may live forever;**

**And let my body have**

**A quiet resting place**

**Within a Christian grave;**

**And let it sleep in peace.**

**6 And on that final day**

**When all the dead are waking,**

**Stretch out Your mighty hand,**

**My deathly slumber breaking.**

**Then let me hear Your voice,**

**Redeem this earthly frame,**

**And bid me to rejoice**

**With those who love Your name.**

618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



*Refrain*  
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

(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 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:**

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** page 212

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.**

*(please be seated)* **CLOSING HYMN: 801 “How Great Thou Art”**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**THE POSTLUDE: “O God, My Faithful God”**

*arranged by Carl E. Schalk*

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*This Week With Our Lord, February 24 – March 2, 2025*

Monday, February 24-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting in Library

6:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Prairie du Rocher

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

***Please turn in those Epistle articles for March!!***

Tuesday, February 25-

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, February 26-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. 3rd through 8th Grade Chapel at Church

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall

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

3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library

6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 27-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, February 28-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School

9:00 a.m. Heart Challenge

12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Volleyball A Team Tournament @ Chester Lutheran

Volleyball C Team Tournament @ RBL

Saturday, March 1-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Colton Albert

Volleyball A Team Tournament @ Chester Lutheran

LSA Cheer Competition in Chicago

SUNDAY, March 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Easton Ruebusch

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Kaydence Proctor

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

Last week: Worship: **260**; Communion: **144**; Bible classes: **37**; Sunday School: **34**

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/16- General: \$22,111.46; School: \$125.00.

### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME THIS SUNDAY:**

Those who joined St. John's family of faith in the year 2024 through baptism, transfer of membership or Adult Confirmation are invited to be recognized and celebrated at our New Member Welcome this Sunday, February 23 in the Fellowship Hall between worship services (9:30-10:15 a.m.). Baptism lambs will be distributed. Representatives from our congregational groups will share what their members do. Refreshments will be enjoyed! **Baptisms:** Carol Gulley, Aliviah Gulley, Averie Mehring, Eli Liefer, Madelyn Guebert, Truynn Thien, Mylee McDaniel, Bodie Nehrt, Elliott Schoenbeck, Blakelyn Heller, Charlotte Salger, Mason Salger, Peyton Salger, Hazel Westcott, Jace Stenzel, Madalynn Gulley, Colton Gulley, Isabella Wilson. **Transfer In:** Todd Salger, Lacy Evancich, Charlotte Evancich, Aaron Runge, Colleen Runge, Piper Runge. **Adult Confirmation:** Mallory Arbeiter, Loreli Aubuchon, Josef Biffar, Katelynn Braun, Case Hess, Sydney Kassing, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer, Jr., Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Lillian Meyer, Addalyn Schloemann, Norah Wagner, Hollis Wolfmeier, Dustin Bowles, Carol Gulley, Jonathan Hudak.

### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & MEALS TO GO:**

**THIS SUNDAY** at 1p.m.; Doors Open at 12p.m.; Registration 12–1p.m.; Fundraiser for SJL Class of 2026; 7 games, 12 hands per round (3 rounds = 1 game); Partners randomly rotated each round; Team points follow player for all rounds; Prizes awarded for top 3 places; \$15 registration per person (pay at door, cash only). Food 12-3p.m. (**TO GO Orders are Open to the Public**): Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Slaw, and Potato Salad by SLAM Catering. Location: St. John's Lutheran School Old Gym. For reservations contact Chrystal Kiefer at 618-201-7683 (call or text). **WALK INS are welcome!!!**

### **PARSONAGE HELP:**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the parsonage for Pastor Mark and his family. Various tasks including painting will be completed. Our board of elders and trustees will determine a date and time for this to happen. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the school office via email ([office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org)) or call 618-282-3873. We will add your name to the list and an elder or trustee will contact you with further details.

### **CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:**

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Sunday morning service ONLY. Training provided. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See Leonard Salger or Justin Palm.

### **BENEFIT BREAKFAST/BRUNCH:**

A Free Will Donation Breakfast/Brunch will be held at St Pius V Walsh Hall on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 12pm. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, biscuits, gravy, eggs, fruit, and pastries. Stop by to dine in, grab a cup of coffee & pastry, or take a carry out. All proceeds will support Matt Vallett who is battling Glioblastoma (brain cancer). Come out and support a great cause!

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER:**

Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 9, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, plus bread sticks, salad (featuring Papa Vito's salad dressings), dessert, and beverages. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$13 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 4-10) and FREE for children ages 3 and under. Trinity's address is 503 East Washington, Millstadt, Illinois 62260. The building is walker, wheelchair, and stroller friendly.

### **2025 PTL DINNER AUCTION:**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Hecker Community Center. This year's theme is "Let the Games Begin!" Contact our office to purchase tickets! Tickets: \$40 per person (dinner, dessert and select drinks) through February 28th. Once again, \$250 Cougar Cash drawing for bringing new attendees.

### **UPDATES TO OUR NURSERY:**

The Nursery in the Fellowship Hall has gotten a face lift. Please feel free to use it with your child as you watch the service.

### **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

+Flowers on the pedestal this weekend are given to the glory of God in Thanksgiving for Mary Gross' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday from her family. *Happy Birthday Mary! God's blessings to you!*

+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.

### **THANK YOU:**

To my new family here in Red Bud - THANK YOU! Your attendance at my installation, your warm welcome messages in person, online, and through cards and gifts brought joy and thanksgiving to me and my family. May our Lord bless you as abundantly as you blessed us. I also want to thank all those who worked behind the scenes for helping to make the service and the reception run so smoothly. I know it took even more than I could begin to name but our God in heaven sees your good deeds, it was a true blessing, please know my family and I are grateful for your work. It was a great start to our many years of service to each other and our neighbors in Red Bud. May God bless us as we work together to harvest the fields He's prepared.

~Pastor Mark Winkelman & family

### **YOUTH GATHERING:**

Any high school youth interested in attending the youth gathering in New Orleans in July 2025, please contact Stephanie Liefer at 618-967-0804 or email at [stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com).

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:**

Adult Bible Class will be led by Pastor Mark Winkelman & will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Mr. Palm's class on the Angels and Demons will meet this Sunday in the School Library.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS: 5 Women Needed**

The Women's Bible Class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and has started a new book by Deb Burma. We ordered extra books and need five more women. The cost is \$12.00.

### **SECOND GRADE MISSION PROJECT:**

2nd grade is doing a mission project to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week and Valentine's Day! Since LIFE SUNDAY was January 19, we will be collecting baby items on a table in the school lobby and in the church fellowship hall! Please help us by donating to the babies and families that need our Christian love. We will be collecting until the end of February and then the items and money will be delivered to LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. Wal Mart cards are also accepted. Thank you.

### **LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLES:**

If you have not returned your Life Network baby bottle, you can still return it to the fellowship hall by placing it on one of the tables or on the table located in the church entrance. I will find it and make sure it is returned to Life Network. All proceeds will go to Life Network pregnancy care center with offices located in Red Bud and Waterloo. Thank you again for your years of support Life Network through their baby bottle fundraiser. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366) for any questions or concerns.

### **FORTH GRADE TEACHING POSITION:**

St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud is looking for a 4th-grade homeroom teacher. We invite interested applicants to use this link, <https://forms.gle/C6VUxnZ671Qrdgo7A>, to learn more about the position and send in a resume for review. You may also email (office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the office (618-282-3873) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud.

### **LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

Joseph's brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father's design: a life-giving mission they didn't see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Beth Kilpatrick, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Brandon Mayberry, Ryan Stamm, Jordan Schneider, Megan Henry, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Eugene Liefer; 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Hayden Donjon, Brooke Stellhorn, Finn Liefer; 3/1- Judy Guebert, Kelly Mehring; 3/2- John Bievenue Jr., Amy Zeller, Jakob Biffar.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Need to Know"**

If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

**Luke 6:30–31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”** Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

**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.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke & Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, & Darleen Scheffert; Ruma R&R: Kenneth & Geraldine Koester.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Carl Zschiegner, Helen Winkelman.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Eunice Snyder who died in the Lord Monday at the age of 94 years. She will receive a Christian funeral here on Monday, February 24th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026:** (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

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 Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – C. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In supporting ministries, there is always the need of “today” versus the needs of the “future”. Which should you choose? Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

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

**COS Annual Fish & More Dinner** is Friday, March 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, our gym is handicapped accessible.

**FFA Helping Hands Auction** on Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Eat supper to support COS and stay for the auction to support our FFA!

**Registration for 2025-2026 is open!** If you know a high school student, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a meeting with our administrator, Mrs. Sherry Prange. Learn more about *COS* and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

**High School Administrator** needed to begin July 1. Administrative certification not required. Call 618-853-7300.

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Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman 815/499-1135  
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

*Faculty and Staff*

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz  
First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer  
Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy  
Fourth Grade (*Homeroom*) – Bill Becker  
Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens  
Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel  
Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan  
Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss  
Before/After School Care – Susan Luttmann  
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, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong

*Church Council*

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert  
Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Becky Biffar  
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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin  
Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman  
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker  
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Amelia Cheek; (8 a.m.) Aiden Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Sydney Krick  
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin & Kathy Liefer  
(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breann Muench  
Flower Servers: Tiffany Stellhorn & Abby Stellhorn Paraments: Carol Turner