

# ***St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School***

711 & 805 W 5<sup>th</sup> St., Neillsville, WI 54456

**Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**

## ***"Welcome Visitors & Members!"***

*To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.*

*For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.*

## ***Easter 6***

***May 5 & 7, 2024***

**Easter:** St. Paul writes, "Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead". The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. The reality is: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, and Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

**Today is Easter 6. Our focus today: Resurrection Reality: Jesus' business is love; ours is the same.**

**Communion:** *We will celebrate the Lord's Supper today using the regular style of distribution at the rail.*

*St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.*

## The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His  
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A




meet the debt I owe. He  
 bare be - fore his gaze. For  
 love that con - quers death, Pos -




came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
 me the price of sin he paid; My  
 sess my heart that it may be Your

*(Hymn continues on page 3)*


## Hymn 749 (continued)



laid his glo - ries by, For  
sins be - yond re - call Are  
king - dom with - out end, O



me a home - less life to lead, A  
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
Christ who died for love of me And



shame - ful death to die.  
died to bear them all.  
lives to be my friend.

*This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832

## Divine Service I CW Supplement

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *(spoken)* Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a greyed-out box, followed by the lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff continues with the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (☩) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *(spoken)* Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



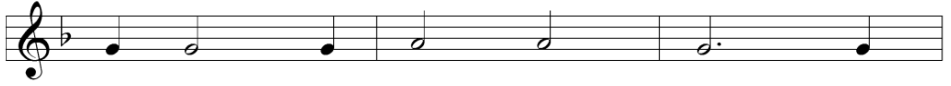
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



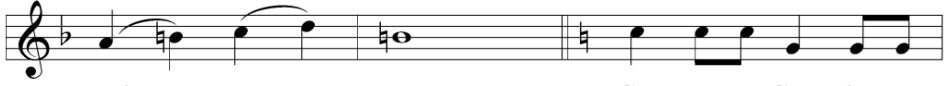
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**M** Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(spoken)* Amen.

## THE WORD

### **First Lesson: Acts 9:36-42**

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"

<sup>39</sup>Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup>After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup>This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>43</sup>Peter stayed in Joppa for many days with a man named Simon the tanner.



# Psalm 89A

# CW 21

## Refrain

For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the  
LORD, the good - ness of the LORD.

## Tone

I will sing of the LORD's great love for- / ever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all gener- /  
ations.

I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in / heav'n itself.

The heavens praise your / wonders, LORD,  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy ones. **Refrain**

Who is like you, LORD God Al- / mighty?  
You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim you,  
who walk in the light of your / presence, LORD.

They rejoice in your name / all day long;  
they celebrate your / righteousness.

**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. Refrain**

Tune: Marty Haugen

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**Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-11,19-21**

*<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.*

*<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup>This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.*

**Verse of the Day: 1 Corinthians 13:13**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17**



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

*<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.*

*<sup>12</sup>“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.*



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
 2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en  
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
 4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus  
 5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care May we each



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
 man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to  
 those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and  
 o - ther's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in your sight, To live our lives to you.  
 you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.  
 word and thought May work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.  
 need - ed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
 All those who live to live in love  
 Till you receive in heav'n above  
 All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
 Tune: ISLEWORTH (888 6) Samuel Howard, 1710–82.

## SERMON TEXT: John 15:9-17

## WHO ARE YOU?

I. Chosen...to be on the receiving end of Jesus' love.

II. Chosen...to be on the giving end of Jesus' love.



Cre - ate in me a  
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



**OFFERING**--*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.*

*Visitors may also sign the guest register by the drinking fountain.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

### THE SACRAMENT

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is good and right so to do.

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{†}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *(spoken)* Amen.



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

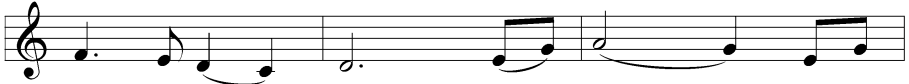
*Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of



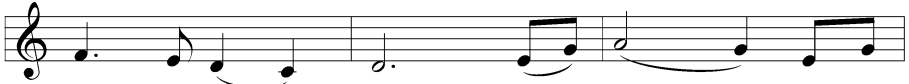
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 557

**Personal Prayer after communion:** Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

557 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

CW 21



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark-ly  
 3 My own good works a-vailed me naught, no mer-it they at-  
 4 But God be-held my wretch-ed state be-fore the world's foun-



spring-ing, and, with u-nit-ed heart and voice and ho-ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; in sin my  
 tain-ing; my will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for  
 da-tion, and, mind-ful of his mer-cies great, he planned for



rap-ture sing-ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, how  
 moth-er bore me. Yet deep and deep-er still I fell; life  
 me re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair left  
 my sal-va-tion. A fa-ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic-t'ry won. How dear-ly it has cost him!  
 had be-come a liv-ing hell, so firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
 on-ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen-tence.  
 my re-demp-tion fer-vent-ly; he gave his dear-est trea-sure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:  
 "It's time to have compassion.  
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
 and bring to all salvation.  
 From sin and sorrow set them free;  
 slay bitter death for them that they  
 may live with you forever."

- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
was born of virgin mother,  
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
he came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
a servant's form like mine he bore  
to lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
for you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
and evermore you shall be mine;  
the foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe will shed my precious blood,  
me of my life bereaving;  
all this I suffer for your good;  
be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
my innocence shall bear your sin,  
and you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,  
the Holy Spirit sending  
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
my help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be,  
teach you to know and follow me,  
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws  
should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;  
this final word I leave you."

Text: tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546  
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# SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**M** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C** **his mercy endures forever.**

**M** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C** **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**M** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **(spoken) Amen.**

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** **(spoken) Amen.**

## 697 *May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill* CW 21



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on  
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -  
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;  
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.  
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your  
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of  
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.  
all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.  
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

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# ***This Week at St. John's: May 5, 2024***

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Greeters: Kathleen Quast & Lynda Hilliard

Ushers: Team 1-Joel Zschernitz' team

Altar Guild: Judy Quicker

Donating Bulletins: Henry & Julie Berry

Donating May Website: Bob & Bernice Cords for their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Thanks to God!

## **SERVING US THURSDAY**

Greeters: Joan Zickert & Jean Goetz

Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Jean Goetz & Ashley Leiterman

## **SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY**

Greeters: Ed & Jenn Schmid

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Rachel Anderson & Jenny Shadrick

## **~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~**

### **TODAY**

9:00 AM Communion Service

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

11:30 AM Sunday School Teachers Meeting

### **MON-TUES**

Joint Pastors' Conference

### **MONDAY**

5:15 PM School Board Meeting

6:00 PM LIGHTS

### **TUESDAY**

4:00 PM Church Band

6:00 PM Communion Service

7:00 PM Church Council

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:20 AM Chapel

3:45 PM Confirmation Class

6:00 PM FSJ

### **THURSDAY**

5:00 PM Altar Guild serves supper

6:00 PM Ascension Worship-Choir sings

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Communion Service

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

### **Worship the Lord with Gladness:**

Last Sunday: 207; Tuesday: 2

### **Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:**

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday:

\$7,383.36 (Home); \$472.62 (Missions)

Needed per week for Home: \$8,400.00.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**Bible Class:** Bible Class will be held today after the worship service in the church basement. Join us as we continue our study of 1 Peter.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will be held today after the worship service. All children age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome.

**Pastor's Conference:** Pastor Biebert will be gone tomorrow and Tuesday attending a joint pastors' conference.

**LIGHTS:** Our LIGHTS group will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the school conference room.

**Church Band:** Our church band will be rehearsing this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the church balcony. All instrumentalists are welcome!

**Ascension Day Worship:** Our Ascension Day worship service will be a joint service with Immanuel, Globe and St. John's, Christie this Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held here at 6:00 p.m. (Offerings given in your special Ascension Day envelopes will be split evenly between home and missions.)

Our Altar Guild will be serving supper in the school gym before the worship service this Thursday. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. The menu will include sandwiches and salads and extras. All are invited.

**Bulletin Board:** Is there someone who would like to take over updating the bulletin board by the drinking fountain in the church entryway? Call or see Pat Strangfeld if interested, as she has some supplies you might want to use.

**Calendar:** May calendars are available in the entryway.

**FIG:** The May edition of "Forward In Christ" is available in the entryway.

**Congratulations:** We congratulate Mrs. Mary Luchterhand on her retirement from her position as Lead Teacher of the Toddler Room here at St. John's. Mary played a large role in preparing for and opening up our Early Learning Center here and we definitely couldn't have done this without her. Mary does want to thank the parents for all their support throughout

the years. Mary loves her work here with the children so much that she isn't quite ready to be done completely and will still work in the Learning Center on a part time and as needed basis. Mrs. McKayla Schoen will be taking over the Lead Teacher role starting this summer. We are still looking for a classroom aide for the toddler room. If you or anyone you know has interest in this position, please let us know and ask Megan Allard for more information.



**Student of the Week:** The student of the week is Jarus Backaus. Jarus is in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. He has been a hard worker all year, gets his work done, is polite and respectful, and sets a good example. Congratulations Jarus!

**Music, Lit, & Skit Night-5/16:** Our annual Music & Literature Appreciation Night will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the main part of the church.

What kind of show will it be? We would like to have singers, piano players, and other instrumentalists, but we'd also like to broaden the show to involve people who may not be musically inclined. We are also looking for people who may want to read an excerpt from a favorite book, or read a poem they've written, or act out a skit...The list is endless. There are no "prizes" involved; we just want to share our God-given talents with each other and have a fun evening.

**Youth Group Brat Fry-5/18:** Our Youth Group will be having a brat fry at IGA on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-2:00. Proceeds will go to help cover costs for the teens to attend the International Youth Rally in Colorado in June.

**Graduation Sunday-5/19:** Students in grades K-8 will be singing for our Graduation worship service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The service begins at 9:00 a.m. In a special ceremony during the worship service, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving their diplomas.

**Preschool Graduation:** Grades 3K and 4K will be having a special graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.



**Last Day of School-5/23:** Our last day of school will be **Thursday, May 23. That is a half-day only.** We will have a closing chapel service that morning at 8:20, to which all are invited. We will have a picnic lunch at **11:00**, to which all parents are also invited, and school will dismiss after lunch.

We will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. If you are planning on joining us, please bring a dish to pass. Thank you!

**Fundrive Wrap-Up:** We delivered all the items that were donated toward our Fundrive to Savers in Eau Claire this past Thursday. Our goal was to raise \$1,000; we exceeded that by raising \$1,894.07 for the school bathroom project!! We had a total of 15,967 pounds altogether! If there are other groups who would be interested in doing a fundraiser through Savers, they can ask us for a referral code and we will get an extra \$50.

We would like to offer a huge "thank you" to everyone who donated items; your support is greatly appreciated!! Special thanks goes to the following: Eric & Julia Backaus for the use of their trailer, Joel & Darlene Zschernitz, Pat & Alice Glinski, and Linda Biebert for helping load and count donations, Steve Knoop for the use of his semi-trailer, Mel & Sharon Nemitz for covering the \$200 to use the semi, Jeremy Knoop for driving the donations to Eau Claire and helping to unload, Pastor & Linda Biebert and Matt Meyer for helping to unload.

**WELS Night at the Brewers:** *Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 12 to watch the Brewers take on the Washington Nationals. Tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted and are reserved all together in a block. Seating will be along the field outfield box, and cost is \$23/ticket.*

*A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway. If we have a group of more than 20 people, we will order the tickets as a group to be seated together and save on service fees. If there are less than 20 people interested in going, individuals can order on their own. If you would like to go, please sign up by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> so we know how many are interested.*

*Don't forget to order your WELS Night at the Brewers t-shirt at [welsstore.net](http://welsstore.net)!*

**WELS Weekly Prayer:** *Lutheran Schools – Lord Jesus, we praise you for your amazing, unchanging truths revealed in the Bible—your perfect law and your gracious fulfillment of the law, suffering, death, and resurrection from the dead for our salvation. We thank you for churches and schools where fellow Christians walk with us as we grow in your grace and teach it to the next generations. We also thank you that neighbors are finding peace in the clarity of the Christian values we teach in our schools. Enable us to provide enough teachers to meet the needs of our students, and may your Holy Spirit lead families to trust in you through your gospel in Word and sacraments. Amen.*



### ***To assist you in worship:***

- ✠ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✠ Large-print bulletins available in the entryway.
- ✠ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✠ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✠ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

**We love seeing young children in church** as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

**Visitors**, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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#### **Worship Schedule**

- Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round)
- Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)