

**WORSHIP FOLDER** *with children and adult activities,*  
**MESSAGE** *“This Hope Within Us”*  
**& ANNOUNCEMENTS** *for May 17, 2020*

**From the Pastor:**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

**For younger children**

Here is an exercise for children beginning to read. Pick a word or name, for example: “Hope” of “Christ,” since the theme today is “Our Hope in God.” If you save a copy for them and if they know how to underline using the underlining command, they can do it on the computer. They can also use the highlight function. Otherwise let them use a printed version of the worship folder. Let them draw and color buildings, people and other pictures in the margins of the service folder.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders can mark the service with directional arrows which indicate the direction of the activity during the worship service. This was discussed in class. They can label the different parts of the service. They also are familiar with the questions throughout the service folder.

**For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther’s Small Catechism**

Here is an exercise that will strengthen their understandings of the teachings of the Bible. Have them mark, underline and/or identify where in the Catechism these teachings are found. For example: Where the resurrection of Jesus Christ is mentioned, one would mark it with the “2<sup>nd</sup> Article.” Or where the forgiveness of sin is mentioned, one would mark it with “3<sup>rd</sup> Article.” They can call me anytime if they have questions.

If any of this can be done from a copy on a computer, they can send it to me attached to an Email.

**Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a lamb, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

An Inspiring View  
May 16 & 17, 2020

**As We Gather**

During these great fifty days of Easter, we gather again to hear the risen Lord Jesus as He appears and speaks to us in no less a real way than when He appeared and spoke to the first disciples before His ascension into heaven. As Scripture says, “The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20). So we gather in reverent, holy anticipation as we hear the words of Jesus in John’s inspired account, recalling His promise given on Holy Thursday, His word concerning the promise that He would send “another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth” (John 14:16–17). The Holy Spirit is wherever He creates and sustains faith through God’s Word. However, our Easter celebration will break forth before the world on the Day of Pentecost.



Jesus says the world cannot receive, see, or know the Spirit. Paul found this to be true in Athens as he noticed an altar dedicated “To the unknown god.” Though many in our day certainly have heard about Jesus, they do not know Him apart from faith in His word. But you know Him! Baptized into Christ, His resurrection life has given us new life, which for now is but the beginning to be stretched out into life eternal.

**Order of Divine Service / LSB 151**

**Opening Hymn “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556 sts. 1-5**

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict’ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o’er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;

My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said 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."

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **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.**

**Declaration of Grace**

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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

*Hope means “we know something is for certain. It is true and will happen.” What hope do we have in Christ as mentioned above in the Declaration of Grace?” Highlight or underline your answers. Put a comment to the side expressing what this hope means for you.*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105 (“Singing the Psalms” LSB xxvi Tone E)



Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
Forever, O | LORD, your word\*  
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations; \*  
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.  
By your appointment they | stand this day, \*  
for all things are your | servants.  
If your law had not been | my delight, \*  
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.  
I will never forget your | precepts, \*  
for by them you have giv- | en me life.  
**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.**  
Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

*According to this Introit,(Psalm), what does God use to place and keep a hope in Him in our hearts? Underline or highlight your answer. Place in the margin a comment or draw a picture which reflects Psalm 119.*

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

- C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray.  
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*What are we asking God to do for us? Underline or highlight your answer. Write a comment on what it means to ask God to do this work within us.*

**First Reading** Acts 17:16–31

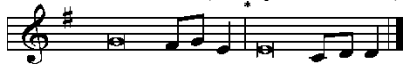
<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Our hope in Christ Jesus is that He is near to us, dear to us and cares for us. What did God do to give us this assurance? Underline or highlight your answer.*

**Psalm** *Psalm 66:8–20 (antiphon: v. 8)(Tone E)*



<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the | living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.  
<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;\*  
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup>You brought us in- | to the net;\*  
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;  
<sup>12</sup>you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.  
<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;\*  
I will perform my | vows to you,  
<sup>14</sup>that which my lips | uttered\*  
and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.  
<sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,  
with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;\*  
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.  
<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.  
<sup>17</sup>I cried to him | with my mouth,\*  
and high praise was | on my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,\*  
the Lord would not have | listened.  
<sup>19</sup>But truly God has | listened;\*  
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup>Blesséd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast | love from me!

*We have the hope, that is, the assurance that God will not do this?  
Underline or highlight the answers. Write a comment on this  
hope and what it will lead you to do.*

**Epistle** *1 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the

spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*What is the hope we have in Jesus? Underline or highlight the answer. Write a comment on what we are to tell others.*

### **Alleluia and Verse** *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel** *John 14:15–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*What is promised to us by God that is now our hope? Underline or highlight your answers. Write a comment on what this means for you as you live out your life here on earth and in heaven.*

*Now throughout this service underline, highlight and write your comments down on how this hope in Christ is established in our hearts and works throughout our lives.*



**Hymn of the Day** “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” *LSB 556 sts. 6–10*

- 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.  
          His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
          A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
          To lead the devil captive.
- 7       To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
          I am your rock and castle.  
          Your ransom I Myself will be;  
          For you I strive and wrestle.  
          For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
          And where I am you may remain;  
          The foe shall not divide us.
- 8       “Though he 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,  
          From earth to heav’n ascending,  
          And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
          The Holy Spirit sending;  
          In trouble He will comfort you  
          And teach you always to be true  
          And into truth shall guide you.
- 10       “What I on earth have done and taught  
          Guide all your life and teaching;  
          So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
          And honored in your preaching.  
          But watch lest foes with base alloy  
          The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
          This final word I leave you.”

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**Sermon** *Based on 1 Peter 3:13–22*

Title:  
“This Hope Within Us”

Introduction:

We have heard that God is with us. It is our hope. It is our peace and assurance in uncertain times. Yet, what is this hope we so dearly cling to in these days?

Is it a hope in God to restore our lives back to the way they were before COVID-19? Is it a hope that our communities will experience prosperity, wealth and wellbeing? Is it a hope that things will be normal once again?

We may pray and hope this is true. Yet, this is a hope that can be shattered. If God wills that we have a new normal in life, if God wills that we experience for an extended time sickness, poverty or economic depression, if God wills that our lives will be changed forever, will we lose hope? I pray not.

I. It is established within our hearts

God has established within us a deeper hope, an everlasting hope that is not based on temporal blessings or conditions. It is a hope that is ours now and will be till the day Christ returns.

This hope that God has established within us is a hope based on Christ’s death and resurrection. It is hope that assures us that our sins are paid for and forgiven by God. Jesus has paid the price. He suffered and died once for all sin, the righteous for the unrighteous. He has risen so that we will rise to everlasting life in heaven. This is the hope that is within us. It is a hope that will be challenged by the world.

Take for instance the hope God has planted within our hearts through baptism. We know and believe that Christ has united us to His death and resurrection through Baptism. Scripture is clear on this. We can read it for ourselves in Romans 6. Our text for today’s message clearly states Baptism now saves you. This means God washed away our sin and made a promise with us that He will continue to forgive us our sin keeping us in the one true faith till life everlasting.

The world will press hard against this. It can even come from within the body of believers, especially those who reject infant baptism. They say it is wrong to trust in man’s actions. This is true. They say we are to trust in God the Holy Spirit do His work within us. This is true. They say to believe baptism is a saving act is superstition. They are deadly wrong.

Baptism is not an action of man. Man is helpless. He cannot save Himself. But God can. Baptism is like the waters of the flood lifting the ark with eight in it to safety. And through the water with the Word, God can and does lift us up to safety. He washes away our sins and brings us into His Church. This Church is the ark that is lifted up above the evil of this world and our

own sinfulness.

## II. It is to be defended

We are fearful of what our families, friends and society will think of us if we cling to the truths contained in Baptism. Our own personal desires, emotions and feelings attack this truth. The world tempts us to believe that our baptism was of no use. It didn't work. There are better ways to know God's grace than in an act commanded by God.

Many having been taught the truth about Baptism have rejected this precious gift. They seek friendships and will not risk losing friends by defending what God the Holy Spirit has revealed to us about Baptism. They will see others misuse their Baptism as a "free-get-out-of-jail" card to continue in their sinful ways. They will in response listen to the voices that say, "See baptism doesn't work. Join us in knowing the promises of God are yours by what you feel." They may not reject that one needs to be baptized. They just don't see God's power and grace working in through the Word and the water.

Others will diminish the importance of Baptism so that they can fellowship with others that provide more lively music, more programs and appear more dedicated to the Lord. This they do not knowing they are actually rejecting the One who died and rose again for them. Now thanks be to God the Holy Spirit who can continue to work faith in the hearts of the hearing even when they misunderstand the nature of God's Work in and through Baptism.

All of God's truths are to be defended. This is because all truths are based on the hope that Jesus is Lord and Christ. It is for our assurance that He makes it clear to us that Jesus is sitting at the right of God. He is King and has authority over all, even His beloved Church, the body of believers. This is a certainty. And this is the hope God has established within our hearts.

### Conclusion:

This hope that is within us does help us see past the evil and difficulties of the day. Sickness, war and political evils are but a fleeting moment. Christ is our everlasting King. We live in His everlasting kingdom. This is the hope that we know that we will get through these days to a better day in Christ.

God grant and keep this hope deeply planted in our heart. And may He give us lips to offer up our defense in what we believe with gentleness and respect.

T AMEN T

### Apostles' Creed

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the new life and salvation with which You have brought beauty into our lives and our world again through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that this salvation come to many in true repentance and faith, the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Send Your Spirit mightily especially upon those called to preach, proclaim, and teach Your life-giving Word. Guide all pastors, teachers, and servants of the Church to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P To all who bear the authority of government in our land, give Your blessing, that tranquility and peace rule our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Visit with Your peace and healing all who suffer illness, injury, or any painful difficulty, [*especially . . .*]. Let not their hearts be troubled or weighed down with

any fear, but lift their eyes to Your sure and certain promises of eternal life and joy.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions may be added here.*

P With reverence and affection, we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed family and friends who have followed Christ and now are with Him in glory. By Your grace, keep us faithful and steadfast, that we see the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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

### Offering

#### Offering Hymn "For the Fruits of His Creation" *LSB 894*

1 For the fruits of His creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.

- 2           In the just reward of labor,  
               God's will is done.  
 In the help we give our neighbor,  
               God's will is done.  
 In our worldwide task of caring  
 For the hungry and despairing,  
 In the harvests we are sharing,  
               God's will is done.
- 3           For the harvests of the Spirit,  
               Thanks be to God.  
 For the good we all inherit,  
               Thanks be to God.  
 For the wonders that astound us,  
 For the truths that still confound us,  
 Most of all, that love has found us,  
               Thanks be to God.

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**Offertory** *LSB 159*

- C    What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Hymns**

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” *LSB 353*

- 1           Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
               Came with peace from realms on high;  
 Jesus came to win redemption,  
               Lowly came on earth to die;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
               Came in deep humility.
- 2           Jesus comes again in mercy  
               When our hearts are worn with care;  
 Jesus comes again in answer  
               To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
               Comes to save us from despair.
- 3           Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
               Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;

Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comforts us in failing years.

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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **LSB 849**

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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“Come, My Soul, with Every Care” **LSB 779**

1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;

He Himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not turn away.

- 2      Thou art coming to a King,  
        Large petitions with thee bring;  
        For His grace and pow'r are such  
        None can ever ask too much.
- 3      With my burden I begin:  
        Lord, remove this load of sin;  
        Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
        Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 4      Lord, Thy rest to me impart,  
        Take possession of my heart;  
        There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
        And without a rival reign.
- 5      While I am a pilgrim here,  
        Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
        As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
        Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6      Show me what is mine to do;  
        Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
        Let me live a life of faith;  
        Let me die Thy people's death.

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**Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*

- C    Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
      Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
      He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
      with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

- P    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 T give you peace.**
- C    Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" *LSB 821*

- 1      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
        His the scepter, His the throne;  
        Alleluia! His the triumph,



His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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[childcareplus@ctitech.com](mailto:childcareplus@ctitech.com)

**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

**“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”**

**May 16 & 17, 2020**

**+WORSHIP+**

► **GROUPS OF TEN OR LESS:** We have begun to schedule groups of ten or less on the weekends and during the week for worship and to receive the Lord’s Supper. Call or Email the church office to schedule a time for you and your household. Private communion services can be scheduled for those who are still at high risk during this pandemic.

► **DEBBIE PREHN** is still recovering following surgery at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Illinois.

*If your cards or letters to Debby have been returned to you, or if you wish to help Debby out financially, you may mail them to Debby Prehn, % Prudence Ishmael, 703 McAdam Drive, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.]*

**THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, Teresa Burdick and Debby Prehn.

**NON-MEMBER CONCERNS:** Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso's sister, Brenda, Barb Beck's brother-in-law's sister; Patti Esswein's daughter; Norvella Arkebauer's mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller's nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck's brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian's grandson,. Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

**MILITARY MEMBERS:** Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misioerek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

**MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY:** Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller's 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein's sons, Gene & Billy Esswein: Ken Gatton's grandson, Josh; Barb McMahon's son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller's grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;

**CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address**–Peter Knope, 1376 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

**THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME:** Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Marie Fouts, Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

**LEARN/REVIEW** the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.

► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfue), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfue), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfue).

**This week on KFUE.org**, study Mark 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), dig into Romans 9-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and join Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller for a curious topic on Cross Defense (5/18 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org).

### **LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

*(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: "Lutheran Hour on WTIM." It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)*

WLUI 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

*(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUI. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)*

**WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** – “*Worship Anew*” on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m. Also on Direct TV Channel 377 TCT @ 10:30 a.m.

**LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO** at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

**GO TO** [cldcms.org](http://cldcms.org) and check out *The GatePost*.

### ► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 6*

John 14:15-21: At the time that Peter wrote today’s Epistle, Rome was in great need for Jesus Christ. Rome needed people who were truly committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord in their hearts, in their minds, and in their daily lifestyles. Our world needs such people today. Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit to teach our hearts and equip us to defend that which we love. Have you set apart your heart for Jesus Christ and Him alone because He first loved you? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in you and then prepare that heart by setting it aside, consecrating it for Jesus Christ as your Lord. Spend time in prayer asking for God to prepare you to share the hope that you have in Christ. And then look out, because God will answer that prayer with people and opportunities. So be bold. Be ready. Be prepared. In this hope, you have the forgiveness of your sin, your future secured, and your love unconditionally realized: Because He lives, you live!

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Easter VI** – What best prepares us to defend the sanctity of life? Political strategy? Graphic imagery? Rhetorical formulas? Scientific citations? How about the hope we have in Christ our Holy One (1 Peter 3:15)—that our Lord is at work in every circumstance, even those life-and-death moments that seem most dark and

desperate, bringing about not just survival but everlasting salvation, and always with His signature gentleness?

**TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES** - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159

Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

### **HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE**

**Give to Disaster Relief:** Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#), [Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)  
**Call 888-930-4438** to make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

**Mail** On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.)

#### **Make check payable and mail to:**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

**CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:** *Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry located at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville. Hours are Tuesday morning 8:30 - 10:00, Thursday nights 5:30-7:00 and Saturday mornings 8:30- 9:30.)*

Since November 13, 1984, the TMA Food Pantry has been “Feeding Hunger with Heart.” With an annual operating budget that nears \$40,000, hundreds of people in Taylorville receive nutritional food assistance. Corporate donors arranged through Feeding America, like Kroger, Aldi and Walmart, and local retailer CVS and wholesaler Ron’s Produce routinely donate food product to our pantry.

Donations of volunteer time and money are always welcomed! In addition, the following items are routinely given out and could be used as a shopping list or guide for a non-perishable food drive:

- Boxed dinners like Hamburger Helper
- Canned dinner like Spaghetti O’s
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup (Tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, other)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Jiffy corn mix
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pork & Beans
- Pudding

- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Snack items
- Tuna
- Garden vegetables and fruit

Through a partnership with the Senior Citizens of Christian County, round-trip transportation to the Food Pantry is available on the second and fourth Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. from Hershey Tower and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from Park Glen and Senior Village Apartments at 8:45 a.m. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. Those 60 years of age and above ride free, those under 60 are requested to make a donation of \$2 per round trip. Riders are asked to call ahead to the Senior Center at 217-824-4263 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday (for Thursday's shuttle) and by 4:00 p.m. Friday (for Saturday's shuttle).

For more information about the TMA Food Pantry, please contact Amy at 217-820-5174.

► **OFFERINGS:** (*Counted this past week*): **\$ 8,730.00**

(*Mail your offerings to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL 62568 or drop them off at the church office.*)

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

April Income: \$12,865.07

April Expense: \$13,781.21

Year to date receipts thru April: \$58,448.49

Year to date expense thru April: \$65,369.20

Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$6,920.71

*If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews. You may mail your offering too, drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)*

**PRESCHOOL NEWS** – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148.

► **Mid-Week Stewardship Thought**

**Money Is a Test**

Jesus said, "*So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*" (Luke 16:11). Jesus is telling us that, if we can be trusted with our stewardship of the material things that He entrusts to us, then He will trust us to be stewards over things of highest value which relate to the eternal. The way we handle our material possessions is a good test of the way we would handle responsibilities relating to God's kingdom. In order to be "*trustworthy in handling worldly wealth,*" we need to recognize our privilege and responsibility to use our material blessings with a kingdom focus.

**John 14:15** – "**If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**" Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from?



Jesus tells us that as well, “She was forgiven much, so she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help me to develop a right and proper attitude toward the money You have entrusted to me. Help me to see my money as a tool to help others. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.  
**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

**+LIFE TOGETHER+**

*(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close until further notice.)*

► **May 17, 2020 –May 24, 2020**

Monday 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

**PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK**

Concordia Publishing House  
cph.org 1-800-325-3040

► **Without Flesh: Why the Church Is Dying Even Though Jesus Is Still Alive**  
by [Jonathan Fisk](#)

Have the times really changed? Is the Church actually dying? Are we truly in danger of being subsumed beneath a new, ominous culture of evil? Or is the only real difference a matter of our perspective? Is the only real change the fact that we have convinced ourselves that times have changed?

It is no secret that Christianity has been ceding ground to secular worldliness and exotic spiritualities for years. The front lines of the battle waged against the present darkness have experienced retreat after retreat, each time wagging heads saying, “If only we can rethink our strategies for mission, we can turn this tide and win the lost for Jesus.”

But for all our “rethinking,” we haven’t “rethought” nearly so much as it might seem. Perhaps, the real out-of-the-box thinking we need is not out-of-the-box at all, but inside it.

In *Without Flesh*, author Jonathan Fisk proposes that it isn’t that we need something new, but something we lost, something very, very old. Like . . .the most important words Jesus ever said. Fisk’s solution is simpler than we may think. Maybe the only problem is that we just don’t want to believe that it’s true.

“*Do this,*” He said.

**THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE**

► **The Camp CILCA Lowdown**

May, 2020

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

**Hog Roast, May 24<sup>th</sup>:** The Hog Roast will go forward on May 24<sup>th</sup> as planned! If government restrictions allow, you are invited dine at CILCA on delicious smoked pork sandwiches and all the trimmings. If not, carry-outs will be available for individuals or families. Either way, show your support for Outdoor Ministry at this annual event!

**SUMMER 2020:** The summer program is moving forward and still accepting registrations! Of course, much depends upon the possible extension of government restrictions. CILCA will take every possible precaution to keep campers safe. Sign up today to spend some quality time in God's creation!

*Another Generations Camp will be held June 19-20.*

Find out more on-line at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)  
Email [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) / Call 217-487-7497

**Part-Time Cook/Kitchen Assistant:** CILCA is still in need of a part-time cook to help with Outdoor Education and the Summer Camp program. 10-30 hours per week. \$12-\$14 per hour. Contact the camp office to apply.

**Summer Camp Registrations** are available on the table in the narthex and online

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*(► Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org) You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew.]*