



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

and Day Care & Development Center

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- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
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THE SEVENTH WEEKEND OF EASTER

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray!”

May 16/17, 2026

AS WE GATHER

Christians are “Faith alone” people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by Faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by Faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by Faith alone, trusting in the God Who supplies all our needs. We keep God’s Commands by Faith alone, confident that His Ways are better than our ways. And we pray by Faith alone, assured that our Loving God has opened His Ear and His Heart to hear and answer us. It is Faith, and Faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the Life to Come.

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”* Vs 1-4 LSB 904

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, we are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek and love and fear You,
by Your Teachings, sweet and Holy, drawn from Earth to love You solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight, lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till Your Spirit Breaks our night, with the Beams of Truth unclouded.
You alone to God can Win us; You must Work all good within us.

- 3 Gracious Savior, Good and Kind, Light of Light, from God Proceeding,
open now our heart and mind; help us by Your Spirit’s Pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and Bless our prayers and praises.

- 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our Salvation,
while we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises Yonder.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

John 3:16; 17:3

Pastor: For God so Loved the World, that He Gave His Only Son,

All: **that whoever Believes in Him shall not perish but have Eternal Life.**

Pastor: And this is Eternal Life,

All: **that they know You the Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have Sent.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: **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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

Pastor: Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to Die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

Pastor: I will sing of Steadfast Love and Justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.

All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the Earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His Presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His People, and the Sheep of His Pasture.

All: Enter His Gates with thanksgiving, and His Courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; Bless His Name!

Pastor: For the LORD is Good; His Steadfast Love Endures Forever, and His Faithfulness to all generations.

**All: 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.
I will sing of Steadfast Love and Justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.**

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

Pastor: Glory be to God on High:

**All: and on Earth Peace, Goodwill toward men.
We Praise Thee, we Bless Thee, we Worship Thee,
we Glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory.
O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that Sittest at the Right Hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou Only art Holy; Thou Only art the Lord.
Thou Only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art Most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O King of Glory, Lord of Hosts, uplifted in Triumph far above all Heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of Truth Whom You Promised from the Father; for You Live and Reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26*

ESV 1080

¹²Then [the Apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit Spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the Baptism of John until the day when He was Taken Up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His Resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and

Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, Who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have Chosen ²⁵to take the place in this Ministry and Apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the Eleven Apostles.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

ESV 1206

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s Sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His Glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the Name of Christ, you are Blessed, because the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him Glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for Judgment to begin at the Household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s Will entrust their souls to a Faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the Mighty Hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your Faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all Grace, Who has Called you to His Eternal Glory in Christ, will Himself Restore, Confirm, Strengthen, and Establish you. ¹¹To Him be the Dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 17:1–11*

ESV 1073

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had Spoken these Words, He lifted up His Eyes to Heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; Glorify Your Son that the Son may Glorify You, ²since You have given Him Authority over all flesh, to give Eternal Life to all whom You have given Him. ³And this is Eternal Life, that they know You the Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. ⁴I Glorified You on Earth, having Accomplished the Work that You gave Me to do. ⁵And now, Father, Glorify Me in Your Own Presence with the Glory that I had with You before the world existed.



⁶“I have Manifested your Name to the people whom You gave Me out of the World. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. ⁷Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸For I have given them the Words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in Truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the World but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am Glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the World, but they are in the World, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your Name, which You have given Me, that they may be One, even as We are One.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”* Vs 1-3 LSB 493

- 1 A hymn of Glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the Throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The Holy Apostolic band, upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His Faithful foll’wers see, their Lord Ascend in Majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 To them the shining Angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say; “This is His Glorious Triumph Day!”
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”* Vs 4-6 LSB 493

- 4 “You see Him now, Ascending High, up to the Portals of the Sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see, Returning in Great Majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 Be now our Joy on Earth, O Lord, and be our Future Great Reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, Throned with You forever, we shall praise Your Name Eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord, all praise to You let Earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit One.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

All: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy Presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the Joy of Thy Salvation and Uphold me
with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.**

NICENE CREED

All: **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

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us a pattern for prayer, and so we pray for the
whole People of God in Christ Jesus, and for all according to their needs.
Heavenly Father, may Your Name be Hallowed throughout all the Earth. By
the Spirit's Power, make us worthy witnesses of Your Grace and Glory.
Lord, in Your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Eternal King, we pray for Your Kingdom to Come and Your Will to be Done among us. Intervene where sin runs rampant and make Your Church an Instrument of Reconciliation and Peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Generous God, we praise You for caring for our daily needs of shelter and sustenance. Continue to provide Your People with plenty, that we may have opportunity to be reflections of Your Generosity in our giving to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Savior, make Your People quick to turn to You in repentance, and by Your Abundant Pardon, equip us to be messengers of Your Mercy to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful Deliverer, we pray for Your Merciful Rescue from the evils still present in our world. We lift up those struggling with sickness or grief, [*especially . . .*], and ask that Your Hand would lead them to Hope and Faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Triune God, we rejoice in Your Faithfulness. Make Your Dwelling in us and keep us in Faith until the Day of Christ's Returning.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.



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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial to give thanks to You, Almighty and Eternal Father, for the Glory that belongs to You alone, revealed in the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the sake of the world. By His Obedience, even to Death on a Cross, He both Glorified You and

Reconciled repentant sinners. Now He is Ascended into the Glory that has been His since before the world existed, and we who Trust in Him for Eternal Life raise our praises to You, O Father, to Your Ascended Son, and to the Holy Spirit, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy Glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that Cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: In gratefulness, we bless You, All-Glorious Father, for the sake of Your Ascended Son, for You have given Him Authority over all flesh, and yet in this Meal, He condescends to offer His Flesh as True Food and His Blood as True Drink for those who confess His Name. As those claimed by His Sacrifice, Redeemed from evil and everlasting death, give us hearts that gather at Your Table to recognize our Redemption, grow in our Faith, and declare the Glories of Your Mercy until Christ Comes again, for He Rules and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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 this, 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.”*

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

LSB 197

All: Amen. *(sung)*

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

LSB 198

All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.
St. John, Cudahy is a member of the SELC District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS).
- Communing here implies agreement with the teachings and practices of the LCMS.
Questions? Please speak with Pastor.

[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.

*As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.
Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. (Non-alcoholic individual cups are available in the center of the trays.)*

Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine, either from the Common cup, or the Cup you brought.

*If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup
in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN “*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*”

LSB 623

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray, that we may Feast on You today;
beneath these forms of Bread and Wine, enrich us with Your Grace Divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this Wondrous Food, Your Body Broken and Your Blood,
the grateful Peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of Heirs of Heav'n.
- 3 By Faith Your Word has made us bold, to seize the Gift of Love retold;
all that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.
- 4 One Bread, one Cup, One Body, we, rejoicing in our unity,
proclaim Your Love until You Come, to bring Your scattered loved ones Home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day,
when each will be Your welcomed guest, in Heaven's High and Holy Feast.

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HYMN *“O Lord, We Praise Thee”*

LSB 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
in thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst nourish,
our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy Body, Lord, born of Mary,
that our sins and sorrows did Carry, and Thy Blood for us plead,
in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!



2 Thy Holy Body into Death was given,
Life to Win for us in Heaven.
No greater Love than this to Thee could bind us;
may this Feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy Kindness did so constrain Thee,
that Thy Blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast Paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His Grace and Favor,
that we follow Christ our Savior,
and live together here in love and union,
nor despise this Blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy Good Spirit forsake us;
grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; give Thy Church, Lord, to see
days of Peace and Unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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HYMN *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

LSB 805

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him Above, ye Heav'nly Host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most Glorious Father, we thank You for feeding our Faith through this Holy Supper, strengthening us to live as those who know and believe Your Truth. Keep us in Your Name and make us one through our Ascended and Reigning Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

John 3:16; 17:3

Pastor: For God so Loved the World, that He Gave His Only Son,

All: that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Eternal Life.

Pastor: And this is Eternal Life,

All: that they know You the Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent.

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you always.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

LSB 924

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your Blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your Love possessing, triumph in Redeeming Grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration, for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the Fruits of Your Salvation, in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your Truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your Love shall Call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let not fear of death appall us, glad Your Summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

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Jim Moss

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Organist:

Sat: Tom Bellis

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Lynn Anderson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Tom Bellis, Donna Polzin, and Irv & Liz Wargolet
- † friends of our family of Faith: James Bentley and Fay Lanigan
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski, Jim Allen, Joe Mathew, Dan Gerber, John Rauch, Nate Watters, and Ernie Fletcher
- † the Armed Forces of the USA, especially those deployed, and those on the front lines around the world (Armed Forces Day)



THANK YOU!!

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the women of Dorcas that helped with so many things for our Celebration. Also, a Big Thank You to Pastor DeVries and all the men who set up, served, and cleaned up after the event. I am very grateful for all of your help. Paulette Schmadl

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF LIFE

We are celebrating God's Gift of Life and honoring mothers and fathers by collecting baby items like diapers, wipes, etc. now through June 21 (*Father's Day*). All items collected will be given to A Place of Refuge (a crisis Pregnancy Advocacy Service,) which is a ministry of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS. Look for the Pack-N-Play located in the Narthex.

MINISTRY FAIR 2026

On May 16 & 17, we celebrate the Blessings God continues to give us by having a Ministry Fair. Come to the Fellowship Hall to see how each Board, Committee and Group has prepared to show and tell how they continue to be God's instruments to share His Love with our Church, community and the world. All items will remain on display through our *Voters' meeting on June 7*.

THE THURSDAY MAY 21, 1:30PM BIBLE STUDY – NO MEETING THIS WEEK

The "Tour of the Bible" Study will not meet this week. Pastor Krueger will be out of town.

120TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS & POLOS

In preparation for the 120th Anniversary of St. John, we are selling T-shirts and polos! Orders will be taken Saturday, May 23, through Sunday, June 4, so that they will arrive by July 4. Samples of colors, shirts, sizes, and logo styles are available to check before you order. Please have cash or check for your payment. Questions? Contact Erica Leannah at 414-722-0735.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 103

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MAY 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 13,166.00	\$ 310,290.67
Obligations:	\$ <u>16,137.60</u>	\$ <u>319,020.30</u>
Balance:	\$ (2,971.60)	\$ (8,729.63)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 16,270.37

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$1,324.00	\$1,229.24

BIBLICAL GIVING – Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

SPECIAL GIFT

General Fund

- + from Carol Steinke in memory of Anita Fuller
- + from Susan Miller in memory of Jarka Axtell who was a good friend of her mom, Darinka Kohl and a lifelong member of St. John

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? St. John offers "Electronic Giving" for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to your church account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. Contact the Church Office at 414-481-0520 for more information.

VBS MEETING

There will be 2 VBS meetings on Thursday, May 28, the first at Noon and then also at 6:30pm. We are in need of a MEGAPHONE for the games if anyone has one to lend us. It will be returned on Saturday, July 25.

DORCAS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 AT 6:00PM

All women are invited to attend the meeting. The Dorcas Officers will provide dinner so bring your appetite with you. We will also be collecting personal care products for Project Concern (ie: soaps, lotions, deodorant, etc. and socks of all sizes.) Hope to see all of you at the meeting. Paulette.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth
May 16
Susan Smith
May 18
Mary Brigger
May 20
Anthony Cottrell
May 21
Mitchell Monroe
May 22
Lisa Moss
Quinn Olson

...of baptism
May 16
Mikayla Beals
Sierra Tomko
May 18
Claudia Anderson
Peter Brandstrom
Elizabeth Wargolet
May 20
Don Flemming
Marta Page

...of marriage
May 18
Robert & Sarah Schmadl
May 19
Emmerich & Patricia Mueller
May 22
Patrick & Debra Warpechowski



If your celebration day is incorrect (or doesn't appear), please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual **Voters' Assembly** is set for **Sunday, June 7, at 10:30am.** (There will be **No Bible Study that day.**) At this meeting, we will consider the 2026-27 Church Budget, elect members to various Boards and Offices, and receive reports and updates as needed from our Boards. Please plan on attending this important meeting so we have a quorum to conduct business. Thank you for your involvement in the effective administration of our Church affairs, all to the Glory of our Lord and Savior!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JULY 4 – PARKING

Volunteers are needed on July 4 for parking in the morning for the parade through the evening for the fireworks. There are assorted shifts that range from 7am until 9:30pm. You can help for as little as 1 hour, or as much as you want. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, or you can call Mark Simmons at 414-292-7851.

THANK YOU TO OUR HANDBELL RINGERS!!

A Great Big THANK YOU to our Handbell Ringers for sharing your love for music, and ability to share your talents once again during this past season with our congregation. God's Blessings to you all! We look forward to your return next season.



Anne Brandstrom: Director

Kristi DeVries	Markus DeVries	Karen Erickson
Jim Fahser	Craig Hanke	Sandy Minshew
Julie Monson	Donna Munnik	Don Seaman
	Lyn Weber	

CALENDAR: MAY

Sat. 16		MINISTRY FAIR / ARMED FORCES DAY
	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun. 17		MINISTRY FAIR
	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study: (<i>JESUS SAID WHAT?</i>)
	10:30am	LAST Adult Information Class
Mon. 18	5:30pm	Social Concerns Meeting NO Adult Bible Study
Tue. 19	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC)
	10:30am	Day Care Meeting
	1:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed. 20	9:30am	AdvaCare Sr. Living SF
Thur. 21	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
	9:30am	Day Care Devotions
	10:15am	AdvaCare Sr. Living OC
		NO Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
	7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri. 22		
Sat. 23	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun. 24	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study: (<i>JESUS SAID WHAT?</i>)

HELP WANTED

St. John Day Care is looking for someone to work with school-age children for the summer. For more information, call Karen at 414-482-0554.

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