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Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend

We pray in the last petition of the Kyrie, “Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.”

Can you think of a time you tried to help, save, or defend yourself or someone else? Or a time you comforted yourself or someone else? What did you do? Sometimes we are successful in our efforts to help, save, comfort, and defend. We provide monetary or emotional support. We speak up and act when we see injustice. We accompany people who are hurting. We practice self-care.

But other times we remain passive in the face of injustice because it is safer or easier to do nothing. Or we actively avoid conflict even when doing so creates more problems. We self-medicate in ways that harm us. We despair that whatever is wrong in our lives will never get better, so we give up and retreat from the world and its realities.

We pray “Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord” because we know the truth: we are afraid, we fail, and need God’s help. Today, Jesus prays for our protection. He does not pray that we be taken out of the world, but that we be fully present to its difficult and painful realities. It is Jesus’ prayer that we be able to engage the dangers of this world, wholeheartedly entrusting our protection to God.

Our work is to lean into Jesus’ prayer that God would protect us while we are in this world so that we might engage it fully, unafraid and free. Living and loving under the promise of this protection and care, our joy is complete.

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able

Easter Proclamation and Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☛ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ Holy people of God, given new life through the gospel of Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

☛ **And also with you.**

Gathering Music

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655 (red book)

Responsive Litany of Easter Praise

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☛ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☛ This is the day that the Lord has made;
- ☛ **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- ☞ The Lord is my strength and my song.
- ☛ **The Lord has become my salvation.**
- ☛ Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- ☛ **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- ☞ I shall not die, but live,
- ☛ **and declare the works of the Lord.**
- ☛ This is the day that the Lord has made;
- ☛ **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray . . . Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.

☞ **By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

☞ A reading from **Acts**:

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in

this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1



The LORD knows the way of the right-teous.



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night.** ☒

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.** ☒

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

☒ A reading from **1 John**:

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

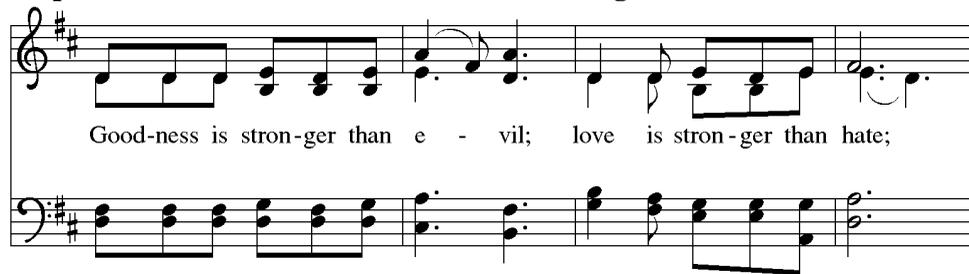
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☑ **Thanks be to God.**

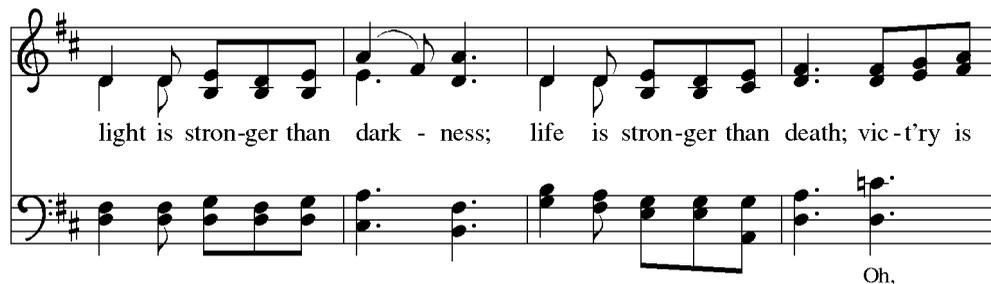
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

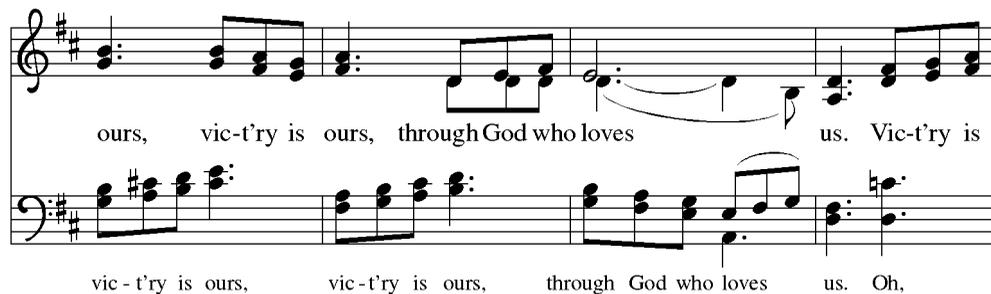
Goodness is Stronger than Evil



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is Oh,



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

☞ The Resurrection Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message/Children's Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
vs 1, 2 & 5

ELW 392 (red book)

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A End divisions within your church, O God. Open us to receive your testimony. Make us one as you are one. Make our joy complete. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Portage, Church of the Nazarene in Nashville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A Nourish the soil of your earth, holy God. Bless the trees planted by the water, and bless the seeds planted by birds and by our hands. Bring forth fruit in due season. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A We pray for warring nations, political refugees, and peacekeepers (*especially*). Wash away the fear and hatred that tear us apart. Let justice roll down like a mighty stream. Quench our thirst for peace in every land. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexi and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A We pray for those who are homeless, naked, hungry, imprisoned, abandoned, or sick. Send us to shelter, clothe, feed, and visit those in need. Make us your healing and compassionate presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A We pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, and strength, mothering God. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including *Sena Kleinbrink, Zeus Duites, Cheryl Woodmansee, Mary Golnek, Audrey Burdick, Bill Haddix, John Glasgow, Wendy Eifler, Barb Maccaully, Gladys Bishop, the family of Dave Neeson, the family of Michael Bennett and the family of Russ Freds.* Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give us eternal life in your Son. When doubts and fears arise, give us peace in the resurrection promise. Sanctify us in your truth and unite us with all the saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

After the usher passes your pew, you are invited to drop your coins in the metal bowl at the front of the nave. These gifts are sent to Barry County Cares.

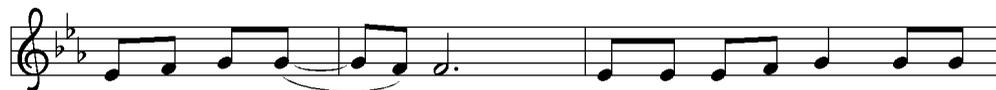
Stand as you are able.

Offering Song*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 185 (red book)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,



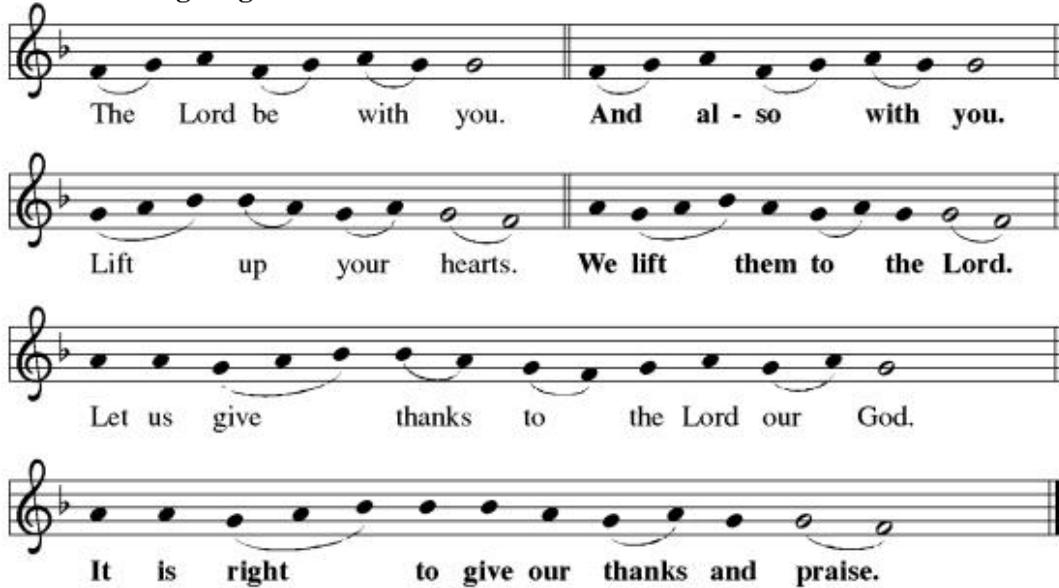
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

G Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

☑ **We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery.**

☐ We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer.

☑ **We praise you for Christ, who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.**

☐ Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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

☐ Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.

☑ **Hallelujah!**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God



1 Now be-hold the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho-ly is the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Be-



bore all my sin, that I may live a-gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev-er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin-ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

We Are All One in Christ

ELW 643 (red book)

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

I Come with Joy vs 1-3

ELW 482

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

G **Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Thine the Amen

ELW 826 (red book)

Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

G **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 93

Weekly Giving: **\$4,977.00**

Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of chicken and beef based soups (not chicken noodle). Also salad dressing (not mayo), mustard, Hamburger Helper, Spam, chili-no beans, salmon, corned beef hash, coffee, non sugar cereals (chex, cheerios, etc). Meijer has some terrific 10 for \$10 sales of Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni (not chicken or beef please), cake mix (not yellow), brownie mix, large juices and canned pasta.

Mexican Dinner fundraiser – come enjoy some delicious food and help the Grace Lutheran Youth go to the National Gathering in Houston. On **May 15**, from 4:00 – 8:15 pm, 15% of all sales at Mexican Connexion Restaurant will go to the Grace Lutheran Youth fundraiser (including take-out and gift certificate purchases). Check out the menu online at www.mexicanconnexionrestaurant.com

Family Promise – will be holding a Community Meeting at Green Street Church on Tuesday, **May 15** at 6:30 pm, to provide an update regarding their progress. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Vickey Argo.

Children's Church - please mark May 20th on your calendars. Teachers, families, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to a picnic after the 10:45 am church service. It will be a time for us to thank all who have made this a successful year. Please RSVP to Eve Wright at 269-367-4139.

Bells 'n Brass Concert – at Pleasant Valley United Brethren Church in Lake Odessa on **May 20th** at 3:00 pm.

Grace Prayer Walk or Relax Cook Out Sunday June 10th, after second service, at the home of Phil and Amy Poholski, 6810 Highlandview Dr, Middleville. What to bring – lawn chairs. Food will be provided: Hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, desert, ice tea and lemonade. If you would like something stronger, say beer or wine, please BYO. For those that would like, we will take a walk through the woods on a mowed path. There also will be some yard games. If you have questions, contact the Poholski's 269-948-3655

Renovation Update The original debt amount for the purchase of new carpet was \$16,258.38. To date we have received \$7,975.00 in generous donations from our members. The remaining debt for the carpet is **\$8,283.38**. **We would be blessed if you would be willing to help pay down this debt we owe to ourselves.** Thanks for your consideration. If you would like to write a check, please remember to write 'carpet fund' in the memo line.

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Phil Poholski
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Mark Anton
Lector	Jack Vos	Carol Morgan
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Emma Peck
Usher	Dan & Gavin Patton	Gray/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Melissa Patton	John/Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church		Tom/Cheryl Drumm
Chancel Team	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, May 20, 2018

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	Chris Bush	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Clyde Watson
Usher	Kay Marsh, Grayson Patton	Ed Domke, Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark/Jana Bishop	Doug/Diane Neeb
Children's Church		Tom, Hope, Emma Peck
Chancel Team	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, May 13	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Noisy offering
Monday, May 14	Outreach Committee 4:00 pm LACS rehearsal 6:15 – 9:30 pm
Tuesday, May 15	Dinner fundraiser at Mexican Connexion 4:00 – 8:00 pm Council meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 17	Clapper kids 3:45 – 5:00 pm Grace notes 5:45 – 7:00 pm GraceGram articles due
Saturday, May 19	Team Grace for Houston 12 noon – 1:30 -pm Geranium sale pick up

