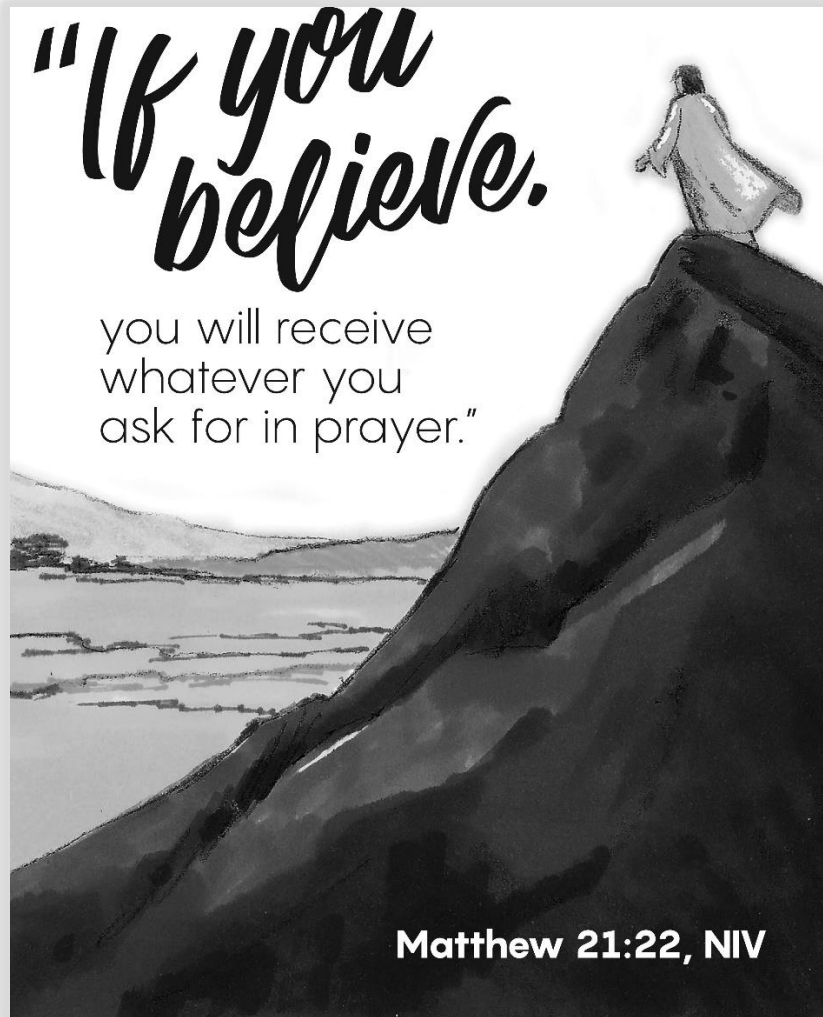


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

(Based on Lutheran Service Book page 203)

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY: We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In a safety emergency, please keep calm and do not leave the secured building unless instructed by a safety team member or elder.

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

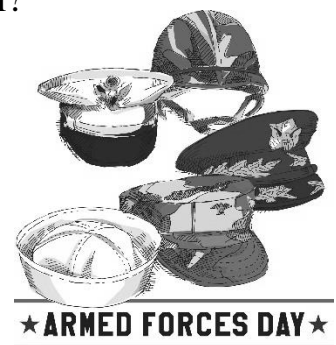
AS WE GATHER

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there. In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

The TOLLING OF THE BELLS



(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

1. God Himself is present: let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; all within keep silence; humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone on His throne is our God and Savior; praise His name forever!
2. God Himself is present: hear the harps resounding; see the hosts the throne
surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy!” hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.
3. Fount of ev'ry blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, worshiping before You, may I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will ever still rule Your Church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.

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The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

OPENING SENTENCES

Revelation 21:9–10, 23; John 16:24

P Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.

C **He showed me the holy city Jerusalem.**

P The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

C **for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

P Ask, and you will receive,

C **that your joy may be full.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:33

P Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

Silence for reflection and examination.

- P O Gracious Lord,
 C ...at times it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise about Your presence with us and Your love for us. 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 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 God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good,

C **by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

(God guided Paul and his companions in unexpected directions. Our plans in general, and in particular our plans for the spread of the Gospel, do not always proceed as we hope. Yet, God directs us as His messengers to the people and places He would have us go. His grace is not bounded by our weakness but serves His good purposes in Christ. • Heavenly Father, continue to send workers into Your harvest field. Enable missionaries, evangelists, and pastors to always see their ministry as a calling from You. Amen.)

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.



“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”

Acts 16:15, NRSV

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

(John continues his description of the glorified Church by focusing upon the splendor of the city in which God's people will dwell eternally. On the one hand, the incredible beauty of the heavenly Jerusalem stretches our imaginations beyond what they can comprehend; on the other hand, the stern warnings about the impure, false, and detestable seem all too familiar. Yet God will overcome all evil, including that in our lives, for He who has written our names in the Book of Life will Himself see us home. • Christ Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, help us to watch for the end of days and prepare for our reception into the new heaven and earth, where the great wedding feast never ends. Come soon, Lord Jesus. Amen.)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

(The disciples confidently claim they understand Jesus' parting words, but Jesus utters the sober prediction that they will soon abandon Him. Those boasting about spiritual maturity stand in danger of succumbing to human pride and unbelief. When we face temptation and trouble in this world, we can take heart that Christ has overcome the world for our sake. • O Christ, in crisis situations, give me the peace only You can give. Amen.)

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

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

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is

why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *LSB 556 sts. 1, 7–10*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 “Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 “Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav’n as -
10 “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav’n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom’s work be wrought And hon - ored



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t’ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



His right arm the vic - t’ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav’n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

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(Please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we ask this in Jesus' name: Visit and relieve those many people who are denied what they need in food, clothing, or shelter. Grant relief to those languishing because of injustice or oppression. Surround the poor, sick, and dying with people to care for their various needs. Open doors of opportunity for faith-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that they may care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people around them with Your protection and guidance.

C Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we are as children, only asking for what You deem best. Listen to our deep longings, our unspoken yearning, and the circumstances of our own lives. In Your mercy and love, assure us of Your presence despite whatever ills we might have. Be with those near and dear to us who call out for healing, strength, and comfort, [*especially . . . The family of Andrew Biermann (friend of LCC), The Kasch Family, Brain Kennedy (friend of Cherie Usowicz), Donna Leach, Newman Longwell (brother of Bea Butler), Tracy Shattuck (brother of Meredith Kecken), Larry Woodruff*].
Assure them of Your presence even now.

C Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, as our nation commemorates Memorial Day and for those who have gone before us. We give You thanks for those who worked and strove, who fought and died, that we might live in peace and liberty. Make us worthy of our heritage, great God; help us to remember that freedom is never without cost.

C **Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.**

P We give thanks, heavenly Father, for the faith Your Holy Spirit has placed within us. We know the promise of heaven and long for the new Jerusalem. We, like John, look forward to that new Jerusalem, and like Lydia, have heard the Good News of our Savior and rejoice. We are confident that Your ears are open to our requests for ourselves, our circle of friends and family, and all the faithful who gather with us. Answer our prayers as fits Your plans for us, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

C **Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.**

P We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>



For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card. They can be placed at the altar as you leave the service.

OFFERING HYMN

(Tune: Eternal Father, Strong to Save - LSB 717)

In God we trust! Oh, may it be Throughout this land of liberty!
Lord, turn our hearts from guilt and shame To bear with joy your sacred name.
In ev'ry need, as well they must, Our hearts cry out, "In God we trust!"

In God we trust! For we have heard The news of your forgiving Word,
The peace for which our Savior died, The Spirit's favors multiplied.
For ev'ry blessing, true and just, Thankful we cry, "In God we trust!"

In God we trust! Oh, give us grace In you our confidence to place,
To set our hearts on things above, To live as agents of your love,
To conquer death, to rise from dust, To cry anew, "In God we trust!"

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 sts. 1–2, 4–5

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

(continued)

- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

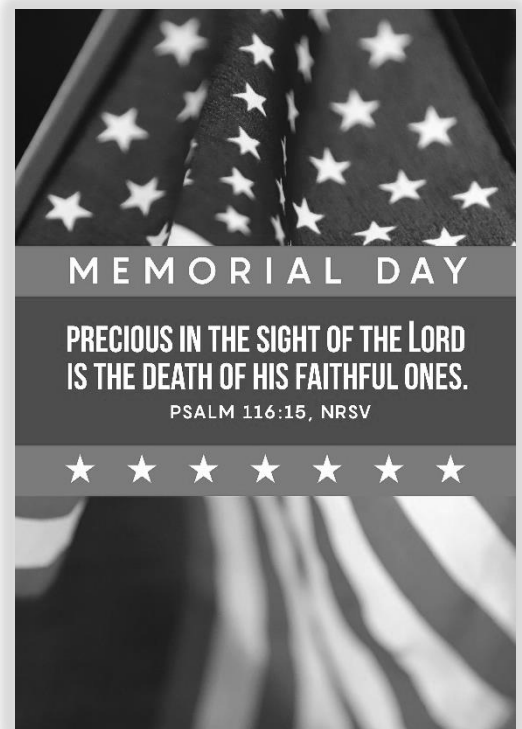
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SILENT PRAYER *(Sung to TAPS)*

God of love, from above,
Shine your face; may your grace Still increase.
Stretch your hand o’er our land;
Grant us peace.

POSTLUDE & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.



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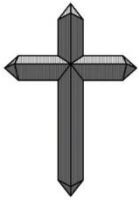
Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
The LCC Altar Guild in remembrance of our sainted friend ~ Joyce Schankin.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
The LCC Military Appreciation Team in honor of all those serving in our Armed Forces.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Judy Daily, Barb Powell
Elders on Duty	David Aiken, Wayn Nelson
Lay Readers	Dorothy Christman, Robin Dym
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Elliana & Katie	Family of Bill & Ronna Trueman; healing
The family of Andrew Biermann	Friend of LCC; peace & understanding
Nancy Bird	Recovery & healing
The Kasch family	Peace & faith
Todd Klietz & family	Hospice Care
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Brian Kennedy	Friend of LCC; strength & healing
Donna Leach	Healing & recovery
Newman Longwell	Brother of Bea Butler; hospitalized, healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Carol Scheff	Healing & recovery
Tracy Shattuck	Brother Meredith Kecken; thanksgiving
Ken & Mary Werring	Recovery & healing
Larry Woodruff	Recovery & healing
Debbie Zienert	Dave Diener's sister; peace & comfort

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; battling cancer
Tom Druin	Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Barbara Kraning	Daughter in law Rosemary Kraning; battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer

Patricia Ruiz
 Lisa Sayers
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Arthy Turtotte
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

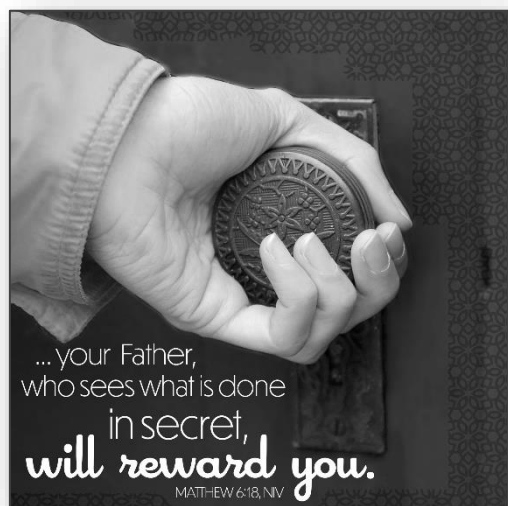
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 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF SrA Riley Latarski
 Marines Sgt. Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
 Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.



LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT **& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE** **REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 05/18/2025			
On-Site Attendance		Weekly Contributions	
32 / 123		Income:	\$ 6,947
		Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Sun-May 25

MILITARY APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Mon-May 26

Church Office Closed ~ Memorial Day

Sun-June 1 11:45am

LCC Voter's Meeting (Sanctuary)

✠ **CFO Mike Barzona will be out of the office from June 6 – June 20.** He will resume office hours on Monday June 23rd.

The **Parish Admin will be on-site the week of June 9** to cover his absence.

If anyone is interested in assisting the office during the week of the 16th, please reach out to Jennifer for more information.

Pastor Stolarczyk is attending a Convention in Lake Buena Vista Jun 4-Jun 7



The Church's Master Calendar of Scheduled Events will end with July! The process of setting up the 2025 / 2026 LCC Church Calendar will begin soon. Now is the time to begin thinking about those events we may want to focus ministry attention on for the next year and what might be needed to begin the initial planning of these events!

In our best efforts to do this – LCC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to make these events happen! Not only for our special events, but for our weekly year-round church services & needs also!

Churches rely on volunteers for a multitude of reasons, including spiritual growth, building fellowship, fulfilling ministry needs, and making a meaningful impact on their communities. Volunteers help churches run smoothly, offer various support roles, and enable them to address

community needs effectively. A solid volunteer experience can change lives, not just of the recipient of the effort, but of the one delivering the service as well. Please prayerfully consider how some of your time and talents could be used to serve the LCC church and it's ministry. We have volunteer serving opportunities that are a variety of commitments: one-offs, short term, or near term. While prayerfully considering remember:

For we are
GOD'S HANDIWORK,
created in
CHRIST JESUS
to do
GOOD WORKS.

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV



If you have an idea of an event that you might like to see LCC consider, please contact our Parish Administrator, Jennifer, to discuss your thoughts!

