

PRELUDE: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LSB 465, please stand for last stanza)



1	Now	all	the	vault	of	heav'n	re -	sounds	In
2	E -	ter -	nal	is	the	gift	He	brings,	There -
3	O	fill	us,	Lord,	with	daunt -	less	love;	Set
△ 4	A -	dor -	ing	prais -	es	now	we	bring	And



praise	of	love	that	still	a -	bounds:	"Christ	has	tri -	umphed!
fore	our	heart	with	rap -	ture	sings:	"Christ	has	tri -	umphed!
heart	and	will	on	things	a -	bove	That	we	con -	quer
with	the	heav'n -	ly	bles -	ed	sing:	"Christ	has	tri -	umphed!



He	is	liv -	ing!"	Sing,	choirs	of	an -	gels,	loud	and
He	is	liv -	ing!"	Now	still	He	comes	to	give	us
through	Your	tri -	umph;	Grant	grace	suf -	fi -	cient	for	life's
Al -	le -	lu -	ia!"	Be	to	the	Fa -	ther	and	our



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



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



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

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)



C 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*



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: **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)**

FIRST READING:

Acts 5:29–42

P: ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL:

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

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

C: **he has put all things under his feet.**

EPISTLE:

1 Peter 1:3–9

P: ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if

necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE:

(LSB 156)

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.

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

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

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:** "The Lamb" (LSB 547, vs. 5 & refrain)

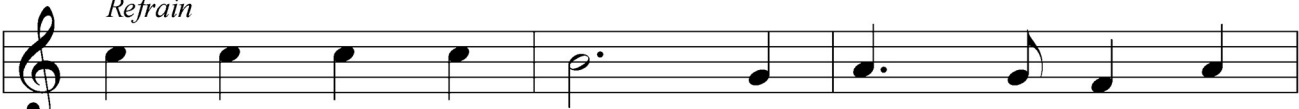


5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.




His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His

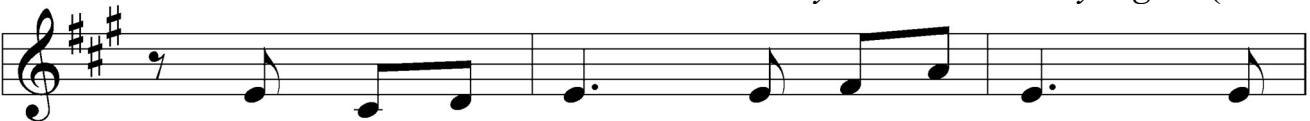


own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

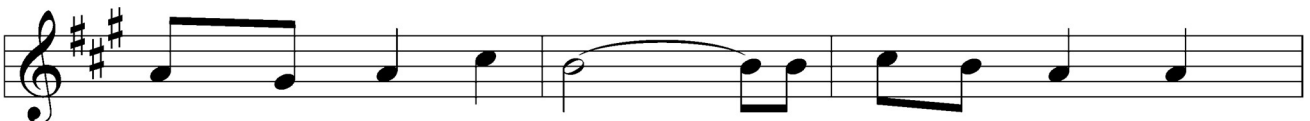
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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)*

C 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.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:*(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.

(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.

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: David Blankenship, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Barbara Korves, Stanley Langrehr, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Bernett Wright, **Trudy Woolbright**; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Andy Amann, Allana Chamness, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

MILITARY: Army- Zachary Beyer, Casey Vallett, 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, Abbey Vallett; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, 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, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Chad Buch, 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 Mary Jo Shelton; died in the Lord on Monday, April 6

✠ wedding of Joe Goeddel and Kailyn Moeller on Saturday, April 11

✠ safety for students and guests returning from the 8th grade trip on Saturday, April 18

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** pages 160-166ff.

PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

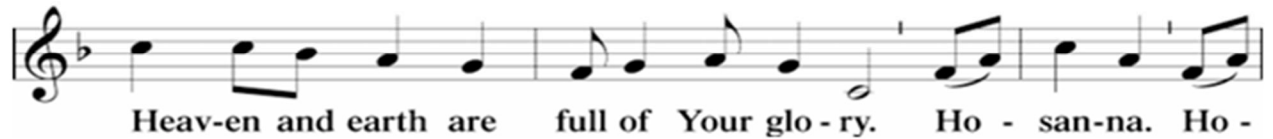
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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. A-men.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI:

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

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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **A-men.**

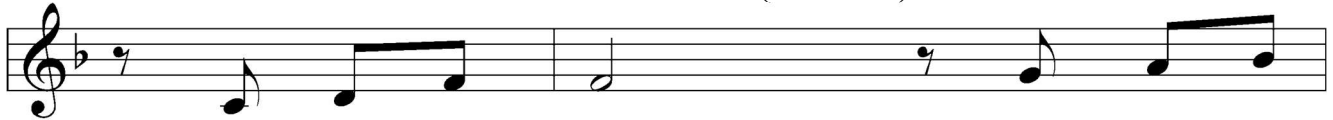
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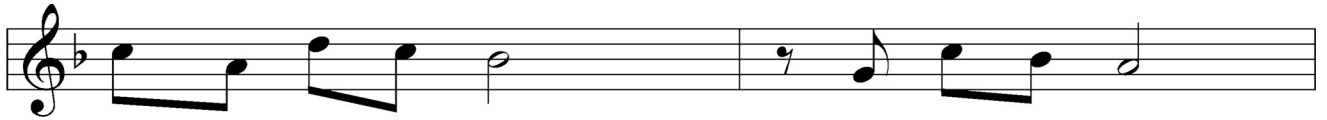
☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

“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 grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
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.

“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!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Thank the Lord” (*LSB* 164)



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

P: 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:

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:*“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” (LSB 531)*

1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

POSTLUDE: “To God Be the Glory”*arranged by Edward Broughton*

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This Week with Our Lord, April 12-19, 2026

SUNDAY, April 12-

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

Monday, April 13-

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting

4:00 p.m. Golf at Pyramid Oaks

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

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

Tuesday, April 14- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

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

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

5:00 p.m. Art Festival at Valmeyer

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 15-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel

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. Golf vs RBES & Smithton

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

OVC Junior Track Meet

Thursday, April 16-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

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

Friday, April 17-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, April 18- *8th Grade returns from Class Trip*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Finn Liefer

RBC Track Invitational

SUNDAY, April 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Loxton Sutton

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Holden Wagner

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

April 2 (Maundy Thursday): Worship: 324; Communion: 163

April 3 (Good Friday): Worship: 219; *No Communion*

April 4-5: Worship: 658; Communion: 471; *No Adult Bible Classes or Sun. School*

April 7-8: Women's Bible Study: 15; Bible Recap: 22; Chapel: 115

April 8: Worship: 12; *No Communion*; April 10: Chapel: *no count reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/5/26- General: \$38,122.20; School: \$290.00; VBS Contributions: \$400.00; Debt Elimination: \$665.00.

VOTERS' MEETING:

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

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the April 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 May Epistle, please send an email to the office by April 24th!*

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.

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP:

The class trip began on Friday, April 10. They return on April 18. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels, good weather, and wonderful times of learning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

4/12- Mark Moeller, Austin Whelan, Wyatt Cowell; 4/13- Jane Minemann, Dawn Schrader, Lindsey Schumacher; 4/14- Alverda Rahn, Trish Sachtleben, Sydney Kassing; 4/15- Jacob Arbeiter, Mackenzie Schweizer; 4/16- Terri Dilley, Chase Jackson, Cali Hoffman; 4/17- Roy Wirth, Carol Turner, Christine Deien, Claire Diewald, Cassidy Palm; 4/18- Neva Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Griffin Ziebold, Lucas Stellhorn.

THANK YOU:

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure our Holy Week and Easter services went smoothly. You all helped make our time together a wonderful blessing filled with joy. So thank you to Cynthia and all who helped in the office, to Lindsey and all our musically inclined individuals, Bill as lector, all our acolytes, Doreen as a guide, our Elders, ushers, altar care groups, open/close group, greeters, custodial crew, counters, flower caretakers, for those we failed to thank (our Lord knows your service), and everyone who attended and raised your voices in praise of our Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. May we continue to gather to receive His most precious gifts bought and paid for by His precious suffering, dying, and rising again.

~ Your Shepherds and the Overseers of your souls, Pastors Winkelman and Nowak

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for March- Pre-K3: August Guebert; Pre-K4: Kullen Liefer; Kindergarten: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert; First Grade: Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader; Third Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Fourth Grade: Kolton Liefer; Fifth Grade: Amelia Langrehr, Jack Valentine; Sixth Grade: Jackson Carnahan; Seventh Grade: Natalie Kassing. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:

Date: Friday, May 1st, 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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

A Family Fun Night for Pre-school and Kindergarten aged students will take place on **Thursday, April 30**, at school, beginning at 6:00 pm. Down on the Farm is the theme being planned for, with lots of fun activities including: games, snacks, music, guest readers and more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers of all ages are needed for our Family Fun Night on **Thursday, April 30**. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452 or call the school office at 618-282-3873.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REQUESTED:

Local leaders are looking for feedback from members of the community regarding the future of Lincoln Park. Future enhancements to the park are being planned and feedback is needed. Please click the link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/qWc347NZCoZ2tgAH8> Feedback is requested by **April 30th**. Thank You!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT:

St. John's Alumni Brody Stellhorn is collecting wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and crutches for his National Honor Society service project. Items should be in used but functional condition. Donations can be dropped off at school or church by **May 10th**. If you have any questions, please contact Brody at 618-615-5977.

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 Uffelman – 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 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 Rohlfling, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt.

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.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. (Ephesians 2:13–14)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Should you let your family members know the details of your gift plan from your estate, for family and ministry? It depends on many circumstances. But if at all possible, it is a great thing to draw family members in at the time of planning, to celebrate God's blessings together and to inform family members of your intentions so that they can do their part of honoring those intentions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in those conversations. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Early Adopters”

The risen Jesus is the “display model” of what we will be, through faith in Him. (1 Corinthians 15:20) 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.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're picking up with chapter 44! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

Sharathon 2026 is just around the corner! Save the date for April 30th-May 2nd—join us for live programming, giveaways, and more, and consider partnering with us! Learn more by visiting kfuo.org/sharathon.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Jesus sent out His apostles with His Spirit to be His witnesses, bringing His peace to the world through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21; Acts 5:32). Through their witness and the witness of the believers who followed, we too have been brought to faith and are therefore blessed even though we have not seen Jesus with our eyes (1Peter 1:8; John 20:29). When we “praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1) with our Gospel-motivated voices, our neighbors are also brought to see Jesus through us, that they too may believe and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1 Peter 1:3–4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

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!

If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that’s just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus’ resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



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Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

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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 – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director – Scott Voss Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr

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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Madison
Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Mycah Clements, Zandra Harless,

Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Reagan Birkner,

Olivia Noethen, Danielle Schmitz, and Tammy Roscow.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Trustee Chair: Jeremy Voss Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (Sunday) Pastor Mark Winkelman; (Saturday) Pastor Daniel Ostlund

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grant Florreich; (8 a.m.) Sydney Krick; (10:30 a.m.) Kenadee Crafton

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn Paraments: Virginia Moeller