

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 10-11, 2025

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

(10:30 a.m.) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB 711)



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

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 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;*

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.*

With upright heart he shep- | herded them*

and guided them with his | skillful hand

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;*

from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Choir

1. My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk through the shades of death, His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting breath drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows; His oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days:
Oh, may His house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

(10:30 a.m.) "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Bell Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 20:17-35

P: ¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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 7:9-17*

P: ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 22nd chapter. **C: (sung) Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my

hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

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:** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



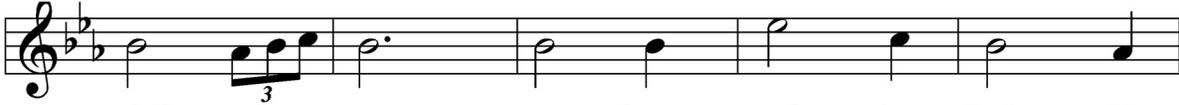
day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (*LSB* 709)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!**

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: Kenny Althoff, Riley Foster, 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, Marc Ernsting, 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 Harold Thies; died in the Lord on Tuesday, May 6
+for Lainey Kay Johnson, daughter of Joshua & Savanah (nee Cowell) Johnson, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 11
+thanks for and God's blessings upon our Christian mothers

(The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude 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.

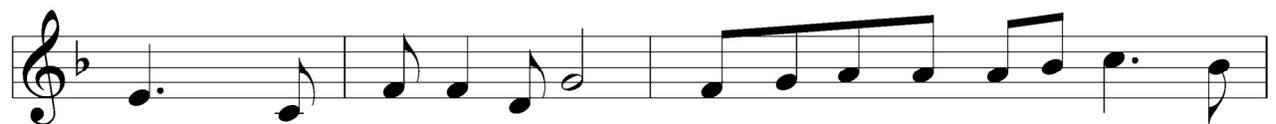
Agnus Dei:



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)*

ANTHEM: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" *Bell Choir*

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (LSB 641)



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Refrain

“Shepherd of Tender Youth” (LSB 864)



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the thron, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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:

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.

BENEDICTION ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord”

Choir

1. A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, Who doth great plenty me accord,
 Who leadeth me to pastures green, Gives me to drink from waters unseen.

Refrain: A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, A faithful Shepherd is my Lord.

2. With loving hands He giveth bread, His gentle Spirit calms my dread;

With health my body He endows, With blessings all my labor crowns. *Refrain*

3. On pathways narrow with Him I go; I shun not hardships, fear no foe.

He is my Rod, He is my Staff, True joy affords, my soul doth laugh. *Refrain*

Benediction:

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: “A Christian Wife and Mother” (*tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”*)

1. A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove

To mem-bers of her fam-ly a source of con-stant love,

A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,

A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.

2. She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,

As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.

With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord

She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.

3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,

And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.

They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,

We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.

POSTLUDE: “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

Acknowledgments Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

This Week With Our Lord, May 11-18, 2025

SUNDAY, May 11- *Happy Mother’s Day!*

Monday, May 12-

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

SIJHSAA State Golf Match @ Kokopelli Golf Club

Tuesday, May 13-

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 14-

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

Thursday, May 15- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

5:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

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

Friday, May 16-

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

Saturday, May 17-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Grant Florreich

LSA State Track Meet

SUNDAY, May 18-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kade Young

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Cooper Wingerter

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

April 27: Worship: 275; Communion: 57; Bible classes: 37; Sunday School: 37

May 4: Worship: 342; Communion: 179; Bible classes: 38; Sunday School: 38

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/27- General: \$11,651.20; School: \$255.00.

5/4- General: \$23,775.00; School: \$295.00; Debt Elimination: \$660.00.

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.*

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.

PASTOR MARK MOVING:

On **Wednesday, May 28th**, Pastor Mark will be moving to the parsonage. If you have a trailer or can help, please contact Pastor Mark. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe, Charlotte Evancich; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hooch, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess, Henry Veath; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Rebecca Moeller, Christa Brundage; 5/15- Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kimberly Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Megan Rohlfing, Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford.

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!

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.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

+We welcome Lainey Kay Johnson into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism on Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. service. She is the daughter of Joshua & Savanah (nee Cowell) Johnson. Her baptismal sponsors are Logan Cowell & Jobeth Crompton. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Harold Thies who died in the Lord Tuesday at the age of 95 years. He will receive a Christian funeral here on Tuesday, May 13th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for April- Pre-K3: Logan Gramenz, Dallin Liefer; Pre-K4: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert; First Grade: Huxton Grohmann; Second Grade: Madalynn Gulley; Third Grade: Blakelynn Grohmann; Fifth Grade: Aliviah Gulley. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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

JUNIOR YOUTH - BOWLING EVENT:

Our May event will take place on **Saturday, May 31st** from 6-8pm at the Red Bud Bowling Alley. Current 3rd graders (incoming 4th graders) are also invited since they will officially be in the Junior Youth group at that time! Families are also invited. Pizza and snacks will be provided. It is not necessary to RSVP, but it would be helpful for planning purposes. Any questions please contact Erin Kuehn @ 618-581-5928.

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*. Many helpers are needed to make our week of VBS a success. The areas that are needing help include: snack, outside/inside games, crafts, story time, five group leaders, two teachers for preschool aged classes, registration, and decorators. If you can only help one, two, or all five days we need you! We have over 50+ kiddos signed up already for the week! Help make the week an Unforgettable Journey with Jesus! Register using this link <https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL> or call/text Mr. Becker.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father's own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “How to Be Happy”

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. (John 15:11). Listen on KFUEO 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 Winkelman; 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, Trudy Woolbright.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes, we fear planning a future gift to ministry, worried that we might need to use that resource before the Lord calls us home. We can construct a plan for the future yet be free to use those resources today if needed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can explain. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts. Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) continues its study through 1 Kings, picking up with chapter 7. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we are continuing our journey through the book of Genesis. Join us as we study together, covering chapters 19-23. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (4/28 at 10:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion of confession and excommunication in the church. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

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)

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

2025 COS Graduation: Join us in celebrating our graduates, Gracie Jolley, Christine Liefer, Isaac Luebke, and Charles Rahlfs on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate with us: Come celebrate 26 years of God's goodness to COS in a closing service on Sunday, May 25, 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville.

Student Records: The state of Illinois does not require private schools to keep student records when they close. Files that will not be transferred with current students to other schools can be claimed in the school office by presenting proper ID before June 20, 2025. Remaining student records will be shredded June 30, 2025.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 18 and 19. Items can be delivered beginning June 9.

School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church – LCMS 508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

Church Office & School: 808 S Main Street 618/282-3873 Fax 618/282-4087

E-mail: office@stjohnsredbud.org Web address: www.stjohnsredbud.org

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, 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, Haley Ehler.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert
Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Becky Biffar
Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Kortney Moll
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 (8 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Aiden Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Max Voss
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr
(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Nancy Junge Paraments: Ella Hemmer