

PRELUDE: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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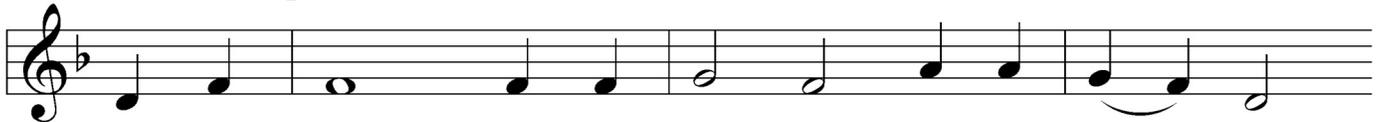
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

**OPENING SONG:**

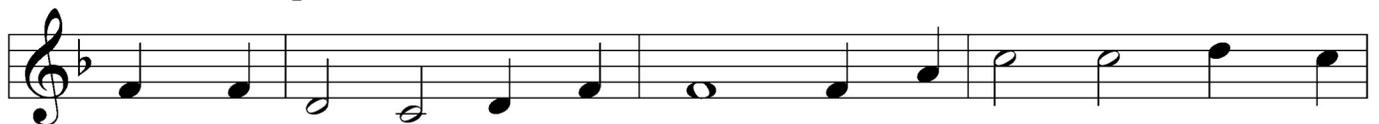
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

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 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the Lord

**for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

***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.***

My eyes are ever toward the Lord

**for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

*“Lord Have Mercy” (Solo/Congregation)*

1. *Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken;  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.*

**Refrain: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me.  
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me.**

2. *I have built an altar where I worship things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again. (Refrain)*
3. *I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. (Refrain, sing two twice)*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

P: For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

*Hebrews 12:2*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**EPISTLE:**

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

P: For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG:***“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (LSB 702, vs. 1)*

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!

**HOLY GOSPEL:***John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**P:** As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Apostles' Creed (p 175)

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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

*"Open Our Eyes"*

*Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, To reach 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. (sing twice)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY:

*"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" (LSB 697)*



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And  
2 To us on earth He came to bring From  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its  
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's  
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle  
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.  
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.  
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.  
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

## SERMON



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 Dr. **Paul Schrieber**; died in the Lord on Thursday, March 5

✠those who mourn: family of Jay Prigge; died in the Lord on Tuesday, March 10

✠those who mourn: family of Mary Liefer; died in the Lord on Thursday, March 12

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG:**

*“Blessed Assurance”*

1. *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. *Perfect submission, Christ on the cross. For my salvation He suffered loss, Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own.  
(Refrain)*

3. *Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest. I, in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.  
(Refrain)*

4. *Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!  
Claiming no merit, works of my own. All glory, praise be to God alone! (Refrain)*

**POSTLUDE:** “Blessed Assurance”

*arranged by Rachel Chapin*

*Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse*

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### ***This Week with Our Lord, March 15-22, 2026***

**SUNDAY, March 15-**

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

**Monday, March 16-**

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

Tuesday, March 17- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off & St. Patrick's Day*

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

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

6:00 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Volleyball Regionals

Wednesday, March 18- *Midweek Lent*

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service; Acolyte – Haydn Albert

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

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

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

5:15 p.m. Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service; Acolyte – Natalie Kassing

7:30 p.m. Confirmation Examination

Thursday, March 19-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. PreK & K Registration & Open House

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

Friday, March 20- *Epistle Articles are Due!*

Saturday, March 21-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Aliviah Gulley

6:00 p.m. 7th Grade Fish & Beer Dinner at Ratzkeller

SUNDAY, March 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Sutton Jones

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

10:15 a.m. to Sold out Lions Spring for Life BBQ

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Austin Stellhorn

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Pictures & Retreat

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

March 8: Worship: 346; Communion: 90; Adult Bible Classes: 38; Sun. School: 39

March 11: Worship: 177; *No Communion; No Chapel* (Midweek Lent)

March 10-11: Women's Bible Study: 11; Bible Recap: 23; March 13: *Not reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/8/26- General: \$20,987.00; School: \$495.00; Debt Reduction: \$500.00.

**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.

### **EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the March 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 April Epistle, please send an email to the office by **March 20<sup>th</sup>**!*

### **VOTERS' MEETING:**

First Quarter Voters' Meeting will be held on **April 29** at 7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **H. SCHRIEBER & SONS GENERAL STORE – A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

The Red Bud Area Museum is sponsoring an event on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. at 1860 in the Promenade Room. Free to attend.

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:**

We will hold services on Wednesday, March 18, at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A Lenten supper will precede the evening service (chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, & applesauce) beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The eighth-grade class will assist with bringing desserts & serving these meals. The free will offering will go towards their class trip in April.

### **FISH FRY FUNDRAISER: *Last call for tickets!***

The class of 2027 will host an all-you-can eat Fish Fry Fundraiser at Ratzkeller on March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person and include unlimited fried fish, sides, and draft beer. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, and the event is dine-in only. Please contact any 7th grade family to purchase tickets or for more information.

### **SPRING FOR LIFE BBQ:**

On **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** in our school parking lot (or school gym lobby, if it rains) from 10:15am to sold out, Red Bud Lions will be hosting their Spring for Life BBQ. Menu: Pork steaks or brats, with sides by our Evening Guild. Desserts available – Provided by Southwest IL Lutherans for Life & Youth Group. Sponsored by Red Bud Lions Club & Thrivent Financial. To Benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois.

### **LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: *Please Return Baby Bottles!!***

If you received a baby bottle on Life Sunday, please return it to the table in the front hall of the church or to the school as soon as possible. If you have any bottles from previous years, you can also return them to church or school. For each bottle not returned, Life Network has to pay \$2.00 to replace it so it is important to return the bottles whether they are filled with change or not. Thank you again for your years of support Life Network through their baby bottle fundraiser. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366) for any questions or concerns.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

3/15- Jeannie Voss, Rebecca Cooper, Emma Fritsche, Demi Grohmann; 3/16- Carolyn Stellhorn, Derek Uffelmann, MaKayla Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf; 3/17- Jane Blankenship, Deborah Siegfried, Ralph Sievers, Kerrigan Zeiger; 3/18- Verla Salger, Harvey Liefer, Tim Kueker, Crew Grohmann; 3/19- Larry Gielow, Staci Candler, Christine Liefer; 3/20- Ronald Seymour, Julie Koester, Nicholas Uffelmann, Landon Kilpatrick; 3/21- Virginia Moeller, Terry Donjon, Emma McCarthy, Nicholas Junge.

### **EASTER LILY FORMS:**

Easter Lilies will be on display again this year. We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. The cost is \$8 and you may return it to our church office or by way of the offertory plate by **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Forms are on the tables in the entryway. Thank you!

### **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 618-282-2394 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 Dr. Paul Schrieber who died in the Lord Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the age of 76 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Jay Prigge who died in the Lord Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 59 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

### **CLASS OF 2026 DC TRIP MEETING:**

We need to schedule a meeting before we leave for the 8th grade class trip. **March 23** at 6pm in the library.

### **STONIE'S SAUSAGE FOR SALE:**

The Class of 2028 is selling Stonie's sausage to help raise funds for their DC trip. A 12oz Summer Sausage stick, \$10 each, comes in a variety of flavors. Orders are due **March 26<sup>th</sup>** for delivery before Easter. Please contact Devon Albert or any 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent to order.

### **JOB OPENING – PART-TIME:**

The After School Care Program is in seek of additional assistance. We are looking for a responsible and caring individual to assist with overseeing after-school childcare. Duties include supervising children, helping with homework, and leading fun activities. Ideal candidates enjoy working with children and are reliable team players. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and available to start at 2:45p.m. Please contact Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck for more information via [cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org).

### **VOLUNTEER/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

The PTL is looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to help make a difference at St. John's. There are multiple ways to pitch in, including Cougar Prowl Fun Run, Faulty Gift Coordinator and PTL Secretary. See the Cougar Tracks for details on each opportunity to serve your child's school! Contact the school office or any current PTL officers if you are interested.

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES IN GERMAN:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wartburg will host Good Friday services in the German language on **April 3, 2026**. The service begins at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Darwin Schreder of Lebanon will be the guest preacher. Rev. Lyle Buettner, pastor at St. Paul, New Athens and Trinity, Darmstadt, Illinois will serve as the liturgist. The service folder with Scripture readings and hymns will be printed in the German language. St. Louis Radio Station KFUE at 850 AM will broadcast and live stream the service.

Holy Cross, Wartburg was founded by German immigrants in 1841. A German Good Friday worship service has been held annually, except for the Covid years. Worship is in the beautiful stone church which was built in 1863.

We invite the community, students and friends to join us to experience worship in the language of our forefathers. Holy Cross/Ladies Aid will be hosting a luncheon after the German service.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION:**

Christian Friends of New American's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Check-in starts at 6 p.m. and Trivia will start at 6:45 p.m. Location: Lutheran High School South, 9515 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123. Cost: \$30 per person or \$200 per team of eight. Please bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. Be prepared for a fun evening as we work together to support our new American friends. Register today at [cfna-stl.org/trivia](http://cfna-stl.org/trivia).

### **LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT IN GRAFTON:**

The Lutheran Older Adults Retreat has been scheduled for **April 15 & 16** at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Lois Eclert at 618-282-8241 for more information.

### **ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027:** (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

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 Kollin Liefer (618/830-7140)

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 – A. Zeller- Elder Tyson Russell (618/612-6227)

### **THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at [dvheller@htc.net](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

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

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Geraldine Koester.

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

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman.

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

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

### **CHURCH UPDATE - TITHELY APP:**

Pastor Mark has been working diligently to set up a new church app. Currently, you can view services and create prayer requests through the app. In the future, online giving will also be available. Click the following link to download the app and begin enjoying its features: <https://tithely.app.link/stjohnsredbud>.

### **SID GOLF OUTING – HELP WANTED! :**

Over the years our District Golf Outing each June has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to support church work students from Southern Illinois. The current leadership team has committed to training a new leadership team (2-3 people) this year. If you would like to help contact [siddpaa@gmail.com](mailto:siddpaa@gmail.com).

### **CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:**

**Date:** Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline:** April 17, 2026

**Program:** Three Hymns by Martin Hans Franzmann; *Dr. Jon Vieker, Dean of Chapel;*

**11:30 a.m.:** Registration in Koburg Hall; **Menu:** White meat chicken salad, croissants, broccoli salad, vegetable tray with ranch dip, fruit salad, lemon meringue pie; **Noon:** Luncheon and *Installation of Officers;* **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 3375 Dana Drive, Arnold, MO 63010-4255; **Questions?** Call Ellyn Petrovic at 314-952-8202

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. The estate plan certainly can focus on care for the family to whom you are responsible. But it also plans the distribution of financial assets that have accumulated over the years. Your financial advisor is tremendously valuable, bringing to the table your conversations about planning for family, education and retirement. These topics should be factored into your estate plan. Bridging the gap between current financial plans and estate plans is something your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist with. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 29! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 22. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (3/21 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. How often should we be receiving the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUEO Radio app!

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “No Command from the Lord”**

Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? (1 Corinthians 7:6-7) 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.

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

Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:**

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4–5

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources***

**Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”**

This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (8 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Karys Papenberg; (8 a.m.) Evan Muench

(10:30 a.m.) Maybre Falkenhain

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin & Kathy Liefer

(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert

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

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller