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The Best Kind of Recognition

Many security systems today use facial recognition, retinal scans, digital fingerprints, thermal imaging, and, yes, the distinctive features of the human voice. This technology may make some of us uncomfortable, but that doesn't hold back the tide of more and more data collection, profiling, and monitoring of who we are, what we purchase, and how we think.

With this in mind, it is such a relief to hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). He is communicating a powerful message of divine love, deep compassion, and fierce protection. This level of intimacy and mutual trust is astounding. We are known to Jesus, and he is known to us. This is the best kind of recognition there is because it does not create any anxiety or fear. To be known by God in this way is to find security far more trustworthy than the limited guarantees available from high-tech devices.

How beautiful and comforting it is to affirm the power of our faith in such a way. What Jesus says today resonates strongly with the astounding story of Easter. After Jesus is raised from the dead, he keeps encountering people who aren't sure who he is—until he calls their names, shows his scars, lifts an ordinary cup, and breaks bread with them. It is thrilling to recognize him in the power of his resurrection—and to trust that in this world and in the world to come, he will also recognize us.

As we grow to know one another, the features of each other's bodies and personalities become more and more familiar: a wisp of hair, our manner of walking, the humor we enjoy, the things we fear, the experiences we cherish—and, especially, the sound of our voices. Today let us give thanks for mothers, friends, and all those in addition to Jesus who know us best.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

Easter 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

Gathering Music

Bring Forth the Kingdom



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

Kum ba yah! (Come By Here)

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|---|--|
| 1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! x3
O Lord, Kum ba yah | 2 Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! x3
O Lord, Kum ba yah |
| 3 Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah! x3
O Lord, Kum ba yah | 4 Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! |
| 5 Someone's dancing, Lord, Kum ba yah! | 6 Someone needs you, Lord, Kum ba yah! |

I Am the Resurrection (by Ray Repp)

(Refrain) I am the resurrection (clap), and the life (clap, clap, clap, clap)
Those who believe in me will never die (clap, clap, clap, clap)
I am the resurrection (clap), and the life (clap, clap, clap, clap)
Those who believe in me will live a new life. (clap, clap, clap, clap)

1. I have come to bring the truth; I have come to bring you life,
If you believe, then you shall live. (clap, clap, clap) *Refrain*
2. In my word the world shall come to know; It is love which makes the spirit grow.
If you believe, then you shall live. (clap, clap, clap) *Refrain*
3. Keep in mind the things that I have said; Remember me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe, then you shall live. (clap, clap, clap) *Refrain*

Jesus Loves Me / ALLELUIA-ALLELU

1. Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. (Refrain)

Refrain

Alleluia-allelu Alleluia Alleluia
Alleluia-allelu Alleluia Allelu ...Alleluia

2. Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. (Refrain)
3. Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep
When in the morning light I wake, show me the path of love to take. (Refrain)

Arise in body or spirit

Call to Worship

Each phrase is sung by the leaders and repeated by the congregation.

Acknowledging God's Presence in Worship

In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Spirit,
the three in one.

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

A Let us Pray... O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

C **By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

L A reading from **Acts:**

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her

to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.


Psalm 23

Valleys of Green

Based on Psalm 23

DAN SCHUTTE, S.J.

ANTIPHON



The Lord He will be my shep-herd; no-thing
more shall I want. He leads me a-long the
path of right ac-cord-ing to His word.

- V1 The Lord He will be my Shepherd, nothing more shall I want
In valleys of green He lets me lie, to restful waters He leads me.
- V2 If ever I walk in darkness, nothing more would I fear.
There at my side will you stand. Your staff will give me courage.
- V3 A banquet You set before me under the eyes of my foes.
And over my head You pour Your oil; my cup is flowing over.
- V4 Your love will be always with me everyday of my life.
My home will be in Yahweh's house, as long as I shall live.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

☐ A reading from **Revelation**:

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Allelu, allelu! Everybody sing allelu!

For the Lord has risen, it is true! Everybody sing allelu! (*Repeat all*)

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Repeat the Gospel Acclamation

Sit

Children’s Time

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. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Kneel or sit as able.

Shepherd Me, O God

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Prayer

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches University Lutheran of East Lansing, Emanuel Episcopal Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

A Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Give strength and perseverance to those facing struggles of hunger or thirst, unemployment or homelessness, chronic illness or anxiety, including *Cameron, Irene Corr, Joyce Daugherty, Gary Edwards, Bill Ehredt, Bonnie Ehredt, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Ruth Kemper, Norma Ludlow, Elsie Mellow, Gale Morway, Dorothy Neil, Kim Ogden, Steve Rider, family of Stan Sheridan, Vicky, George Ulrich, Jr.* Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence. Restore

dignity to those marginalized because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God,

C and give us new life.

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 Hear us, O God,

C and give us new life.

A Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will rest forever beside the river of life. Hear us, O God,

C and give us new life.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

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.

Setting the Table

Arise in body or spirit.

Offertory

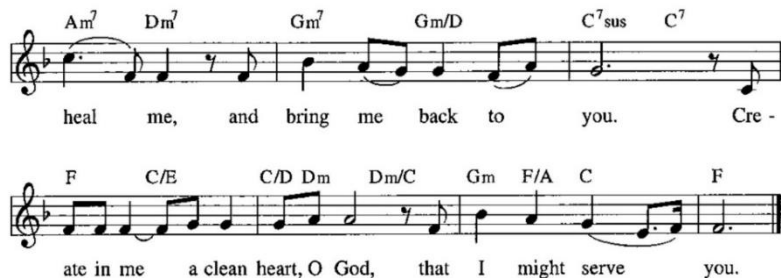
Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: Chords: F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm. Lyrics: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

Staff 2: Chords: C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C. Lyrics: you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Staff 3: Chords: Gm, F/A, C, F, Am⁷, Dm⁷. Lyrics: I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.
- ☑ **Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓟ The peace of risen Christ be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving

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

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- ☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓟ 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.**

☞ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

☛ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☞ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.

☛ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

☞ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

☛ **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

☞ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

☛ **Amen, Come Holy Spirit.**

☞ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

Each phrase is sung by the leaders and repeated by the congregation.

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
Here on Earth,
As in Heaven.

Save us from
times of trial
And deliver us
from all evil
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever, and ever

Please give to us
All that we need,
And forgive us
All that we sin.
As we forgive those
who have harmed us,
And lead us not
away from You.

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by your name.

Halleluiah
Amen
Halleluiah
Amen Amen

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Jesus is Lord.

Jesus feeds us.

We will praise God.

Jesus loves us.

Love our Savior.

Jesus hears us.

When the Rain Comes Down

When the rain comes down it comes down on everyone. (2x)

No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.

When the rain comes down it comes down on everyone.

When the flowers bloom they bloom for everyone. (2x)

No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.

When the flowers bloom they bloom for everyone.

When the sun shines down it shines down on everyone. (2x)

No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.

When the sun shines down it shines down on everyone.

When the Lord died and rose Christ rose for everyone. (2x)

No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.

When the Lord died and rose Christ rose for everyone.

When God shows us love it is shown to everyone. (2x)

No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.

When God shows us love it is shown to everyone.

In the bread and the wine, Jesus redeems us all. (2x)
No matter if you're rich or poor...no matter if you're great or small.
In the bread and the wine, Jesus redeems us all.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Fill Me Jesus

Fill me, Jesus, fill me now
Fill me, Jesus, with Thy precious holy power.
I am yours, my Lord, to do with as you will,
So fill me, Jesus, right now.

Sending of Communion

A Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine:
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share
your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and
strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding
presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the
body of Christ, broken for us.

**G Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

P The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep
you from harm, and fill you with courage.

G Amen.

Sending Song We Are One in the Spirit / Awesome God

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord (x 2)

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored. (Refrain)

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

And we'll be singing our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above,

With wisdom, power, and love, our God is an awesome God.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand (x 2)

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land. (Refrain)

We will work with each other, We will work side-by-side (x 2)

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus

God's only Son

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Refrain)

Dismissal

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**☞ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!**

☞ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 12	Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am Noisy Offering
Monday, May 13	Outreach Mtg 4:30 pm LACS 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 14	Women of Faith, Mallard Pond 1:30 pm BOG Fish Fry 6:30 pm (church)
Thursday, May 16	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm
<u>Synod Assembly Thursday - Saturday</u>	
Saturday, May 18	Progressive Dinner 5:30 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
Lector	Jack Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lexie Watson
Usher	John Burdick/ Kay Marsh	Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	John & Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church	~	Tom, Emma, Hope Peck
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
Bread Maker –	Deborah Wilke	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, May 19, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Emma Peck	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Anna Scheck
Lector	Hope Peck	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Bill & Lorraine Freedlund
Children's Church	~	Shayna Gibbons
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
Bread Maker –	Deborah Wilke	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 79 Weekly Giving: \$6,054.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum meets today at 9:30 in the conference room. We study the Wise and Foolish, as three are given money to manage and one is determined to be foolish. How are the other two wise?

Noisy Offering will be collected today during both services to benefit Barry County Cares.

Outreach Mtg tomorrow at 4:30 pm.

Women of Faith meet Tuesday, Mallard at 1:30 pm.

Calling All Men! Please mark your calendar for the BOG End of Year Fish Fry this Tuesday. Meet at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall for coffee, fish stories, and fellowship with a meal to follow at 7:00 pm.

Social Activities: The *Progressive Dinner* will be the evening of **Saturday, May 18th**. We can meet at the church for carpooling at 5:15.

Geranium Sale: The church is selling red geraniums for \$5 per plant that Cotants is providing for us. SunPatiens are also available in many 4 colors. Sign-up sheets are available, but you need to *place your order by today*. Pick up at the church on **May 18th from 9-12 noon**.

Nursery Attendant: Grace Lutheran Church seeks to hire a paid attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please submit names of potential candidates to Jana Bishop, Youth and Family Committee Coordinator.

Relay for Life: Luminaria Bags will be available today – May 26 at a cost of \$10 each. Cash or checks made out to American Cancer Society (memo – Barry RFL) will be accepted.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Carl Schoessel. Carl is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.838.8407.

Synod Assembly: We, as part of the church body in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, gather for our annual assembly this week. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's leading, as we elect a bishop. Bishop Satterlee is running, and pray especially for him, as it is difficult to run for office and preside over a meeting. We are also electing our Vice-president of the synod at this year's meeting of our larger church. As you may remember, Julian Kratochvil and Angela Pruitt were elected to be our voting members to attend this annual meeting. We are thankful that they can attend this important meeting along with Pastor Ken.