

PRELUDE: "He's Risen, He's Risen"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: "He's Risen, He's Risen" (LSB 480, please stand for last stanza)



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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

C: Amen.

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

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT:

Psalm 105:1-5,8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- |
vation—* **if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.**

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;* **make known his deeds among the | peoples!**

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;* **tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name;* **let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!**

Seek the Lord | and his strength;* **seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,* **his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.**

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,* **the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

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

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- |
vation—* **if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.**

KYRIE:

(LSB 152, we sing the responses)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **A-men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is the Feast” (LSB 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: **Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)**

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 5:12-20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

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

THE GRADUAL:*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

THE EPISTLE READING:*Revelation 1:4-18*

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE:*(LSB 156, please stand if you are able)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter. C: (*sung*) **Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed

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.

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

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.

(please be seated)

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

“Open Our Eyes”

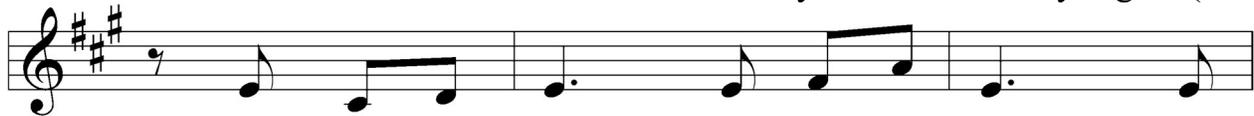
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

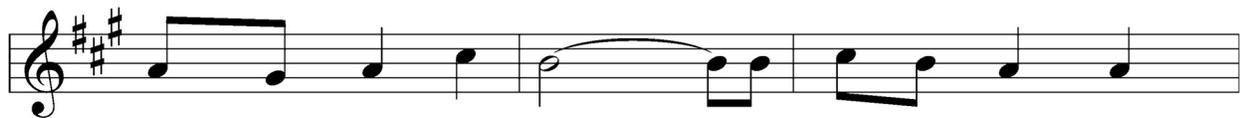
Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (LSB 720)



1	We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2	We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3	Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4	For	You,	O	res -	ur -	rect -	ed	Lord,	Are
5	Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra -	cious	words	we	hear	From	Him	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	He	trod;	But	in	His	prom -	ise
may	our	faith	a -	bound	To	call	on	You	when
found	in	means	di -	vine:	Be -	neath	the	wa -	ter
realms	of	clear -	er	light	We	may	be -	hold	You



none	e'er	spoke,	But	we	be -	lieve	Him	near.
we	re -	joice	And	cry	“My	Lord	and	God!”
You	are	near	And	seek	where	You	are	found.
and	the	Word,	Be -	neath	the	bread	and	wine.
as	You	are,	With	full	and	end -	less	sight.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 159-160)

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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: 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, Kenny Williams; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Diane Mesnarich Elliott, Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Ruby Hering, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, 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 Carl Zschiegner; died in the Lord on Saturday, April 19
 +wedding of Nick Amann and Brandy Crafton on Saturday, April 19
 +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

(The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn)

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

Preface:

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

Sanctus:

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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.

Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini:

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.

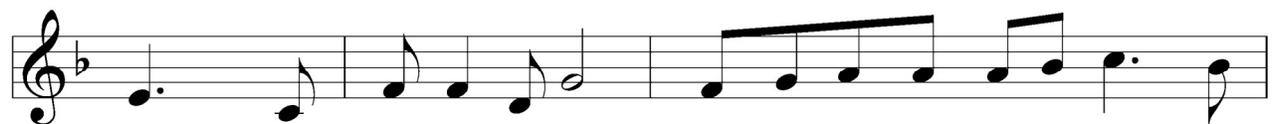
Agnus Dei:



C 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: (please be seated)

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” (LSB 470)



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
came their mas - ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”



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!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

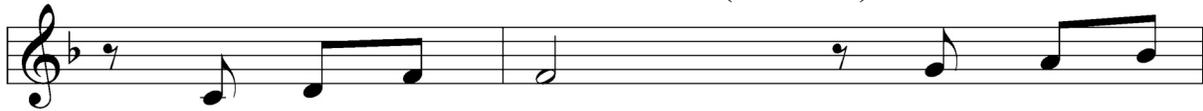
6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

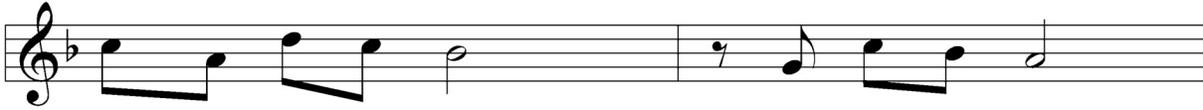
8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“What Is This Bread?” (LSB 629)



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un - der	the
Word	and	prom - ise	clear,	In	mouth	and
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace	Of	life	and	love	un - til	I		
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” (LSB 722)



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Thank the Lord” page 164



☐ 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 Collect and Benediction:

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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: (sung) A-men.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Go My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

POSTLUDE: “C Major”

by Georg Friedrich Handel

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This Week With Our Lord, April 28-May 4, 2025

Monday, April 28-

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting
4:00 p.m. Golf Match vs. RBC & Oakdale
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, April 29-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 30-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. RBHS Band Concert at School

Thursday, May 1- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

3:00 p.m. Royal Royale Golf Invitational
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, May 2-

8:30 a.m. All School Chapel at School

Saturday, May 3-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brody Rahn

SUNDAY, May 4-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sydney Krick
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Brooke Wolter

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Last week: Worship: 618; Communion: 468; Bible classes: N/A; Sunday School: 15
Maundy Thursday: Worship: 266; Communion: 133; Good Friday: Worship: 180

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/20- General: \$31,199.00; School: \$330.00; Debt Elimination: \$250.00.

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:

Our Church Secretary will be out of the office from 4/24-5/2, any announcements that need to be included in the service bulletin inserts for May 2nd-3rd, please contact Pastor Mark to make an announcement for that service. Otherwise, all announcements will be added to future bulletins upon her return to the office. Thank you!

COLLECTING SNACKS FOR SUMMER:

Kindergarten and First grade are collecting summer snacks for students for their Service Project from **April 11th to May 9th**. 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.

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP:

The class trip began 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.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON:

Our Church and School is continually blessed with the efforts of our volunteers. Volunteers, please join us in the school cafeteria on **Thursday, May 29** at 12:00 pm for a luncheon to honor and thank you. We'll be sending out invitations, but we don't want to miss anyone. Please call the school office at 618-282-3873 to **RSVP by Tuesday, May 27**. Thank you!

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the May edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It is also posted on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom the office has an email address. *To ensure an article is in the June Epistle, please send an email to the office by May 23rd.*

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:

+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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Carl Zschiegner who died in the Lord Saturday at the age of 91 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Friday, April 25th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

VOTERS' MEETING:

First Quarter Voters' Meeting will be held on **May 7** at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING:

The Men's Club will meet on **May 8** at 6:30 pm in the storage building behind Church. The evening will begin with our annual fish fry dinner. Hope to see you there!

EVENING GUILD GATHERING:

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at 1860 Public House Restaurant, Red Bud, in the Texico Room for a Dutch Treat dinner. Everyone will order from the menu. Guests and husbands are welcome. We will have the election of officers. Devotions by Marie Voges. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

We will be hosting VBS **June 16-20, 2025**, from 9-11a.m. at school under the theme of *Epic Australian Adventure*. Lots of helpers, volunteers, and teachers will be needed! Register using this link <https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL> for students & volunteers.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

4/28- Jamie Foster, Ashlynn Crafton, Layla Meyer, Emma Schlueter; 4/29- Pat Malik, Paul Schrieber, Ciara Hogendobler, Liam Quintin, Loxton Sutton; 4/30- Alpha Koester, Debra Ratcliff, Timothy Guebert, Laurie Renner, Liza Wagner; 5/1- Ronald Moeller, Lori Rees, Kyle Herriman, Byron Falkenhain, Kendall Liefer; 5/2- Sarah Roy, Mason Wiegard; 5/3- Roger Hanebutt, Marilyn Kuhn, Christopher Stenzel; 5/4- Richard Burgdorf Sr, James Walker Sr, Nancy Fuhrhop-Vogt, Michael Schrader, Cody Strong.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, ‘Go...and speak to the people all the words of this Life’” (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever—belongs to the heart of the Gospel and the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Through Locked Doors”

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19). 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.

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; 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.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Dorothy Heizer, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttmann, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Helen Winkelmann; Waterloo: Gary Schwartzkopf.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Wanda Steele, 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)

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 – Z- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

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. Family can have different opinions about whether current needs are more important, or if a future plan from an estate is. Balancing current and future goals, both for family inheritance and support of ministry is a vital part of a Gift Plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to think this through. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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!

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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

COS Dinner Theater: Join us on May 9 for “The Death of a Dead Guy”! Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner and show start at 6:30. Dinner Theatre tickets are on sale now. \$15 for adults, \$10 ages 6-12, and free for ages 5 & under. Call the school office (618-853-7300) to reserve your tickets. Advance sale tickets are recommended.

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.

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 Pinckneyville Meet on April 28 at 4:00 p.m. and the Bi-County meet in Chester on April 29 at 4:00 p.m. Come and watch the Soldiers in action!

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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

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, Ashlynn Crafton, Ally Hodges, Christine Liefer.

Church Council

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Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kenadee Crafton; (8 a.m.) Austin Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Blaine Rohlfing
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold
(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breann Muench
Flower Servers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick Paraments: Irma Birkner