

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4-5, 2026, 5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

THEME OF THE DAY: Job needed a strong hand guiding him and a tender heart loving him. And that's exactly what God gives him—and us. Resurrection joy is ours through Job's most famous words, **“I know that my Redeemer lives!”**

PRELUDE: (5 p.m.) “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”
(10:30 a.m.) “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Bell Choir
arranged by John A. Behnke

EASTER GREETING:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end he will stand on the earth.” (Job 19:25)

C: **He is risen!**

P: “God set him free from death and raised him to life. Death could not hold him.”
(Acts 2:24)

C: **He is risen!**

P: “Three days later, God raised him to life and let him be seen.” (Acts 10:40)

C: **He is risen!**

P: “God's Spirit now lives in you and he will raise you to life by his Spirit.” (Romans 8:11)

C: **He is risen!**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die.” (John 11:25)

C: **He is risen!**

P: “Don't be afraid! I am the First, the Last and the Living One. I died, but now I am alive forever more and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead.”
(Revelation 1:17-18)

C: **Christ is risen!**

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (LSB 457)

(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF SINS:

(From Romans 7:24–25)

P: Forgive me, O Lord, when my besetting sins entangle me and completely surround me.

C: **Who will rescue?**

P: Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts but so unwilling to bear the cross.

C: **Who will rescue?**

P: Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

C: **Who will rescue me?**

P: Forgive me, O God, when I am quick to find fault but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play but so late in prayer.

C: **Who will rescue me?**

P: Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

C: **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

+ A time for confession and meditation +

P: Who will rescue me and you from this body of death? Thanks be to God, he delivers us through Jesus Christ! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠ (LSB 152ff)

INTROIT:

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b



I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*

the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

The Lord is my strength | and my song,*

and He has become my sal- | vation.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious | in power,*

Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;*

You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*

the place, O Lord, which You have made for | Your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*

The Lord will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*

the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

KYRIE:

(LSB 152)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“*This is the Feast*” (LSB 155)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God and Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM: (5 p.m.) “*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*”

Bell Choir

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS HAVE AS THEIR THEME: RESURRECTION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Job 19:23–26

P: ²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING:

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.**

✠ GOSPEL PROCESSION ✠

(The Gospel is read in the midst of the Congregation, indicating Christ’s living presence in our midst. Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the chancel and back.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (LSB 490, vs. 1)

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

HOLY GOSPEL READING:

Luke 24: 1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

P: ¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered His words,

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (LSB 490, vs. 4)

4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Nicene Creed (p 158)

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.

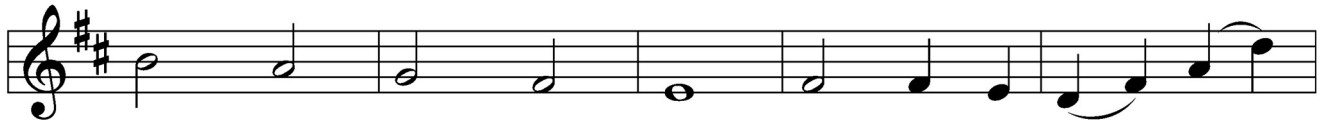
SERMON: *The Ninth Part in the Series: "Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord"*
I Know My Redeemer Lives! (Job 19:25)

- "I _____."
"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me." (Job 3:25)
- "My _____."
- *In the Old Testament a redeemer was a close _____—someone with _____ on!*
- *Whatever goes _____ your redeemer makes _____.*
"And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." (Job 19:26)
- "_____!"
"He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: 'I know that my Redeemer lives!'" (LSB, 461, stanza 8)

OFFERTORY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461, vs. 1-4 & 8)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(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, Mary Jo Shelton, 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 Geraldine Koester; died in the Lord on Sunday, March 29
- ✠ those who mourn: family of Wilma Schleifer; died in the Lord on Monday, March 30
- ✠ Robert & Mary Kueker’s 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, April 8
- ✠ safety for students and guests leaving on the 8th grade trip on Friday, April 10

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ (LSB 160ff)

PREFACE – PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(LSB 160-161)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

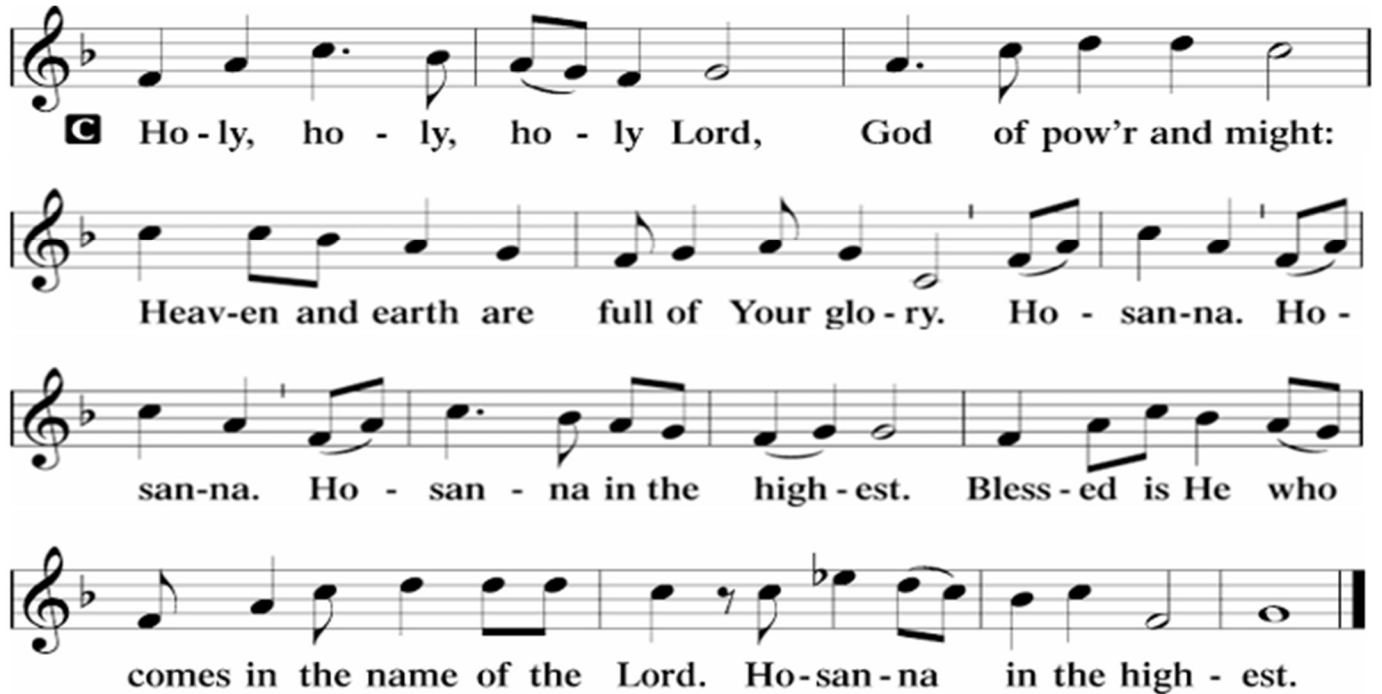
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

P: Prayer of Thanksgiving Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD - PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST (LSB 162)

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: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER – AGNUS DEI

(LSB 162-163)

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

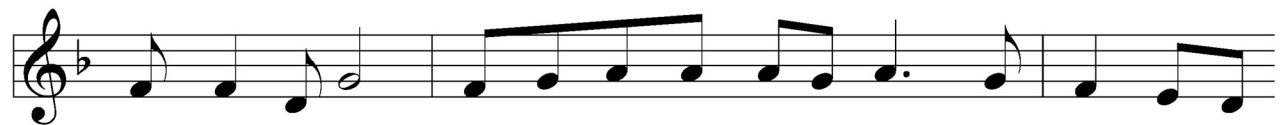
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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

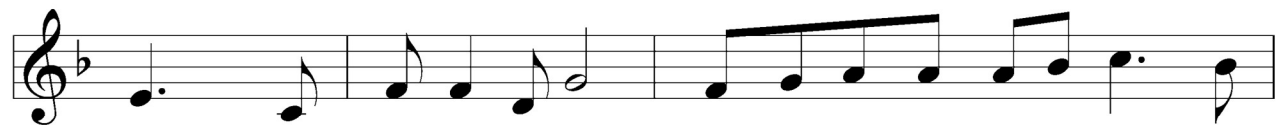
C: *(sung)* **A-men.**



☐ 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 :

“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 to 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.

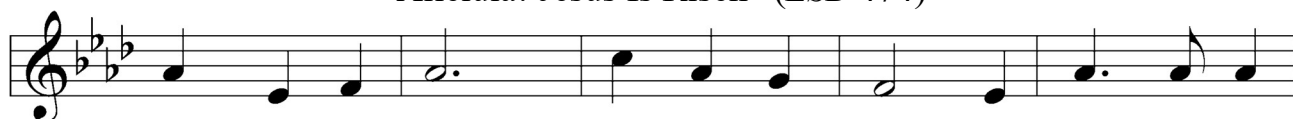


Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



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

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” (LSB 474)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom” (LSB 481)



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
 2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
 3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
 God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
 out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be-



clipped by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (*LSB 477, please stand for last stanza*)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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 - joice and proud - ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

(LSB 166)

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, from Your Son's loving, nail-pierced, and now glorious hands, You have fed us with His own risen body and precious blood, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross as well as a foretaste of the feast to come in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and of our final redemption. We thank You now with hearts and hands and voices, and we pray that You would take us by the hand to lead us faithfully until that day when we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Raise your praises high!

C: **With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, his wondrous love to see.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!

C: **From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen, death's dark reign is done!

C: **God's Holy Spirit guide our steps till life on earth is past.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Victory is won!

C: **So by God's grace we take our place in paradise at last!**

RESESSIONAL HYMN:

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (LSB 463)

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

SILENT PRAYER: Risen and exalted Redeemer, I rejoice in your victory with great joy and celebrate an Easter that will never end! Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom" *arranged by Steven Wentz*

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: (5 p.m.) Brody Rahn; (10:30 a.m.) Max Voss

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

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

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn Paraments: Virginia Moeller

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This Week with Our Lord, April 5-12, 2026

SUNDAY, April 5- *Have a Blessed Easter!*

6:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunrise Service

Easter Breakfast to follow Resurrection Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m. Resurrection Festival Service

Monday, April 6- *No School & Office Closed – Easter Break*

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 7- *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

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

7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting

Wednesday, April 8-

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
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair at School
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Golf vs Columbia & Sparta
6:30 p.m. Divine Service
SR OVC Track Meet

Thursday, April 9-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. Golf at Maryville Christian
4:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education Meeting
5:00 p.m. Spelling Bee
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, April 10- 8th Grade leaves for Class Trip

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, April 11-

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

SUNDAY, April 12-

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

March 29: Worship: 586; Communion: 381; Adult Bible Classes: 32; Sun. School: 33
March 31-April 1: Women's Bible Study: 10; Bible Recap: 17; *No Chapel* (Holy week)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/29/26- General: \$18,320.64; School: \$980.00; Sunday School – Rally Day: \$200.00.

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST:

The Easter breakfast hosted by Senior Youth will follow the sunrise service in the old gym at school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The school will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair on **Wednesday, April 8th** from 3-6 pm in the Gym Lobby. All school and church families are invited to come visit the Book Fair.

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP:

The class trip will begin 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:

4/5- Jessica Bowles; 4/6- Vernitta Wolter, Richard Burgdorf Jr., Luke Jackson, Jessica Rowold, Adam Quinn, Tori Muench, Presley Liefer; 4/7- Annelise Quinn; 4/8- Gary Buatte, Jennifer Hemmer, Brian Wetzel, Britton Liefer, Dawson Nichols; 4/9- Robert Stoll, Brenda Gilpatrick, Mark Vogt, Kathy Valleroy, Laura Wolters, Megan Brown, Jessica Langrehr, Alyssa Heller; 4/10- Scott Dilley; 4/11- Steven Notter, Kathleen Mueth, Stephen Uffelmann, Natalie Liefer.

COACHES NEEDED:

Anyone interested in being head coach of any sport that the school offers for the 2026-2027 school year please let Athletic Director Scott Voss know by **April 6th** so that the school board can approve and appoint head coaches at the April 9th meeting. Contact Scott at st.johnredbudad@gmail.com or 618-713-1652.

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION:

Christian Friends of New American's 19th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, April 11th**. 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.

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.

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

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)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Geraldine Koester who died in the Lord this past Sunday at the age of 92 years. She received a Christian funeral here on Wednesday, April 1st. 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 Wilma Schleifer who died in the Lord this past Monday at the age of 91 years. She received a Christian funeral here on Thursday, April 2nd. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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 Rohlfiing, 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 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. Your children do not have identical lives or identical needs. What may be good for one might not be good for the other. Being wise about how much inheritance to give, how to give it and when to give it, are all important questions as you look to be a faithful steward of God's things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can listen to your family story and offer some suggestions about how to care for your family the best. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "You Don't Know What You Have till It's Gone"

Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. (1 Corinthians 15:26) 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:

A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series, "Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

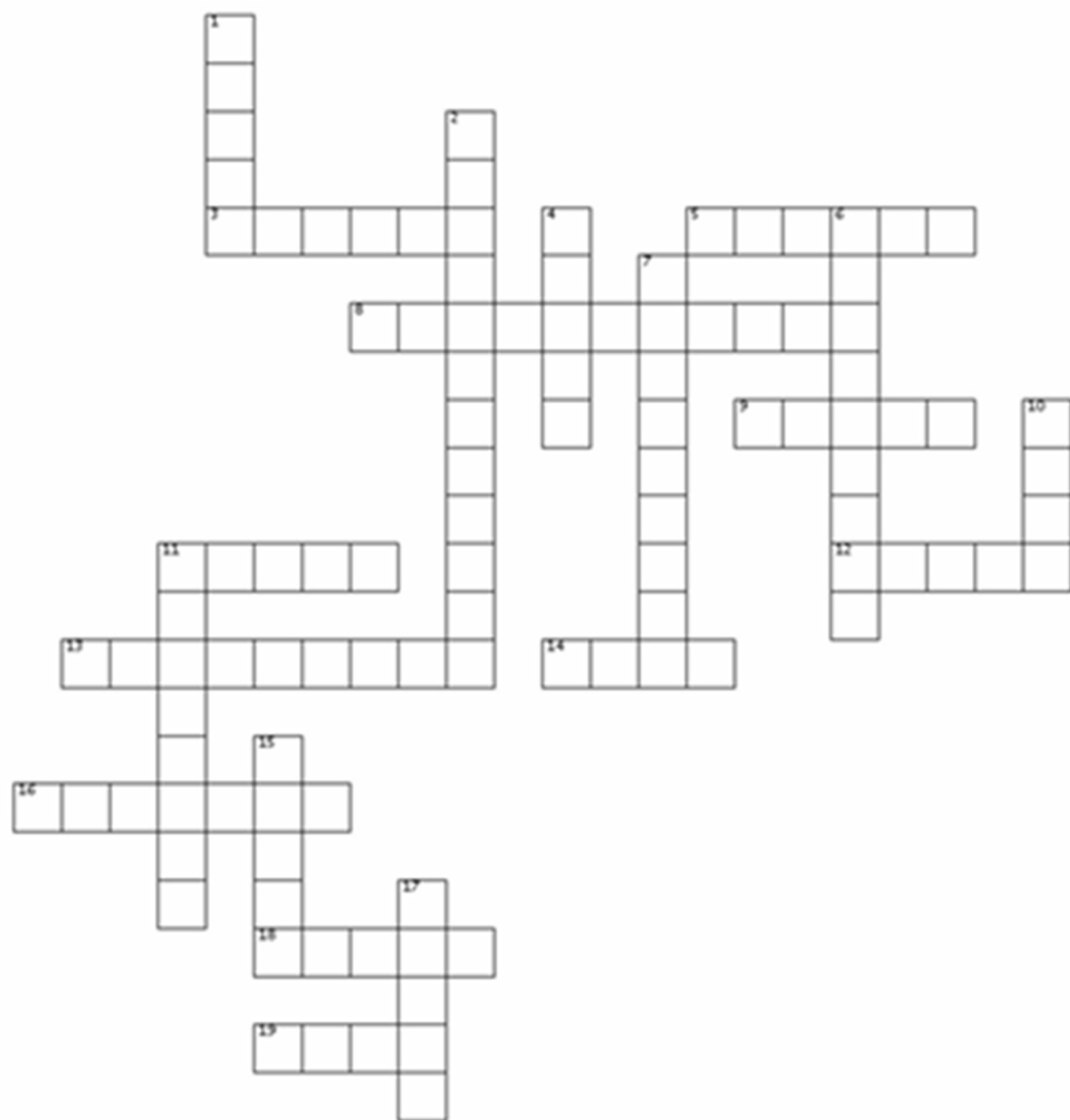
Alleluia, Christ has risen! This is *the* pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already "been raised with Christ" through faith and Holy Baptism, "seek the things that are above" (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

John 20:16 – "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'" Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Easter Crossword Puzzle

Instructions: Use the clues to fill in the words above. Words can go across or down. Letters are shared when the words intersect.



ACROSS

3. What was woven into a crown placed on Jesus
5. The day Jesus rose from the dead
8. What Jesus offers through His sacrifice
9. What fastened Jesus to the cross
11. Undeserved gift from God
12. How the tomb was found
13. Rescue from sin through Jesus
14. The place where Jesus was laid after His death
16. What Jesus won over death
18. What was rolled away from the entrance of the tomb
19. What Easter brings to believers

DOWN

1. What shines in the darkness
2. Jesus rising from the dead
4. How Jesus is described after the resurrection
6. Followers of Jesus
7. The city where Jesus was crucified
10. The woman who first discovered the empty tomb
11. The hill where Jesus was crucified
15. The wooden structure where Jesus was crucified
17. Heavenly messenger who announced Jesus was alive

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Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

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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

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

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Connie Muench Board of Finance: Becky Biffar

Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Jacob Arbeiter

Trustee Chair: Jeremy Voss Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin



Easter Lilies Garden List

Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Our Loved Ones	A gift from The Stenzel Family
Charles Guebert	A gift from The Guebert Family
Jane & Vernon Lucht	A gift from The David Lucht Family
Don & Paulette Kueker	A gift from Mike & Tim Kueker Families
Mr. & Mrs. Lorenz Guebert	A gift from Mary Ann Wegener
Jay Prigge & C. John Prigge	A gift from The Prigge Family
Morgan Wolter, Keith Wolter, & Floyd Wolter	A gift from Vernitta, Leslie, Brooke & Brinley Wolter
Judge Carl & Betty Becker, & Jason Roscow	A gift from Michael, Jennifer, Dylan, & Sam Roscow
Scherer & Wahneta Preston, Boniface & Elda Stirnaman, Robert Stirnaman & Nicole Stirnaman Valleroy	A gift from John & Norma Preston
Ralph, Nina, & Kim Liefer	A gift from Kevin & Kalin Liefer Families
Brian C. Hunt	A gift from Lisa Quinn & Family
Donald & Donald Ray Salger	A gift from Their Loving Family
Wilbert & Earline Stamm, Ben & Clara Maurer	A gift from Eugene & Doris Stamm
Our Son, Chad Grohmann, And in remembrance of beloved family & friends	A gift from Dennis & Kathy Grohmann & Family
Willie Guebert, Karin Lynn Whelan; Frank & Ardell Linnertz, & Larry Berg	A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, & Kane Whelan
Edwin, Nina, Danny, Beth, & Kimberly Guebert	A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, & Kane Whelan
Carl & Esther Guebert, Lois McQueen, Logan Proctor	A gift from David & Alice Guebert
James Deterding & Aaron Stellhorn	A gift from Jeremy & Becky Stellhorn
Our Grandparents: Harry & Jean Voss	A gift from the Voss cousins
Our Cousins: Keith & Morgan Wolter, Matthew Voss, & Charlee Kennedy	A gift from the Voss cousins
Our Uncles: Floyd, Wayne, Sam, Larry, & Tim	A gift from the Voss cousins

Easter Lilies Garden List

Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for:

Emily Martin & Sarah Rhodes

A gift from Gary & Pam Buatte

Our Family

A gift from Mike & Tim Kueker Families

Granddaughter, Kaydence Proctor, Confirmation

A gift from David & Alice Guebert

In Lieu of Lilies, donation of Palms for Palm Sunday, to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Our loved ones

A gift from Alverda Rahn & Family

In Lieu of Lilies, donation of Palms for Palm Sunday, to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for:

God's many blessings to us

A gift from Virginia Moeller & Family

You may pick up your lilies after 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Thank you!