



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •

(Please ask an usher)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Concerto

J. Gottfried Walther

GATHERING SONGS

I Love You, Lord
A Story for All People

Purple Book #67
Purple Book #2

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness (*silence for reflection.*)

Faithful and just God,

**C We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

Amen

P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for
our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let
the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

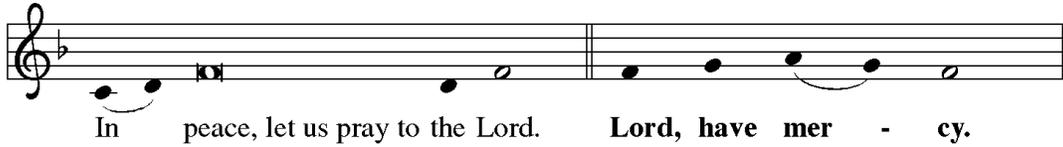
C Amen

GREETING

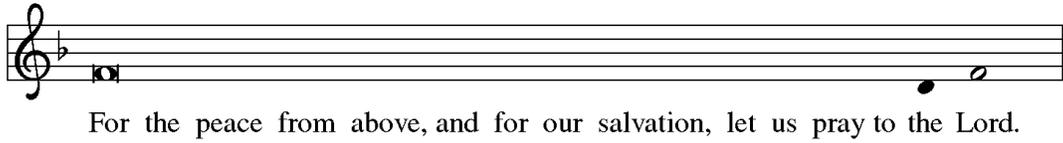
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

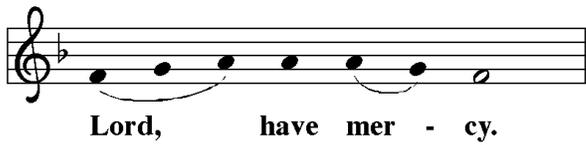
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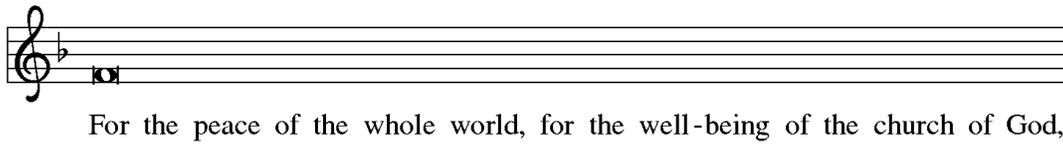
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



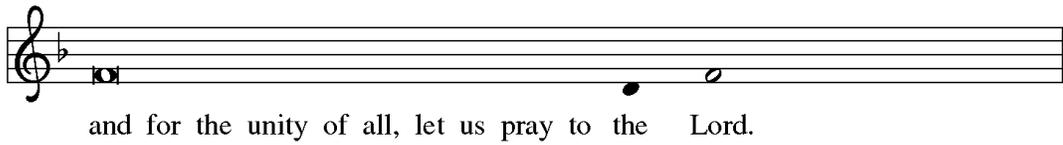
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



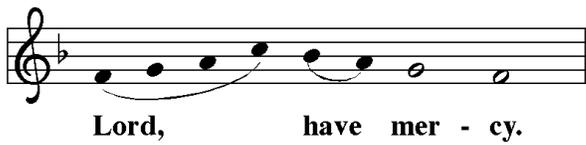
Lord, have mer - cy.



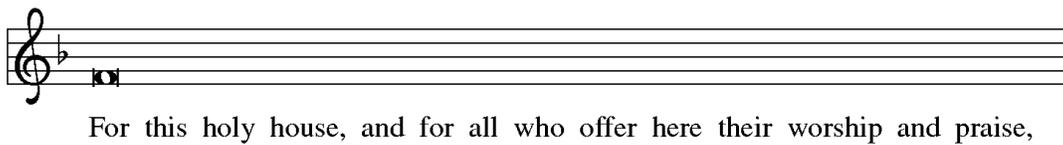
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



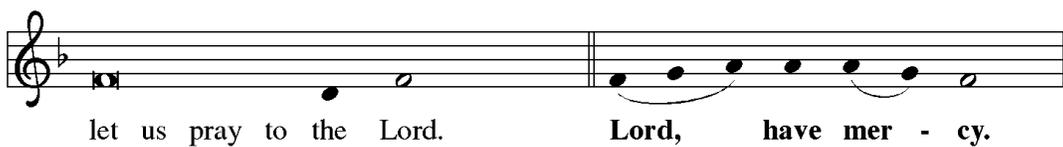
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

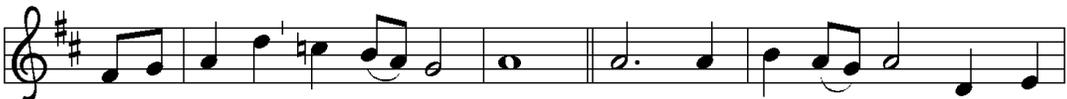


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26–40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of

the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25–31

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰ **Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

^{ALL} **They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7–21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1–8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (repeated)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Bill Ruth

HYMN OF THE DAY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Red Book #403

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers
for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Response: ... let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Allegro in D Major

Jean F. Dandrieu

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by 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.

C **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat). The melody is simple and uses quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G major (one flat). The melody is simple and uses quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
 res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
 and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

Please be seated. We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>There in God's Garden</i>	Red Book #342
<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	Red Book #359
<i>O Blessed Spring</i>	Red Book #447

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C 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

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

P Let us pray,

C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Red Book #449

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

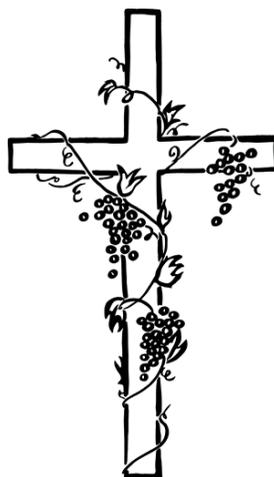
POSTLUDE

We Know That Christ Is Raised

David Cherwien

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Bill Ruth
Assisting Minister & Song Leader..... Marilyn Rowland
Acolyte Fanney Bjargardottir
Lectors Dianne Santana, Suzanne Wilke
Communion Assistant Dianne Santana
Usher/Greeter Owen Family
Altar Care Kathy Obermeyer



Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.

The **Resurrection** and **Divine Mercy** banners are donated by Tom and Jeanne Hardin in memory of their parents Duilio & Jennie Pierini and Buddie & Carrie Hardin. The **Lamb of God** banner is donated by Yvonne Troedson in honor of the family, for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thanks be to God!



The flowers on the altar are given by the Wheeler-Castleberry family to give thanks to the Lord for His blessings in their lives.

Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Debbie Van Diepen.



Confirmation Class with Pastor Bill, after service at 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal will be held after service at 10:45 am

{ The updated **Household Directory** is now available.
Pick up your copy today from the table in the Narthex. }



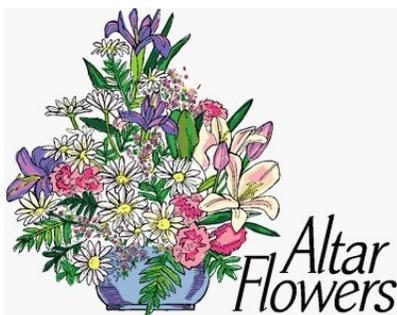
ELDC Staff is having their annual CPR & First Aid Training re-certification on tomorrow, **May 4 at 6 pm**. Anyone needing to update their certification is invited to take it with them. The cost is \$70.00 (cash only). Please RSVP no later than April 30. For more information contact:

Laura Marquez, Daycare Director
209-549-0672

Family Promise:

Thank you for the support Emanuel provides to the Family Promise program, and a special thank you to all of you who were actively involved in giving, cooking, hosting and laundering bedding for our guests that left this morning.

Mark your calendars for the return of Family Promise to Emanuel the last week of July. This is a great opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ and to appreciate the challenges that some families face. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)



Several date are available on the ALTAR FLOWERS calendar. It has been placed in the Narthex. One bouquet is \$25; two bouquets are \$50. Flowers can be taken home following the service.

Thanks, Debbie Van Diepen



Crop Walk—Saturday, May 9th 9:30 am. For more information or to participate, contact:

Peggy @ Geneva Presbyterian Church
1229 Fairmont St.
(209) 985-1588



Nuts Tickets—See Jeri Johnson for tickets to the Modesto Nuts vs. Visalia Rawhide on May 22, supporting Senior Awareness & Saluting our Veterans.

Planning continues for the summer program, **Paul's Pilgrimage**, now scheduled for **June 27-28**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 4	TUE 5	WED 6	THUR 7	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		Mother's Day 9:30 am Communion Service
6:00 pm Girl Scout Appreciation Dinner	6:30 PFLAG Mtg.					Coffee Host— Priscilla 10:30 am Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm Youth Network @ Light of Christ/Turlock					10:45 am Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
May 10	Pastor Bill Ruth	Bill Reinheimer	L Owen B Rokaitis	Lois Owen	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	K Obermeyer J Johnson
May 17 Ascension	Pastor Bill Ruth	David Holtz	Bill Reinheimer	Susan McCready	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedson	K Obermeyer J Johnson
May 24 Pentecost	Pastor Bill Ruth	Paula Barton	Kathleen Reuter	Suzanne Wilke	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	K Obermeyer J Johnson

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

May 10 Easter 6	May 17 Ascension	May 24 Pentecost
Acts 10:44–48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1–6 John 15:9–17	Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9–13 John 17:6–19	Acts 2:1–21 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:22–27 John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Joelle Costa (Maddox) - healing (Jones); Tom Aja—healing & recovery from stroke (Crawford); Donna Roninger—health and healing (Wilke); Roger Benson—healing (Clarke)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Marilyn Rowland

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Esther Johnson

Our Family: Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Reta, Edgar, Bianca (Wise); Riegan family (Scott); Lisa Dieterich (K. Harris); Nicole and Doug Souza (Santana); Angela Gufstafson (Dieterich); Joyce, Logans (Scott); Roy Harris (Dieterich); John Berlin (Lori Skustad's father); Corbin (Hollmann); Doug McKenzie (Schmidt); Mike Morgan, Joyce Morgan, Alexandria & Gregory Taylor (Scott); The Townsend Family (Townsend); Alice Pitts (Turner); Shirley Gering (Jones); Margaret Harlow (Virginia Dall's adopted daughter)

Our Friends: Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Kathy Laughton and Loy Rodriguez (Hardins); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family (Reinheimer); Juan Raza & Dennis Faught, Darrall Tuggle, William Brockman (Teaney); Bethany & Jerry Metcalf (Reinheimer); Alyssa (L. Owen); Lydia Terrault (Ixcot); Elizabeth & Kevin Duggan (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner (Petersen); Kendra & Angela (Barton); Lilyanna Nelson (Turner)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

MAY 3, 2015

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. You are invited to kneel, as you are able. *(Pause for silence.)*

For the mission of the church throughout the world, that all be led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news that God is love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For plants and animals, for clean water and air, for favorable weather, and for the whole of creation, that you guide us to serve as good stewards of the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For judges, lawyers, and all court officials, for the leaders of government, and for all who seek justice in this world, that all be treated with fairness and equity, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are poor, hungry, bereaved, distressed, and sick, and for those who provide care and comfort, that all find assurance of God's unending love for them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who yearn for meaning and community with others, that the Holy Spirit lead them to mentors in the faith; for those visiting this congregation; and for those who are away with family and friends, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who we name before you now, either silently or aloud *(pause for silence)*, that support for them may be close at hand, and that all may experience the gift of healing, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the confessors of the faith in past generations, especially those who have died in the Lord, that they inspire future generations to proclaim the gospel, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn of the Day #403

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Sending Hymn #449

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!