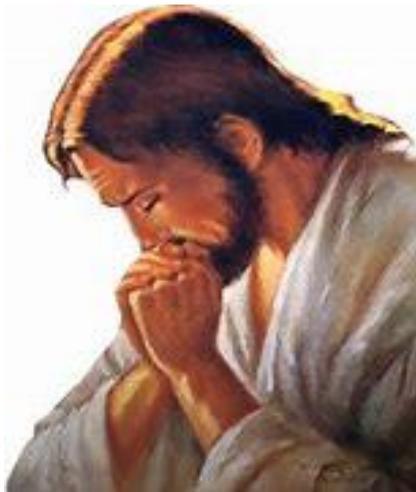


# **Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**May 16, 2021**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*



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**9:00 AM—1:00PM on Friday**



**We are delighted to have you worship with us today.** May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. **To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at [mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com](mailto:mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com).**

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## **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**



Holy Communion is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service. Holy Communion is celebrated during both services on the first and third Sunday and on special festivals.

**\*\*We provide both the common cup and individual cups (the center individual cups are alcohol free). Gluten-free hosts are available; please alert the Pastor or an Elder.\*\***

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## *Serving Today*

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Pastor Jonathan Christensen

Robert Hamrick, Organist

Lois Schweinler, Choir Director

	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:45AM</u>
Elders	Rudy Eidam	John Zagone
Lectors	Ed Bertram	Wendy White
Greeter		

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Altar Guild	Adell Keeney	Vicki Fisher
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## Serving Next Week

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	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:45AM</u>
Lectors	Vickie Amato	Debby Zagone
Greeter		

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Altar Guild	Adell Keeney	Vicki Fisher
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# The Divine Service: Setting Five

Prelude

Christ the Eternal Lord

Vernon Hoyle

*Stand*

HYMN

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ure's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

## Confession and Absolution

*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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Sit*

*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.**

**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.**

## Service of the Word

*Stand*

**Introit**

*Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the  
**LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.

**Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 1 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
 3 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
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 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.  
 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.

## Hymn of Praise

## 948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,  
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O  
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your  
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.  
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN

828 We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of  
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,  
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

Stand

## Holy Gospel

John 17:11b-19

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

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

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN

## 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Sit

## Sermon

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 216

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## The Words of Our Lord

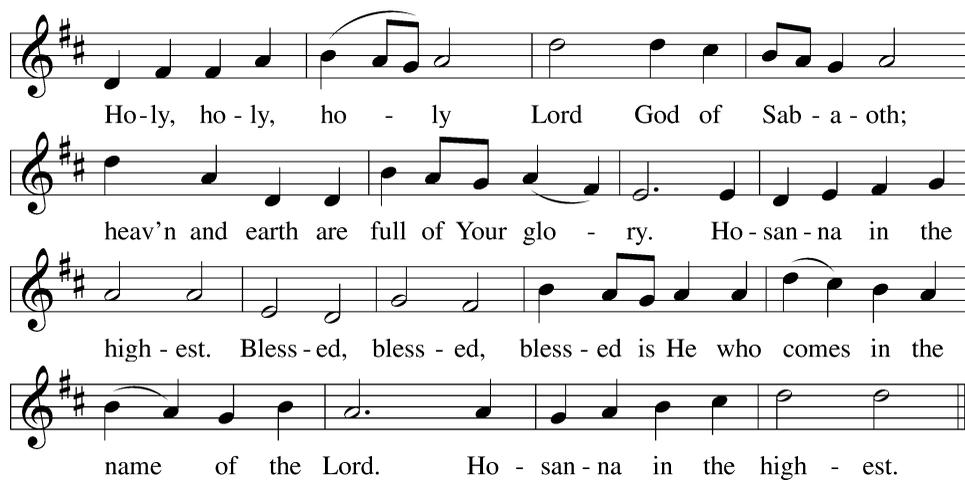
LSB 217

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Sanctus

LSB 961



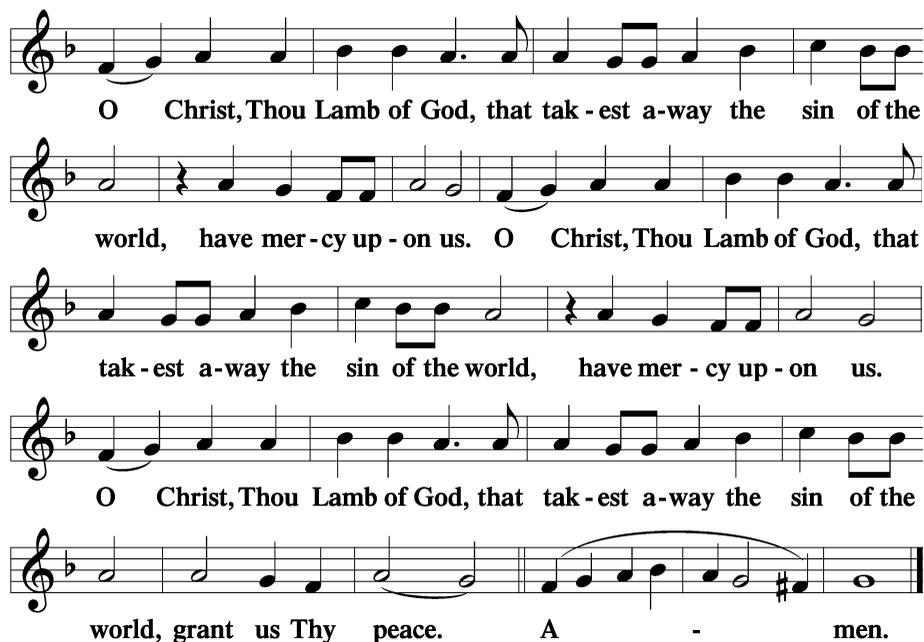
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## HYMN

## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."



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# IN OUR PRAYERS

## Surgeries and Illness

Brian Keeney	Jackie Fry	Sally Hardy
Helen Hutson (Montgomery)	Neil Motyka (Fry)	Joann Kapugi
Katrina Roland (Doster)	Maureen Duemig	Joyce Boss (Kruse)
Mike & Delilah (Perkins)	Agapia Dragan (Luecke)	Tim Kelly (Licht)
Melanie & family (Kaufman)	Elizabeth Kaufman	Stacy Scovanner (Fry)
Brenda Ridgeway (Amato)	Grace Floyd (Fry)	Mary Hill
Mary Coffman (Rev. Coffman)	Ellen Trinkka (Montgomery)	
Gretchen Sweetser (Mincer)	Raymond Chang (Kirchoefer)	
John & Suzie Characky (Steen)	Steve & Julie Nofisinger (Kirchoefer)	
Andy & Margaret Characky (Steen)	Jennifer Hoffner (Doster)	
Linda Nielsen (Keeney)	Betty Ude	

## Homebound

Ann Cheadle	Kathleen Fox	Joan Ginter
Dorothy Lehman	Dianne Luecke	Jan Nelson
Eleney Selius	Louise Bauer	Warna Berryman
Judy Fuchs	Joann Kapugi	George Fuchs
Glenn Karnatz	Suzie Karnatz	Robert Hamilton, Jr.
Dave & Lee Marquardt		

## Compassion and Sympathy

## Other Prayers and Concerns

Our Preschool Staff, Children & Families  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchkik, Haiti*

## LWML RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE



**BRING** your gently used items for the LWML Rummage Sale, scheduled outdoors for **Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 2 pm in the back of the parking lot.

**Drop your items in the fellowship hall.**

The rain date will be the following Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**We are not accepting clothing, TV's or heavy furniture!**

Set up will be 7 am so that we are ready for customers by 9 am.

**Please let Debby Zagone know if you are available to help out on the day of the sale or if you have any questions.**

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### Quilting Ministry

If you have taken a Quilt embroidery kit, the quilt group needs it returned as soon as possible. We have many packets of coordinating squares on hold just waiting for your lovely handiwork. When we deliver the quilts, folks always mention how much they enjoy the embroideries.

If you are not able finish the kits, please turn them in anyway. Some kits have been out for a long time. Should they not be returned we will be need to use those reserved squares for something else.

We sincerely appreciate your handiwork and thank you for being a part of this ministry.

Mikki Reinicker



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### Mission of the Month

Blue Ridge Prison & Jail Ministries

Our Vision:

To minister in prayer to men and women, by way of identifying the deep-rooted needs that leads to destructive behavior and provide biblical and ethical solutions in order to break the cycle and provide a new way of life.