

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20, 2025, 6:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

The Hand of the Lord Who is Risen

This day of days, this feast of feasts, is the climax of our Lenten meditations on "The Hand of the Lord." It brings all of God's promises in the Old Testament, all of our Lord's words and works of His earthly ministry, all the peace, all the healing, and all the hope of eternal life now given to you and to each person who comes to the risen and reigning Lord of all in repentance and faith, here where He promises to be through Word and Sacrament for us. We thank the Lord for all His grace and mercy shown to us as we went our way through the various days and times of our earthly lives. Yet all of that is but a prelude to the great and promised feast of the day of "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). As God the Father did not abandon His Son to the corruption of the grave but raised Him bodily to endless life, so also is our certain hope. God will not abandon you now or ever.

+ Preparation +

(The service begins in silence and darkness.)

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

P: Why are you here?

C: We seek Jesus who was crucified.

P: Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!

C: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

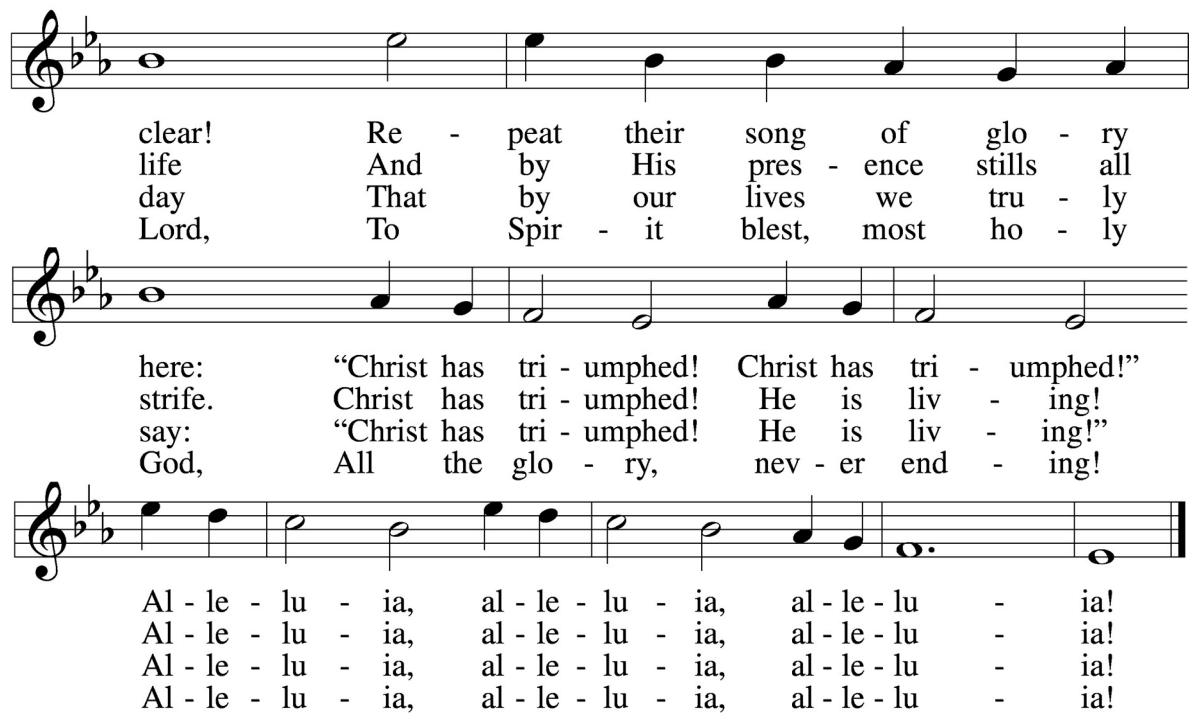
(We stand as able for the procession of the Christ Candle.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LSB 465)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



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

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

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

1 John 1:2, 5-9

P: The word of life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. . . . This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: **that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.**

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not practice the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then, in full faith and confidence, confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, even in the light and joy of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, we confess to You that we remain sinful and unclean while in this world. It is against You we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against You even as we have failed to do good for others. In short, we have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your punishment both now and even forever.**

For the sake of Your Son, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus, and by His intercession for us at Your right hand, have mercy on us. Forgive us and breathe into us once again Your renewing breath of life so that we may live according to Your will to the glory of Your holy name.

P: At His ascension into heaven, our Lord Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. So now, upon this your confession, receive the blessing of our Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority,

announce the grace of God to 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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 16 (selected verses)

P: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

P: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

C: in the night also my heart instructs me.

P: I have set the Lord always before me;

C: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

P: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE:

P: Jesus, Son of David,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Risen Lord,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Lamb of God,

C: Have mercy on us.

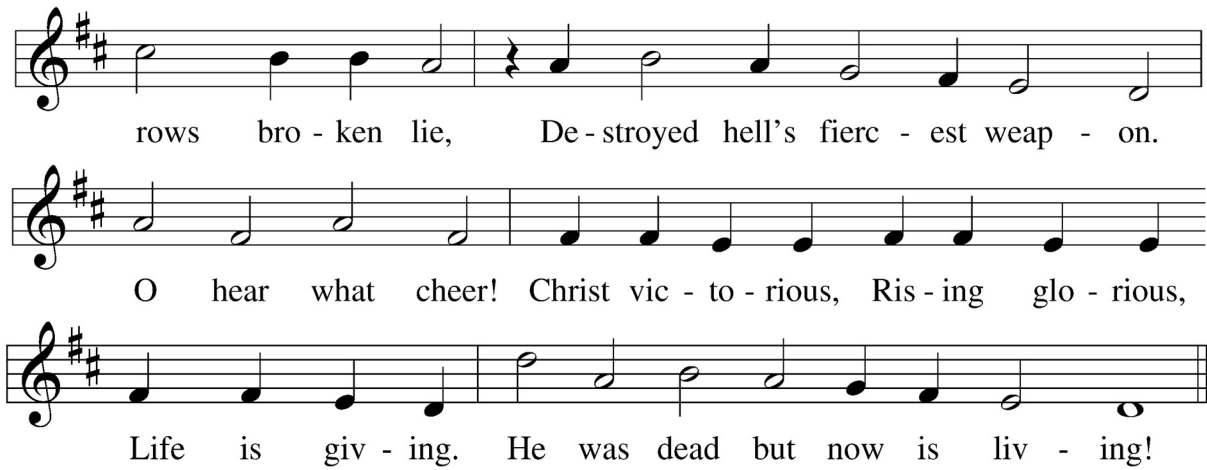
HYMN OF PRAISE:

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” (LSB 488)

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled

is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.

My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise You as we remember all the works of Your hands, thanking You for our creation; for blessing us, from our mothers' arms, on our way; and especially for our new birth to everlasting life by water and the Spirit into the endless life of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Keep us firm in the faith of our salvation, for into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; for the sake of Him who died and is risen again for us, the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* (LSB 461)

Choir & Congregation

(Choir & Congregation) (Verse 1)

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

(Choir) (Verse 2)

*He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.*

(Women & Girls) (Verse 4)

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

(Choir) (Verse 5)

*He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.*

(Men & Boys) (Verse 3)

**He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

(Choir & Congregation) (Verse 6)

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

(Choir) (Verse 7)

*He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.*

(Choir & Congregation) (Verse 8)

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 65:17–25

P: The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in My people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be,

and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all My holy mountain,"

says the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

P: The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN:*“The Day of Resurrection” (LSB 478, please stand for last stanza)*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,

The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne

Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

HOLY GOSPEL READING:*Luke 24: 1-12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: ¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered His words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

I believe that on the first day of the week God anointed His Son Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit and raised Him living from the dead. I believe that in the person of Jesus Christ God's might and power have broken into our fallen world. I believe that Jesus now proclaims His victory over all the forces of sin. I believe in the love of Jesus Christ and boldly confess that my Lord, who was crucified, now lives, raised from the dead by the mighty Spirit of God. I believe that through the Holy Spirit we bear witness to the power of God's love and await the glorious return of Jesus Christ. While we are waiting, God gives us new energy to declare: **JESUS IS OUR RISEN LORD! ALLELUIA!** *(please be seated)*

HYMN:

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (LSB 474)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

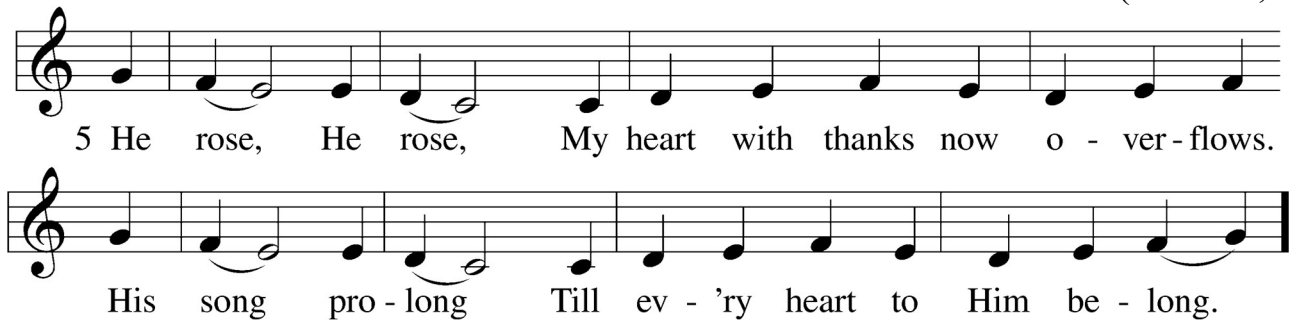


Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

“The Lamb” (LSB 547, vs. 5)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends, “**Lord, in Your mercy,**” and we respond, “**hear our prayer.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Riley Foster, Charles Guebert, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Peggy Koen, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Jay Prigge, Darleen Scheffert, Lorna Schneider, Gary Schwartzkopf, Wanda Steele, Pam Stellhorn, Carl Zschiegner; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Diane Mesnarich Elliott, Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Ruby Hering, 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 Gordon Gross; died in the Lord on Saturday, April 12

+those who mourn: family of Gerald “Jerry” Melliere; died in the Lord on Monday, April 14

+wedding of Nick Amann and Brandy Crafton on Saturday, April 19

+for Nicole Sicka, Kayden Sicka, and Maverick Sicka, as they come to the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 19

+Elroy & Carolyn Stellhorn's 57th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 20

+safety for students and guests leaving on the 8th grade trip on Thursday, April 24

+wedding of Christian Hagan and Adrienne Smith on Saturday, April 26

+ **Service of the Sacrament** +

PREFACE – PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(LSB, p. 160-161)

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:



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

P: Prayer of Thanksgiving Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD - PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

(LSB, p. 162)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER – AGNUS DEI

(LSB, p. 162-163)

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS :

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” (LSB 466)



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

“Awake My Heart, with Gladness” (LSB 467)



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,

Its fury I disdain;

Though bitter war it wages,

Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free,

No trouble troubles me.

Misfortune now is play,

And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever

To Christ, my Savior true;

My Lord will leave me never,

Whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain;

He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's grim thrall;

I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal

That leads to bliss untold,

Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" (LSB 463)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (LSB 487)



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



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



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



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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Thank the Lord” (LSB, p. 164)



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, from Your Son's loving, nail-pierced, and now glorious hands, You have fed us with His own risen body and precious blood, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross as well as a foretaste of the feast to come in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and of our final redemption. We thank You now with hearts and hands and voices, and we pray that You would take us by the hand to lead us faithfully until that day when we celebrate with all the faithful 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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICATION:

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.

CLOSING ANTHEM: "Hallelujah Chorus" (Choir, congregation remains standing)

POSTLUDE: "The Day of Resurrection" arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: Grayden Schloemann

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breann Muench

Flower Servers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick Paraments: Irma Birkner

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This Week with Our Lord, April 20-27, 2025

SUNDAY, April 20-

6:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunrise Service

Easter Breakfast to follow Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Resurrection Festival Service

Monday, April 21- ***No School & Office Closed – Easter Break***

Tuesday, April 22- *Sports Picture Day at School*

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Spelling Bee @ SPPCS

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 23-

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

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

Sparta Invitational Track Meet

Thursday, April 24- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

9:00 a.m. LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Spring Renewal

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

Eighth Grade Trip to DC Begins

Golf Match @ Pyramid Oaks

Randolph County Track Meet

Friday, April 25-

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

Saturday, April 26-

9:00 a.m. Waterloo 14th Annual Mini-Retreat

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Kenadee Crafton

SUNDAY, April 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Austin Stellhorn

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Blaine Rohlfing

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Last week: Worship: 517; Communion: 342; Bible classes: 42; Sunday School: 28

Midweek Lent: Worship: 265; Communion: N/A

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/13- General: \$19,578.00; School: \$1,330.00; Sunday School- Rally Day: \$200.00.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

Did you know that we do electronic funds transfer from your account to ours on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? It's a simple process! Complete the form with your contribution request and we'll do that for you. Those can be changed at any time, that works best for you, just contact the office with any changes. Feel free to pick up a form in church or school office. Please have completed form(s) turned into the office.

BULLETIN INSERTS:

As I will be out of the office from 4/24-5/2, any announcements that need to be included in the next two weekend service bulletin inserts will need to be emailed to the office by Tuesday, April 22nd. Anything sent after that will not make it in until my return to the office. Those needing mention in my absence, please contact Pastor Mark to make an announcement for that weekend service. Thank you!

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP:

The class trip will begin on Thursday, April 24. They return on May 2. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels, good weather, and wonderful times of learning.

COLLECTING SNACKS FOR SUMMER:

Kindergarten and First grade have started their Service Project of collecting summer snacks for students on April 11. We will donate collected snacks to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market, which supply snacks for families in our Red Bud public schools. Snacks will also be available through the school office for our own students. The following snacks or cash can be donated by bringing them to the school lobby: fruit snacks, granola bars, individual packs of applesauce, small packs of cookies, cheese crackers, breakfast bars, poptarts and small bags of chips. We thank you for your help with this project.

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.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the pedestal this weekend are given to the glory of God by the Confirmation Class of 2025. Thank 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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

+We welcome Nicole Sicka, Kayden Sicka, and Maverick Sicka into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the 5 p.m. Saturday service. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

SPRING RENEWAL:

LWML Southern Illinois District Lower Kaskaskia Zone invite you to their Spring Renewal on Thursday, April 24th at 9a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin. Registration from 8:30-9a.m. Theme: "Comforting Love" with guest speaker: Angie Filipiac of Angie's Purpose.

FROM THE ELDERS:

Pastor Nebel served St. John's for seventeen years. We have a normal tendency to initially contact Pastor Nebel when a significant family event occurs. St. John's is now blessed to be served by Pastor Mark Winkelman and Pastor Brian Nowak. When you or someone close to you needs pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Winkelman or Pastor Nowak or any member of the board of elders for assistance. If you would like Pastor Nebel involved in a special service, ask the church and we will gladly contact him on your behalf. Thank you.

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.

YOUTH GATHERING:

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

SUMMER FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Beginning Sunday, May 25th we will have an intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30a.m. This class will be engaging and educational for all ages as we look at "What's in The Bible." There will be a weekly video, activities for our kids and a time of discussion for all. Hope to see you there! ~Pastor Mark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

4/21- Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4/22-Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker; 4/23- Sydney Schweizer, Lindsey Fruth, Allyson Fruth, Kellen Herriman, Bodie Nehrt; 4/24- Jill Hanebutt, Randall Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alexander Sievers, Ashton Liefer, Braylon Brooks; 4/25- Ann Becker; 4/26- Connie Muench, Karen Liefer, Bailey Booker, Claire Grohmann, Ella Herriman; 4/27- Peggy Sitzes, Tiffany Wiegard, Aiden Kiefer.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 16:6 – “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here.’ ” Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen — He is risen indeed!

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Sometimes hurt happens in a family and never resolves. That unresolved hurt can translate into a parent removing a child or other heir from the gift plan of the estate. Talking through an estate plan is the perfect time to be reminded to try again at reconciliation. Your pastor can really help in these matters. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in reaching out for help. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “A Risen Christ and a Clean Room”

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7). Listen on KFUD 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy, but they really embody surrenders to death. Jesus Christ, sacrificed and arising again, liberates from submission to this ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

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:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke, Jody Winkelmann, & Carl Zschiegner; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Paul Schrieber; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Kenneth & Geraldine Koester, Darleen Scheffert, & Gary Schwartzkopf; Coulterville Care Center: Lorna Schneider.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttmann, Vernon Muench, Helen Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

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

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

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KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:

Date: Friday, May 9th, 2025; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline:** April 25, 2025

Menu: Tuna or chicken salad on croissant, veggie tray with ranch dip, fruit salad and lemon meringue pie; **Program:** **Campus Plan;** *Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement and Chief Communications Officer, Kathy Luther, Executive Director, Seminary Support; Your Seminary's Mission, Vision and Strategic Priorities;* *President Dr. Thomas J. Egger; Election of vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary;* **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010; **Questions?** Call Mary Jane Autry at 314-578-9158

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

Alleluia! He is Risen! Easter greetings to you & your family from our family at COS.

It is with sadness that the Board of Directors voted to close Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School after this school year. God made the decision seem clear when no new students registered for next fall. COS needs to fulfill teacher contracts that run through June, as well as pay bills that will continue due after that, so your continued financial support is much appreciated.

Rummage Sale: We will have our annual rummage sale on July 18 and 19. Items can be delivered beginning June 9.

COS Track: Our track team will be participating in the Chester Meet on April 22 at 4:00 p.m. Come and watch the Soldiers in action!

COS Prom and Post Prom are on April 26. Our students are looking forward to "The 70's Prom." Some pictures will be posted on Facebook after the event.

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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

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School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

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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,

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