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On the Road to Emmaus

Sunday, April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #541 "Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide"

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my**

thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of five notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, and A4, all beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



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



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-47

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ³⁶ “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 67 The soloist sings “God Be Merciful Unto Us” ©1980 Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved.

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause his face to shine upon us

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee.

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon the earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase and God, even our own God shall bless us.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you²¹ who through him are believers in

God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Verse of the Day – Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia! (Luke 24:32)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Luke 24:13-35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him,

“Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,**

and became fully human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Gospel Response – “On Emmaus’ Journey”

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Who are you who walk in sorrow down Emmaus’ barren
road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, bent beneath grief’s
crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you, we who also mourn
our dead.
We have stood by graves unyielding, eaten death’s bare
bitter bread.

Who is this who joins our journey, walking with us stride by stride?

Unknown Stanger, can you fathom depths of grief for one who died?

Then the wonder! When we told you how our dreams to dust have turned,

Then you opened wide the Scriptures till our hearts within us burned!

Who are you? Our hearts are opened; who are you who breaks the bread?

Christ the victim, now the victor, living risen from the dead!
Great Companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace!

Make each day a new Emmaus: on our hearts your image trace!

Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death?

Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath!

At the font you claim and name us, born of water and the Word.

At the table still you feed us, host us as our Risen Lord!

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing!

Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people called from every land and race.

Make your church your servant Body, sent to share your healing grace!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #160 “This Joyful Eastertide”

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON

This prayer is found on page 126 of Christian Worship.

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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.



PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#333 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

TLH #194 "Abide with Us, the Day is Waning" (next page)

Luke 24: 13-35

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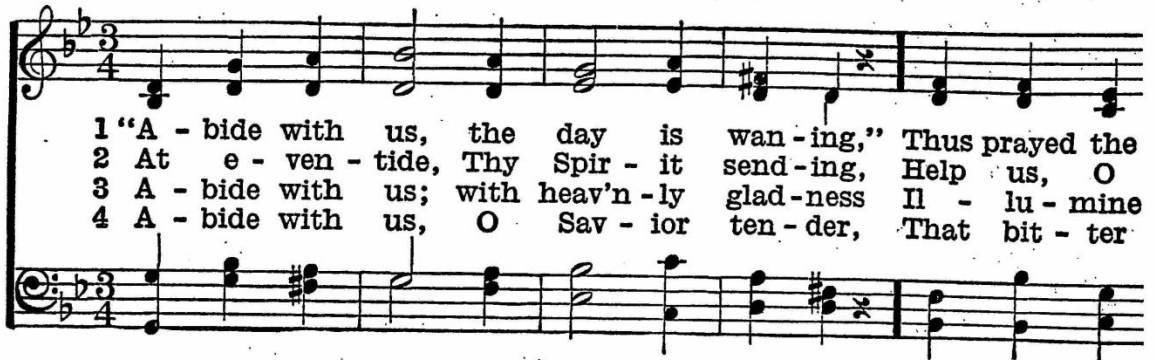
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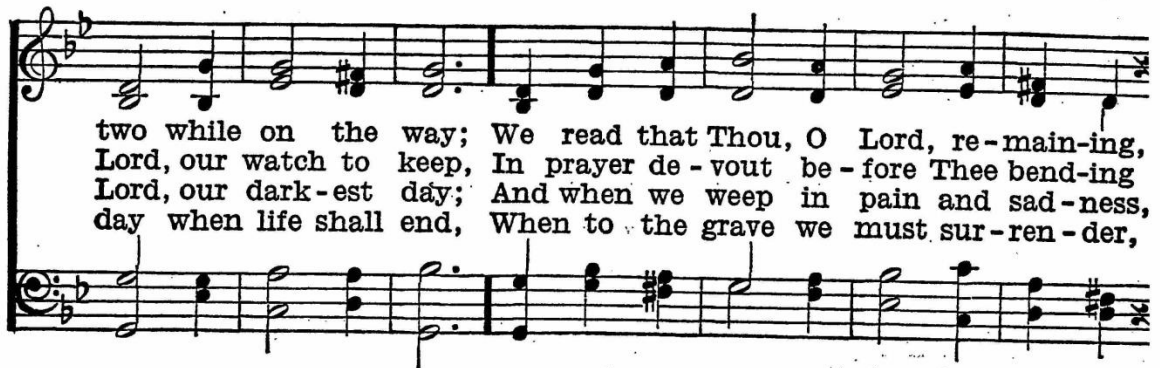
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Wer nur den lieben Got

Georg Neumark, 164



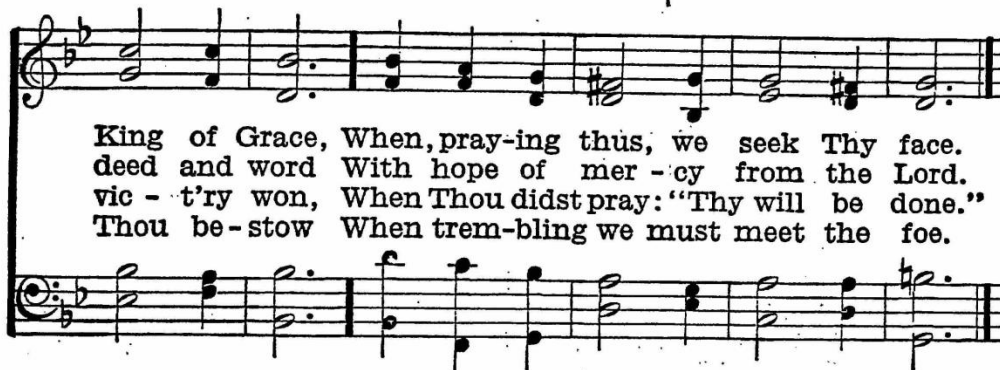
1 "A - bide with us, the day is wan - ing," Thus prayed the
 2 At e - ven - tide, Thy Spir - it send - ing, Help us, O
 3 A - bide with us; with heav'n - ly glad - ness Il - lu - mine
 4 A - bide with us, O Sav - ior ten - der, That bit - ter



two while on the way; We read that Thou, O Lord, re - main - ing,
 Lord, our watch to keep, In prayer de - vout be - fore Thee bend - ing
 Lord, our dark - est day; And when we weep in pain and sad - ness,
 day when life shall end, When to the grave we must sur - ren - der,



Didst all their doubts and fears al - lay. In - cline Thine ear, Thou
 Ere we our eye - lids close in sleep, Con - fess - ing sin in
 Be Thou our Sol - ace, Strength, and Stay. Tell of Thy woe, Thy
 And fear and pain our hearts shall rend. The shield of faith do



King of Grace, When, pray - ing thus, we seek Thy face.
 deed and word With hope of mer - cy from the Lord.
 vic - t'ry won, When Thou didst pray: "Thy will be done."
 Thou be - stow When trem - bling we must meet the foe.

5 When earthly help no more availeth,
 To sup with us Thou wilt be nigh;
 Thou givest strength that never falleth,
 In Thee we grave and death defy.
 While earth is fading from our sight,
 Our eyes behold the realms of light.

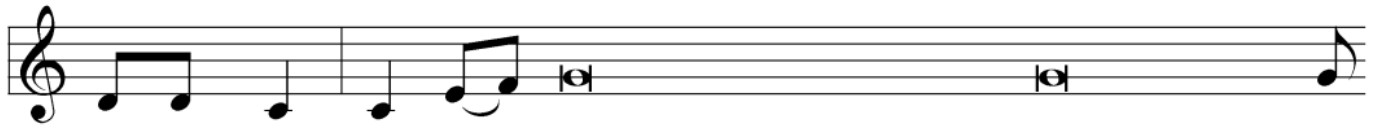
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

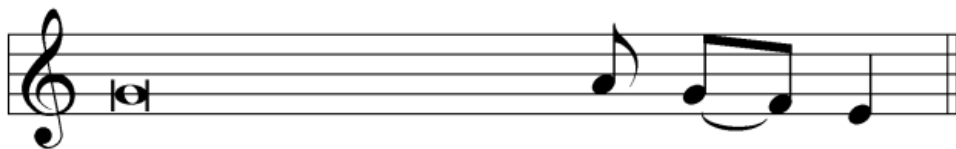


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Scott Beckerman and Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Call Meeting |
| Monday | - 7:00 PM Divine Service |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board of Education/Stewardship;
Board of Trustees meetings |

- 8:00 PM Church Council meeting
- Wednesday - 9:00 Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Adult Bible Information Class
- Thursday - 6:40 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday - 9:00 Work Bee
- 6:00 to 9:00 PM Family Game Night
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service – Confirmation Sunday
- 10:45 AM Confirmation reception
- 6:00 PM Luther Lecture Series at Good Shepherd, Novi

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland;
Ushering – Team 4

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their son Tyler's birthday (today) by Richard and Deborah Cording.

A new Adult Bible Information Class started last Wednesday (7:00 PM). An invitation letter is on the table in the narthex. Please share and let Pastor Schaefer know so that materials can be prepared. (Hint: A good way to get someone to attend is to offer to attend with them!) Thank you.

The Board of Stewardship/Education will be hosting an **appetizer/dessert game night on Saturday May 6th** from 6 to 9 PM . Bring an appetizer and a dessert along with a board game for a night of food and fun. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

The annual **St. Peter's Work Bee** will begin at 9 AM Saturday, May 6. All are invited to help beautify our church campus. Please bring appropriate gardening equipment.

We hope our entire congregation will become involved in the **St. Peter's Preschool 25th anniversary** on Saturday, June 3 from noon to 2 PM. Former students and their families are encouraged to attend. We especially invite all of you to welcome our visitors. The event is open to the public, and we will have fun activities (bouncy house, face painting, games). Please consider volunteering to help with this celebration. Contact our preschool director, Becky Lohrmann for information: lohmann@yahoo.com

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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