



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

*May 18, 2025*

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL**

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Jesus commands us to love one another.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what humble act of kindness can you do for someone?

God gave the apostle John a vision of a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1-6).

Verse 5 tells us that the one on the throne will

make all things new. What do you imagine the new heaven and earth will look like? Take a moment to answer this question. Then draw a picture of what you imagine or write about it on a piece of paper.

***Pray:* Dear God, you who are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, we ask that you dwell within us and make all things new. Amen.**



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP  
WITH US TODAY!**

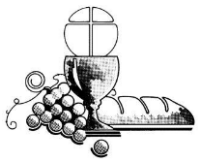
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! Please sign our

guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the pew and place in the offering plate. Please include your local contact information and email. Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 18, 2025*

### **PRELUDE**

### **✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

### **537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,

Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

*(Please rise)*

# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

## INVOCATION

**P**In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 151

**P**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

**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.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**



## **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 148*

### **Praise the Name of the LORD**

**[P]** Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**[C]** Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

**[P]** Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**[C]** Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

**[P]** Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.

**[C]** And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**[P]** Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**[C]** fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

**P** Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**C** Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!

**P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C** Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

**P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C** He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
**Praise the LORD!**

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of  
all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.

**C** Amen.

♪ **THIS IS THE FEAST** ♪

*LSB 155*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 11:1–18*

### **Peter Reports to the Church**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying,

and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water,

but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*Revelation 21:1–7*

### **The New Heaven and the New Earth**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain

anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

♪ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ♪

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 16:12–22*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy**

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking

about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN**

## 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**"Joy"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

### **805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL** **BLESSINGS FLOW**

*(Please rise)*

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## **PREFACE**

*LSB 160*

**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.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P**It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and

magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising  
You and saying:

**♪SANCTUS♪**

*LSB 161*

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and  
might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**☩** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for  
You have had mercy on those whom You  
created and sent Your only-begotten Son into  
our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With  
repentant joy we receive the salvation  
accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice  
of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of  
Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew,  
and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.



Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**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 ✝ 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

### **♪AGNUS DEI♪**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

## **628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH**

- 1 Your table I approach;  
    Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
    Prove hurtful to me there.
  
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
    And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
    Forgiveness at Your hands.
  
- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
    Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
    In blest reality.
  
- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
    This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly 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.

### **618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE**

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

*(Please rise)*

♪ **THANK THE LORD** ♪

LSB 164

🎵 **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**[P]** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME**

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;



So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



# *Go and Serve the Lord*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Doug Johnson

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Sam and Carol Harrison

Reader: Ginny Glander



**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.**



**Altar Flowers-** are placed by Judy Johnson in memory of **†Gary Lawrence**

**Altar Flowers Needed for: June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 5/24: Laurie Schroskey**

**Celebrating anniversaries this week: 5/22:**  
Linda & Chester Rust (70yrs)



**Food and Fellowship:** Please join us immediately after the service. We meet in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church before Bible study. The refreshments this week are from Tammy Sheridan Thank you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to sponsor a week.

### **Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 47

Bible Study – 13

Confirmation –

Sunday School –

### **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR**

**May 18, 2025 – May 25, 2025**

**TODAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor**

**May 18 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation**

**12:30 p.m. Church Council will meet (right after**

## Adult Bible Class)

MONDAY:

**May 19**

TUESDAY:

**May 20**

WEDNESDAY: **10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study**

**w/Pastor**

**May 21**

THURSDAY:

**May 22**

FRIDAY:

**May 23**

SATURDAY:

**May 24**

NEXT **10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

SUNDAY **11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor**

**May 25 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation**



## **“Living, Giving Tree”**

We are asking for your help with the Buckingham School **“Living, Giving Tree”**. All the students there are handicapped. Donations will be used to help stock the children’s

achievement “store” at the school. The achievements are at times very small for us, but exceptionally large to those students. Please consider taking an envelope off the tree in the narthex and contribute what is in your heart, any amount of money or a gift card. (gift cards can be McDonalds, Wendy’s, Dairy Queen, Walmart etc.) We can purchase what is needed for the children for you. Contact Klaus Naumann if any questions. Today’s the last Sunday, so it’s not too late!



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are updating the church directory. Directory update forms are available in the Narthex to report any changes in your address or contact info. Please place the forms in the collection plate.



# Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

**Emma** – kidneys  
**Lou** - in Cedarbrook long-term care  
**Matt** – stroke  
**Theresa** – stroke  
**Chris** – lung cancer  
**Sarah** – stomach issues  
**Tim** – health issues  
**Kurt** – health issues  
**Jack** – fighting depression, lung issues  
**JoAnn** – heart issues  
**Tamara** – medical issues  
**Susan** – recovering from cancer  
**Chade** – guidance  
**Steven** – guidance  
**Connie** – passed away, pray for family and friends  
**Ashton** – esophageal atresia  
**Sharon** – shoulder  
**Cammy** – brain tumor stable  
**Cannon** – cancer  
**Dorothy** – in memory care  
**Edison** – health issues  
**Sharon** – cancer  
**Anonymous** – cancer  
**Haven** – battling cancer  
**Gail** – running tests for leukemia  
**Tara** – health  
**Dustin** – alcohol rehab  
**Brad** – heart attack  
**Pat** – health issues  
**Dave** – health issues  
**Becky** – cancer  
Family and Friends of **Bob Jurs**  
and **Myrtle Edge** who **passed**  
**away**  
**Ken** – cancer  
**Lidia** – health issues  
**TA** – spiritual guidance and removal of all temptation  
**Belland/Calcagino** – family issues  
**Jenn** – cancer  
**Yvonne** – health issues

**David** – cancer  
**Sean** – God knows  
**Lynne** – health issues  
**Ron** – hospitalized  
**Pam** – health issues  
**Terry** – health issues  
**Joe** – health issues  
**Jessica** – health issues  
**Sam** – health issues  
**Paul** – strengthening of faith  
**Judy** – cancer  
**Joe** – stage 4 lung cancer  
**Bob** – need shots in eyes  
**Nicole** – broke lower leg  
**Pat** – lot of health issues  
**Halie Marie** – baby passed away, keep Alyssa, Ray and Grage family in your prayers  
**Holly** – needs pacemaker, hernia repaired, found a mass in her stomach area  
**Ken** - massive heart attack in January, still in hospital with major brain damage  
**Millie** – bad fall  
**Family with children** who have strayed  
**Les** – hernia surgery and kidney dialysis  
**Sandi** – Hodgkins and autoimmune disease  
**Rick** – stage 3 lung cancer

**\*Please note: Those who are named in our special prayers and intercessions list are placed there by members of our congregation. St. Paul tells us in 1Timothy 2:1-2: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.” Those named remain joyfully in our prayers until the person who requested our prayers removes them or until the Lord resolves their need. Therefore, as St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.**