

# THE SECOND WEEKEND OF EASTER CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

*“My Lord and My God”*

**April 26/27, 2025**



**For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:**

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
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- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe”. Children may take home the pictures they color.  
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*(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)*



**St. John Ev. Lutheran Church**

**and Day Care & Development Center**

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## AS WE GATHER

Can a person really “rise from the dead”? Not like Zombies, Ghosts, or Spirits of our 21<sup>st</sup> Century horror movies, or video games, but become a living being? The Disciple we call “Doubting Thomas” could not / would not believe that Jesus could / would “come back to life” (even though He said He would). Thomas saw Jesus nailed to a cross. Thomas saw the Centurian plunge a spear into Jesus side – puncturing his lungs and heart. Jesus was DEAD! Not until Jesus appeared “in the Flesh” so that Thomas could see and touch and hear Jesus – only then did Thomas believe! Christians in 2025 have not “seen Jesus in the flesh’ but we BELIEVE, by the power of Faith received as a Gift from the Holy Spirit! Today, three Confirmands will profess their Faith and Commitment to the Crucified and Resurrected Jesus, as the Son of God, along with God the Father & God the Holy spirit; Three Persons but only One God. Seeing is not believing. Believing is seeing.

## IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### + PREPARATION +

HYMN    *“How Great Thou Art”*    Vs 1,3,4

LSB 801

- 1    O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
     consider all the Works Thy Hand hath made.  
     I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
     Thy Pow’r throughout the Universe displayed;    *Refrain*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
              How great Thou art! How Great Thou art!  
              Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
              How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

- 3    But when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,  
     sent Him to Die, I scarce can take it in.  
     That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
     He Bled and Died, to take away my sin;    *Refrain*

- 4    When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
     and take me Home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
     Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
     and there proclaim: “My God, how Great Thou art!”    *Refrain*

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## INVOCATION

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

**All: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 105:4, 8*

Pastor: Seek the LORD and His Strength;

**All: seek His Presence continually!**

Pastor: He remembers His Covenant forever,

**All: the Word that He Commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Pastor: Bidden by the Lord and confident of His Steadfast Love and Mercy, let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful Lord, Almighty Father,

**All: 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.**

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.**

Pastor: He Who began this Good Work within you will bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION (SUNDAY)

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's Resurrection may by Your Grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## FIRST READING     *Acts 5:12–32*

*ESV 1085*

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the High Priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the Apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an Angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the Temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the High Priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the Council and all the Senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the Captain of the Temple and the Chief Priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the Temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the Captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the Council. And the High Priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this Name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this Man's Blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the Apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers Raised Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a Tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted Him at His Right Hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Revelation 1:4–18*

*ESV 1218*

<sup>4</sup>*John to the Seven Churches that are in Asia:*

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to Come, and from the Seven Spirits Who are before His Throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the Dead, and the Ruler of Kings on Earth.

To Him Who Loves us and has Freed us from our sins by His Blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a Kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be Glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, He is Coming with the Clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the Earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “Who Is and Who Was and Who is to Come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the Kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud Voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the Seven Churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the Voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw Seven Golden Lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the Lampstands One like a Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of His Head were white like wool, as white as snow. His Eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>His Feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His Voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In His Right Hand He held Seven Stars, from His Mouth came a sharp two-edged Sword, and His Face was like the Sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw Him, I fell at His Feet as though dead. But He laid His Right Hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the First and the Last, <sup>18</sup>and the Living One. I Died, and behold I am Alive Forevermore, and I have the Keys of Death and Hades.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being Raised from the Dead will never die again;

**All: death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who have not seen

**All: and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

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

**All:        Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the Disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His Hands and His Side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He Breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other Disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His Hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His Side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, His Disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My Hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My Side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other Signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have Life in His Name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN**    *“Thine Forever, God of Love”*

LSB 687

- 1    Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy Throne above;  
     Thine forever may we be, here and in Eternity!
- 2    Thine forever! Oh, how blest, they who find in Thee their rest!  
     Savior, Guardian, Heav’nly Friend, O defend us to the end!
- 3    Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.  
     Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way, guide us to the realms of Day.
- 4    Thine forever! Shepherd, keep, these Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
     safe alone beneath Thy care, let us all Thy goodness share.
- 5    Thine forever! Thou our Guide, all our wants by Thee supplied,  
     all our sins by Thee Forgiv’n; lead us, Lord, from Earth to Heav’n.

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## SERMON

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.

## APOSTLES CREED (SATURDAY)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was Crucified, Died and was Buried. He Descended into Hell. The third  
day He Rose again from the Dead. He Ascended into Heaven and Sits  
at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will  
come to Judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole People of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people  
according to their needs.

Grant us grace, O Lord, that we may not give in to temptation and doubt but  
with confidence confess the Death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His  
Resurrection and bless those who hear us make the Good Confession.  
Lord, in Your mercy:

All: **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.** *(after each petition)*

Pastor: Grant us, O Lord, all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and prevent  
from us all things harmful and enable us by faith to trust without fear in Your  
Judgment and Provision. Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Lord.

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this Day for the Glorious Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, Who was Sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His Dying He has destroyed Death, and by His Rising again He has restored to us Everlasting Life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the Resurrection, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the Company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS *(sung)*

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.**

### 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."*



## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes.

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

Pastor: 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

**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.

***The Confirmation Class will Commune first.***

*[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. 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    *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”***

**LSB 469**

- 1    “Christ the Lord is Ris’n today!” Saints on Earth and Angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye Heav’ns, and Earth, reply.
  - 2    Love’s Redeeming Work is done, Fought the Fight, the battle Won.  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er. Lo! He sets in Blood no more.
  - 3    Vain the Stone, the Watch, the Seal; Christ hath burst the gates of Hell.  
Death in vain forbids His Rise; Christ has opened Paradise.
  - 4    Lives Again our Glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He Died our souls to save. Where Thy Victory, O grave?
  - 5    Soar we now where Christ has led; foll’wing our Exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
  - 6    Hail the Lord of Earth and Heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the Resurrection, Thou!
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### **HYMN    *“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”***

**LSB 720**

- 1    We walk by faith and not by sight. No gracious words we hear,  
from Him Who Spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe Him near.
  - 2    We may not touch His Hands and Side, nor follow where He trod;  
but in His Promise we rejoice, and cry “My Lord and God!”
  - 3    Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,  
to call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found.
  - 4    For You, O Resurrected Lord, are found in means Divine:  
beneath the Water and the Word, beneath the Bread and Wine.
  - 5    Lord, when our life of Faith is done, in realms of clearer Light,  
we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.
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## HYMN     *“The Day of Resurrection”*

LSB 478

- 1    The Day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
     the Passover of Gladness, the Passover of God.  
     From death to Life Eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
     our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of Victory.
- 2    Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright,  
     the Lord in Rays Eternal of Resurrection Light  
     and, list’ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
     His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the Victor Strain.
- 3    Now let the Heav’ns be joyful, let Earth its song begin,  
     let all the world keep triumph, and all that is therein.  
     Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
     for Christ the Lord has Risen, our joy that has no end!
- 4    All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
     all praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
     Let all the Ransomed Number, fall down before the Throne,  
     and Honor, Pow’r, and Glory, ascribe to God alone!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the Feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the True Faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His Coming, we may, together with all Your Saints, celebrate 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.

**All:        Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**All:        Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you Peace.

**All:        Amen. Amen. Amen.     (sung)**

LSB 202

## 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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Sat: Charlie Baranowski

Sun: Peter Brandstrom

**Sunday Ushers:**

Dale Brigger

Craig Hanke

**Organist:**

Sat: Betty Johnson

Sun: Betty Johnson

**Altar Guild:**

Upkeep: Pat Mueller

Sat: Carolyn Baranowski

Sun: Julie Monson

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

† for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Jim Taylor, &  
Steve Cywinski

† friends of our family of Faith: Marge Hanke, Tom Grant,  
Steven Schmadl, Jay Kreier, and Kathy Radke



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the Altar this week are placed to the Glory of God in honor of the 2025 St. John Confirmation Class.

## AN EASTER THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who attended the Easter Morning Breakfast. There was great fellowship, along with great food. A very special thanks to all the men who helped make it all possible. God's Blessings to you all! Looking forward to seeing you all next Resurrection Day.

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK**

Maundy Thursday Worship Service: 85

Good Friday Worship Service: 70

Easter Weekend Worship Service: 166

## **FINANCIAL POSITION FOR APRIL 2025**

### **GENERAL FUND**

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 32,696.00	\$ 282,126.17
Obligations:	\$ <u>29,215.03</u>	\$ <u>289,888.17</u>
Balance:	\$ 3,480.97	\$ (7,762.00)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 17,738.00

### **Property Improvement Loan**

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,491.67	\$2,304.00	\$187.37

### ***BIBLICAL GIVING - 2 Corinthians 9:7***

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

## **SPECIAL GIFT**

### **Property Improvement Fund**

+ from Anonymous from Easter Cross Sales, in memory of Betty Kramer

### **Day Care Fund**

+ from Judith Phipps for God's Everyday Blessings

## **ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS FOR ST. JOHN**

The Easter season presents a wonderful opportunity for St. John to thank those individuals and families that support the Church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We hope that you will be generous with your time and financial support. To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to St. John, we offer the option of giving electronically. Please contact the Church office for more information.

## **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – THIS WEEK ONLY**

This week we will view the 30-minute movie “**ROAD TO EMMAUS**”. Mourning the Death of Jesus, two Disciples are joined by a stranger who reveals mysteries hidden in the Scriptures, and the Purpose of Jesus's Life. Soon their sadness is turned into joy. Join us and find out what they learned.

### **VBS FOOD COMMITTEE**

There will be a meeting in the Council Room across from the Church Office for the VBS Food Committee on Tuesday, April 29 at **1:30pm**. See you there.

### **TILE INSTALLATION – HELP NEEDED**

Our St. John Trustees are currently working on a lighting and ceiling tile installation project in our Day Care. They could use a few extra able-bodied individuals to help. No experience necessary! The projected work dates are: Wednesday, April 30; Thursday, May 1 and Friday & Saturday, May 9&10. Please see Bob Weber, or contact him at (414) 349-5299 if interested.

### **HELP NEEDED TO SET UP AND SERVE THE WOMAN’S CELEBRATION**

The Dorcas Women need assistance from our strong men to help set-up tables and chairs on Tuesday, May 6 at **2pm**. Help is also needed Wednesday, May 7, please arrive at **5pm** for final set up. Meal to be served at 6pm, and clean up after the celebration. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We are very grateful for your help.

### **WOMEN’S CELEBRATION-TICKET DEADLINE IS THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 27**

On **Wednesday, May 7, 2025** at 5:30pm, Dorcas will host its annual Women’s Celebration. The event is open to All women and their female guests. *Ticket prices are \$18 per adult, and \$6 per child 6–12 years old.* Tickets are on sale before and after Church services.

### **QUARTERLY 2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MAY 11**

The deadline for the Summer Evangelist is approaching quickly. Please submit your articles for the upcoming events that will happen during the Summer months (June-July-Aug) to: seavisionten0r@gmail.com

### **VBS ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Please join us to help organize our VBS program this year. Our Organization Committee will be meeting May 13 at **6:30pm** in the Council Room across from the Church office. (*Our VBS Dates for 2025 are July 21-25*) ALSO: Please sign up by filling out a “How I Can Help” form in the Narthex.

### **PROJECT CONCERN - APRIL**

Project concern, the food and clothing pantry that serves Cudahy & St. Francis is holding a Toothbrush and Toothpaste drive in April. You can bring your donations to the church and place them in the baskets located in the Project Concern area behind the Church Office.

## GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

### ...of birth

**Apr 26**

Jacqueline Jakus

**Apr 27**

Maria Buttke

Gregory Seymour

**Apr 28**

Jean Schmidt

**Apr 30**

Michelle Papala

**May 01**

Lynne Hahn

### ...of baptism

**Apr 26**

James Taylor

**Apr 28**

Valerie Lezala

**May 01**

Lochlan Brandstrom

Scott Lucas

Sue Schaus

Angela Weber

### ....of marriage



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

## DAY CARE JOB OPENING

The Day Care is looking for **part-time** help for the kitchen, Monday – Friday from **6:30-10:30am**. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Karen at (414) 482-0554 for more information.

## EASTER BLESSINGS

We Thank God for all those who have willingly and loving given so much of their Time, Talents, and Treasure! We praise God for all our Church Day Care Staff: all volunteers in our St. John Organizations; all Congregational Officers and Boards' Members; all who prepare and maintain the Altar areas, the Day Care and Church Facility inside and outside; and all who have worked to make St. John a welcoming and supportive Family for both Members and Guests – always, and only to the Glory of our Triune God.

### **Mission Statement**

***St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy WI***

**Our primary purpose is to share the Good News  
of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.**

**In order to do this, we:**

**GROW** together in our faith through word and Sacrament

**DISCOVER** our spiritual gifts

**SHARE** God's Law and Gospel

**SERVE** God by meeting the needs of others in mind, body and spirit, and

**WELCOME** all people to learn and embrace our faith

## **CALENDAR: APRIL**

### **DAY CARE BOOK FAIR continues April 26/27 Before & After Church Services**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>26</b>	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
<b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b>			
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>27</b>	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia ( <i>Fellowship Time</i> )
		N/A	Adult Bible Study ( <i>Road To Emmaus Movie – 30 min</i> )
		N/A	NO Sunday School TODAY
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>28</b>	6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>29</b>	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC)
		1:30pm	VBS Food Committee Meeting
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>30</b>	9:30am	Mathews Sr. Living SF
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>01</b>	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		1:30pm	Adult Bible Study
		6:30pm	Evangelism & Stewardship Meetings
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>02</b>		
<b>PROJECT CONCERN WEEKEND</b>			
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>03</b>	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>04</b>	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia ( <i>Fellowship Time</i> )
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30am	Sunday School
		12:00pm	Memorial Service for Henry William Blaser-Brown

### **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHILD DAY CARE**

**CHURCH 414-481-0520**

**DAY CARE 414-482-0554**

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