Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

May 4 & 5, 2024



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/PRELUDE

GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

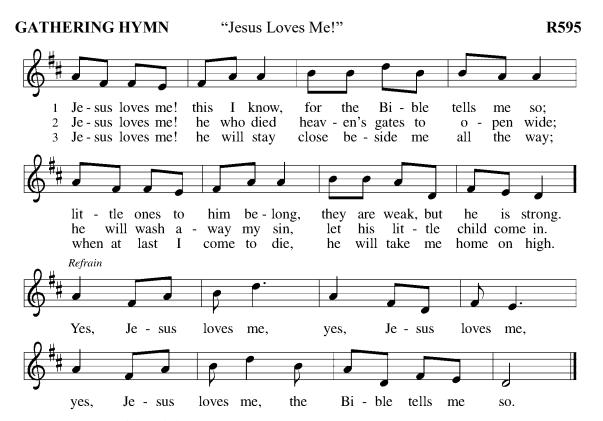
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.
- P:: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

GREETING

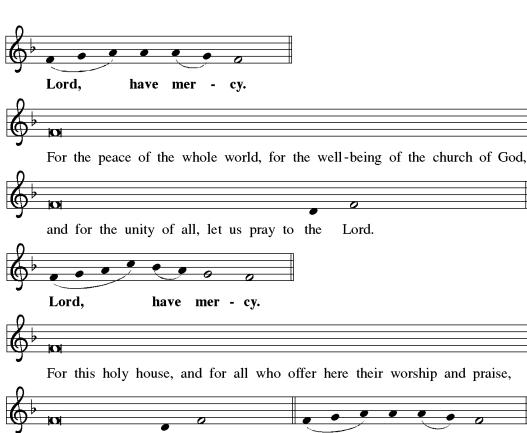
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

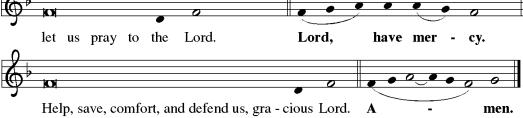
C: And also with you.

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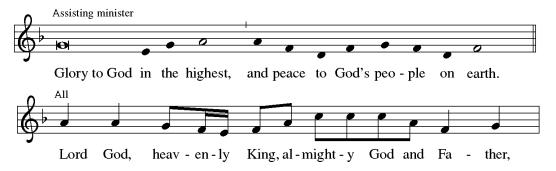


For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





HYMN OF PRAISE





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

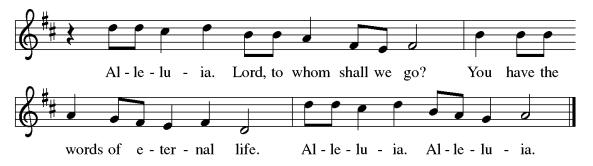
P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us Us With Your Love"

Refrain fill Je - su. Je - su. with your love, show how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. the feet of his friends, Kneels at

- Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,
- These are the ones we will serve,
- Kneel at the feet of our friends.
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- these are the ones we will love:
- si lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Response after each petition)

P: ... let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

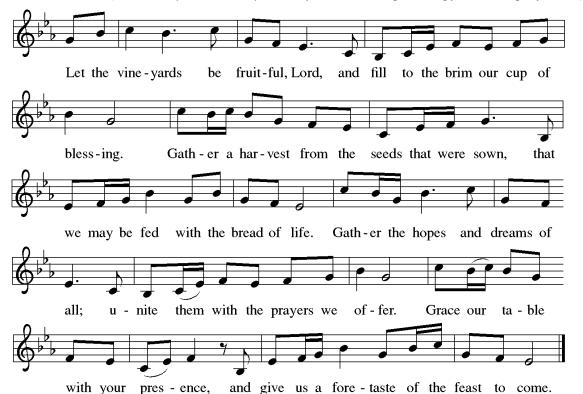
P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



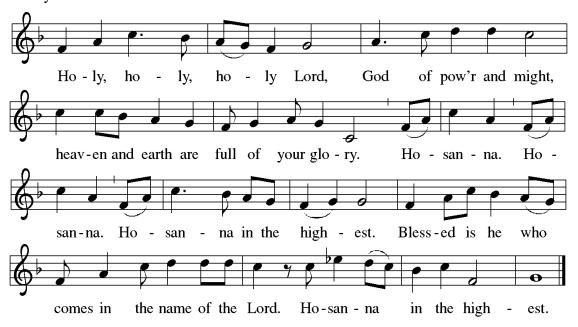
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- P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,
- C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life ... Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

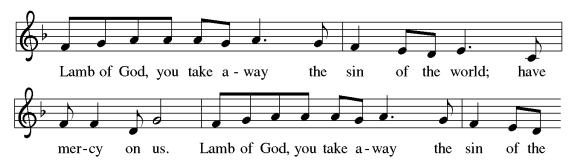
LORD'S PRAYER

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

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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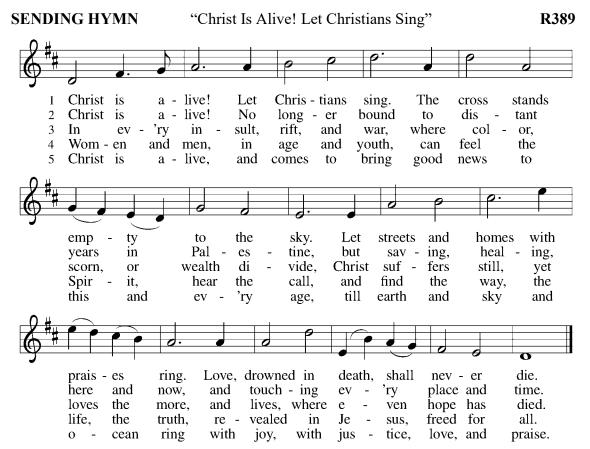
- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,
- C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory
of
Dorothy M. Gentry
by
Her Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Faith Formation Program at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Faith Lutheran Church/Okemos, Rev. Bruce Thorsen, Synod Assembly 2024 and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY PACKING - MAY 20

Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset School on Hobbs Drive. Sign up in the Office Lobby.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Church of the Brethren - Honoring our Neighbors Faith Series

Returning to looking at other Christian faith traditions, we will take a look at the Brethren. Though one of the smaller segments in American Christianity, it is one of the historic peace churches in the US along with Quakers and Mennonites. Many other denominations now also advocate Christian Pacifism. So we will also look at Christian pacifism in conjunction with Brethren on Sunday. Join us in the Lounge at 11.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS WRAPPED UP FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Big THANK YOU to the team that stepped up to make it happen for the children. Elsa Phillips as Council Member and Education Work Group chair coordinated it with Chris Christopherson, Tracie Granata, Stephanie Suszek and Emily and Izzy Szymanski teaching the classes. Again THANKS to them. Let them know you appreciate their teaching and time for our children.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY - MAY 18 FROM 9 -11 AM

Join in with the Property Work Group as some inside and outside spring projects are tackled. See Bill Platt for more info.

150TH FUND

Thank you to those who donated already to our 150th Fund to honor Grace's anniversary. At our celebration dinner, we raised \$640 to kick off our efforts, along with the \$1,000 committed by Council. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 by the end of this calendar year. Half will be used for current ministry and outreach, and the other half will be used for near-future projects. Thank you to all who are supporting Grace's activities to make a Christ-like difference in our community and world. If you would like to donate, please indicate "150th" on your check or on your church envelope. Thank you, -- Anne Gentry

GRADUATING?

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the church office know. We would like to include your information in an upcoming bulletin. Graduates, please also let us know if you will be attending our Sunday service on Graduation Sunday, June 2.

BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May. Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed. A list of needed items may be found on the table in the Office Lobby.

THANK YOU

We cannot thank our church family enough for the beautiful luncheon and all the coordination that went in to planning and preparing. It was lovely and so very appreciated along with all the prayers lifted for Taylor and our family. In one of the darkest times you were a glimmer of love and light. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Love -- Phil, Pam and Mitch

CALLED TO SERVE

One Box for Ukraine

First Presbyterian Church - Thursday, May 16

After the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, Boyd Byelich, of Rogers City, was compelled to help the Ukrainian people.

The Alpena Presbyterian women's group is inviting you to hear his story. He humbly acknowledges that the "One Box" project he spearheaded was a faith led calling - literally. He says, "That is why I went in the first place. And why it's so easy to witness about, because there was no doubt in my mind that this is what I was supposed to do. I knew it instantly when it hit me." Boyd began One Box for Ukraine when the war started and has visited Ukraine more than a dozen times in the past two years, delivering commodities to the people of Ukraine.

The women's association is hosting Boyd to speak at their Thursday, May 16, gathering at 1 pm in the church sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following his presentation. Join us to hear his call to serve and the program to aid displaced Ukrainians, as well as Ukrainian refugees.

If you are able and interested in donating, items, consider: power banks, hand and toe warmers, tennis shoes and boots, kids' backpacks, new socks and underwear, and coats. Money is also required for shipping, about \$50 per medium box. In addition, cash contributions are also used to purchase essential items that are needed. "One Box" is a non-profit 501c3. Invitations have been extended to local churches and other organizations through flyers and information in the local papers. If you would like more information, please contact Jan Mooradian at the First Presbyterian Church of Alpena, 989-354-3381.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.



Anniversaries of Baptism

May 4 Jerry Charter

May 5 Kody Bertrand

May 6 Michael Lang

May 7 Jeanne Pankey Ella Sandula Kady Sandula

May 8 Phran Ludington

May 9 Sheri Smith

May 10 Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

May 11 Christopher Piontkowski Stacey Piontkowski

May 12 Monroe Garant May 13 Joshua Engstrom

May 14 Logan Suszek Madi Szymanski

May 15 Raylynn Suszek

May 17 Wesley Garant Hannah Kamyszek Hope Kamyszek Savannah Kamyszek Kathryn Reynolds

May 19 Alexander Bauer

May 28 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Jeffrey Welch

May 30 Terry Bertrand



2nd Stephen & Janie Hansen
3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch
6th Gary & Janet Bettega
8th Jon & Mari Crow
17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt
30th Eric & Emma Barber



May 2 Grace Kuligowski Scott Lancaster Harper Suszek

May 3 Chad Lewis Beth Matzke Craig Weise

May 4 Thomas (T.J.) Lappan Mya Styma

May 5 Vicki Piontkowski

May 6 Dawn Anderson Oliviah Viegelahn

May 8 Matthew Anderson

May 11 Michele Amelotte

May 12
Rachel Chroninger
Taylor Chroninger
Nancy Platt
Peggy Tomaszewski

May 15 Laurie Hansen

May 16 Jan Charter **May 17** Audrey Garant

May 18 Karen Suszek

May 19 Michael McCourt Rebecca Trelfa Brett Werblow

May 22 Alexander Bauer Pamela Kirchoff Roger Pankey

May 23 Scott Coddington

May 24 Betty Bedford Joanne Kindt

May 25 Polly Cook

May 26 Darlene Dekett

May 29 Miriam Denstaedt Ella Engstrom

May 30 Alexander Struble

May 31 Emily Szymanski

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –5th

9:00 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

Monday - 6th

8am-noon Church Office Open 6:00 pm Remembering Our

Children - Lounge

Tuesday - 7th

8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastors Text Study

Wednesday - 8th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm Bell Choir

Thursday - 9th

8am-noon Church Office Open

<u>Friday - 10th</u>

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 11th

5:00 pm Worship

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

SERVING MAY 4/5

SERVING MAY 11/12

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MinistersGo	d's People
Pastor Rev.	Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded AccompanimentKat To	maszewski
LectorAı	nne Gentry
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Chri	stopherson
UshersMatt, Everett & Ol	ivia Haske
Wayne L	ewis (Sat.)
GreetersBill & N	Vancy Platt
Altar Guild Nancy Platt, Vi	icki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn And	derson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, A	lex Struble
CountersCheryl Lang, Cir	ndy Suszek
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Aud	rey Garant

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