

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10:30 a.m. Alternative Service

St. John's Lutheran Church

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "This Is a Joyous, Happy Day"

arranged by Michael Larkin

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING SONG:

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" (LSB 466)



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



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

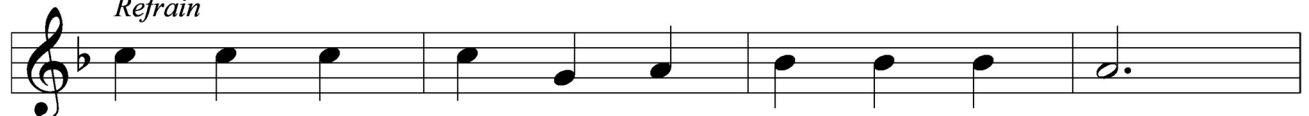


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



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

Refrain



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



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

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

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

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 133; antiphon: v. 1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is **when brothers dwell in unity!**

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

*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.*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is **when brothers dwell in unity!**

SONG OF PRAISE:

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Verse: **Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: **You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

Repeat Verse & Chorus

Ending: Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

P: ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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 1:17–25

P: ¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower

falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

SONG: *“Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!”*

Hal-le-lu! Ha-le-lu! Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord!

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Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Apostles' Creed (p 159)

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:

"This Is a Joyous, Happy Day" (sung twice)

This is a joyous, happy day; We celebrate Your gift of life.

Christ is with us, joy surrounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free;

He fills our lives with endless life. Christ is with us; Christ unites us.

Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit, Praise Christ Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

"Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" (LSB 476)



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE:

“We Come to Praise You”

1. Heavenly Father, we come to praise You, And to say thank You here in our song.

For all the gifts You give through Your kindness, Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

2. Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow, For all the blessings You died to share.

Life and salvation we have forever, Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care.

3. Comforting Spirit, move us to worship, Showing Christ's love in all that we do.

Help us to serve our brothers and sisters, Knowing the off'ring's given to You.

OFFERTORY:

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (LSB 821, vs. 1)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Kim Herriman, 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING 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.**

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 SONG:

“He's Alive”

Verse: **Do not fear, He's not here. Jesus has risen just as He said,**

Do not fear, He's not here. Jesus has risen just as He said, just as He said.

Chorus: **He's alive! He's alive! He's going to Galilee and there you will see.**

He's alive! He's alive! He's going to Galilee and there you will see. He's alive!

Repeat Verse & Chorus

Bridge: **He's alive! He's alive! He's alive! He's alive! He's alive! He's alive! He's alive!**

He's alive! He's alive!

Sing Verse once & Chorus twice

POSTLUDE: “Mercy Reels”

by Thomas Keesecker

Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt

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This Week with Our Lord, April 19-26, 2026

SUNDAY, April 19-

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

Monday, April 20-

4:00 p.m. Golf w/RBC at NCCC

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

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

Tuesday, April 21- *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

3:15 p.m. Retirement Planning Meeting for Mrs. Schmitz

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

7:00 p.m. LWML Prayer Service in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 22-

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

Randolph County Track Meet at Sparta

Thursday, April 23-

3:00 p.m. Royal Royale Golf Invitational

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

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

Friday, April 24- *Epistle Articles are due!!*

10:00 a.m. Spring Musical

7:00 p.m. Spring Musical

Saturday, April 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Athena Wolfmeier

SUNDAY, April 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Jackson Carnahan

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

10:15 a.m. Class of 2027 BBQ & Bake Sale

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Payton Liefer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

April 11-12: Worship: 272; Communion: 56; Adult Bible Classes: 22; Sun. School: 41

April 14-15: Women's Bible Study: 22; Bible Recap: 6; Chapel: *no count reported*

April 15: Worship: 34; Communion: 28; April 17: Chapel: *no count reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/12/26- General: \$11,613.00; School: \$150.00.

VOTERS' MEETING:

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

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.

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

LWML PRAYER SERVICE:

LWML Prayer Service led by Pastor Mark in the Sanctuary. **Tuesday, April 21**, at 7:00 pm. Guests welcome. Evening Guild will have a short business meeting, followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:

To celebrate Pastor Nowak's birthday on Wednesday, April 29, please send him a birthday card to him at school or at church in the Narthex. Happy birthday, Pastor!

COLLECTING SNACKS FOR SUMMER:

Kindergarten and First grade are collecting summer snacks for students for their Service Project from **April 20th to May 8th**. We will donate collected snacks to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market, which supply snacks for families in our Red Bud public schools. Snacks will also be available through the school office for our own students. The following snacks or cash can be donated by bringing them to the school lobby: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of cheese crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, applesauce, small bags of chips. We thank you for your help with this project.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

For our Family Fun Night (April 30th), we are in need of pedal tractors and small wheelbarrows. If you are willing to LEND us either of these items, please contact Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452. Thank You!

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.

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!

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

4/19- Danette Kaesburg, Erin Krick, Breanna Bingel, Aidan Lewis, Issac Moll, Ava Moll; 4/20- Karen Wetzel, Chloe Cowell, Josef Biffar, Lucas Summers, Ivory Howlett; 4/21- Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Clara Langrehr; 4/22- Matthew Becker; 4/23- Sydney Vogel, Allyson Fruth, Lindsay Fruth, Kellen Herriman, Brodie Nehrt, Scout Stenzel; 4/24- Jill Hanebutt, Randall Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alex Sievers, Ashton Liefer, Braylon Brooks; 4/25- Ann Becker.

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 Rohlfing, 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:

Jesus answered, “The most important [commandment] is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29–31)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Not in Vain”

Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58) 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:

The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are “for you and your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.

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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

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

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Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn

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

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn Paraments: Virginia Moeller



Behold, how good and pleasant
it is when brothers dwell in unity!

(PSALM 133:1)

STRUCTURE

- v.1 The blessing of unity.
- v.2 Blessing like oil.
- v.3 Blessing like dew.



AT A GLANCE

FROM THE TOP

A wisdom psalm, of David.

PART OF A WHOLE

One of the *Psalms of Ascent* (PSALMS 120–134), prayed as pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem.

"MOUNT HERMON"

At the northernmost reaches of the nation, the only mountain with snow in the land. Mount Zion is the hill in Jerusalem where the temple was located, a much drier area than Mount Hermon.

CHRIST IS HERE

Jesus fulfills the priesthood of Melchizedek (SEE HEBREWS 7). In Him all Christians are truly united in one body. This is most clearly seen as we receive His Body and His Blood for the forgiveness of sins.



Psalm 133 is a beautiful description of the unity that should be present among all families, all Christians and especially all ministers. From the opening chapters of Scripture, we see brothers at war with one another. This theme continues throughout the Bible. This psalm shows the desirability of true unity using the priesthood of the Old Testament. The priests were to be united in doctrine and practice. This unity is as precious as the very oil that anointed Aaron into the priesthood. It is as precious as the dew that falls on Mount Hermon and Mount Zion. Jesus' prayer in John 17 asks for the very same unity for His church: "That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (v. 21-23).



SPIRITUAL CARE

- At the anniversary of a congregation.
- Giving thanks for reconciliation.
- Before or after private Confession and Absolution.
- For the hearing of God's word.
- In thanksgiving for the Office of Holy Ministry.
- For Christian families.

USE IN THE CHURCH

Antiphon: v. 1b ("Let brothers dwell together in unity")

In the Daily Office: Thursdays at Vespers

At the Divine Service:

One-Year:

Gradual for Trinity 22 (v. 1-2a, 3b)

Three-Year:

Introit for Easter 3A (ant: v. 1)

Psalm for Easter 7C (ant: v. 1)



PSALM 133

PSALM PRAYER

O Lord, pour on Your Church all brotherly love and peace. Sprinkle us with the dew of Your blessing, that we may rejoice in Your glory and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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