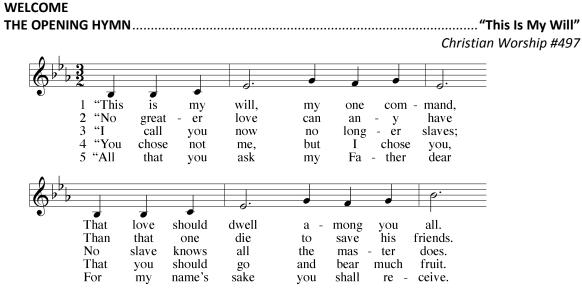
# Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3 & 4, 2015



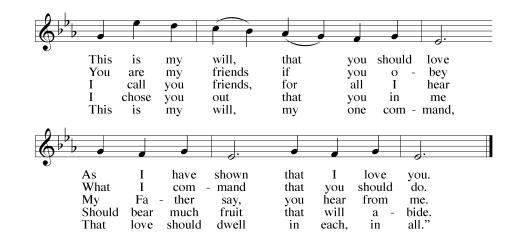
Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

# Our Worship Service

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 Tune: SUANTRAI (LM) Gaelic melody, c. 19th century.

#### Please Stand

### THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.
- **P:** 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: Amen.

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



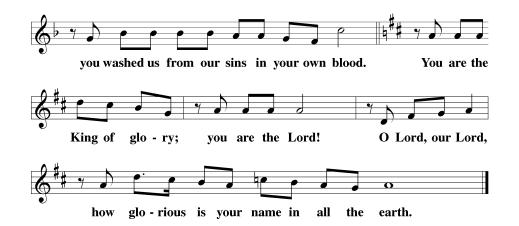
**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



#### O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



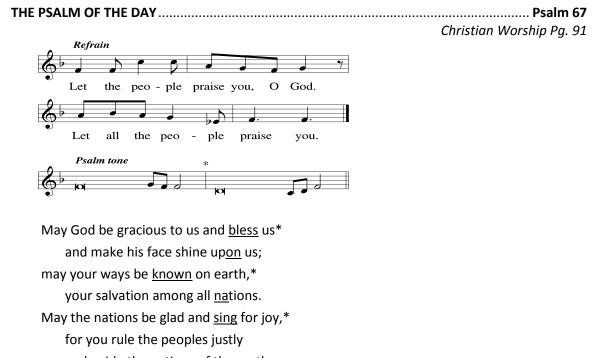
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THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 8:26-40

Philip shared the message of the Lord's victory with the Ethiopian eunuch. Sharing Christ with others is an important fruit of faith.

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said,

"unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.



and guide the nations of the earth.

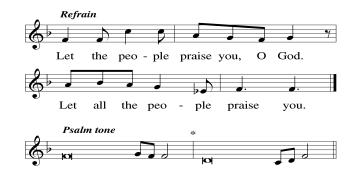
#### Refrain

Then the land will yield its <u>har</u>vest,\* and God, our God, will <u>bless</u> us. God will bless us,\*

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.



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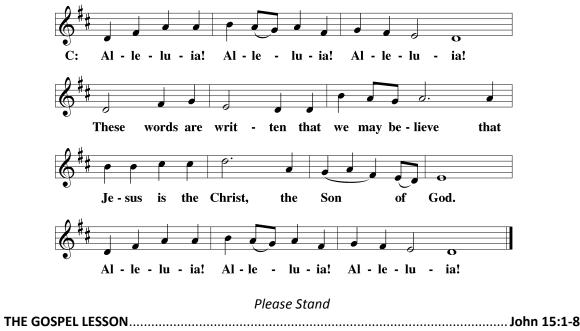
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God wants us to believe in Jesus and to love one another. The Spirit, as he gives us the power to do both, assures us of our standing with God.

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup> This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

#### (Senior Choir – Sunday; Congregation-Monday)

**P:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.



The evidence of faith in Christ is a life of deeds of love. Those "fruits" grow out of our fellowship with Christ, and they mark us as his disciples.

<sup>15:1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



#### THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

#### Please Be Seated

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CHOIR ANTHEM...... "Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled" Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, Then I'll come back to take you with me, That where I am, you may also be.

In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell safely. You know the way to where I'll lead you, If you are lost, I will show the way.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, Then I'll come back to take you with me, That where I am, you may also be.

I am the way, the truth and the life, Only through me can you know what I know. If you knew me, you would see the vision, If you see me, you see your God.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, Then I'll come back to take you with me, That where I am, you may also be.

The words I speak are not only of myself, It is your God who lives within me. If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, Then I'll come back to take you with me, That where I am, you may also be.

<ul> <li>Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his</li> <li>Oh, the height of Je - sus'love, High - er than the</li> <li>On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a</li> <li>Chief of sin - ners though I be, Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it</li> </ul>
blood for me, Died that I might live on high, heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea, wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, all to me. All my wants to him are known; and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me— Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
to the vine, I am his and he is mine! won-drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not. walk with God In the way that E - noch trod. earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life. need sup - ply While I live and when I die.
Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt. Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 7) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

"I Am the Vine, You are the Branches"

Please Stand

#### THE 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.

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#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

#### THE PRAYERS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



**P:** Lift up your hearts.



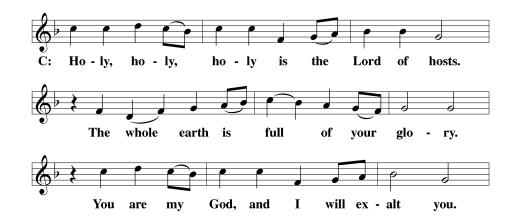
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

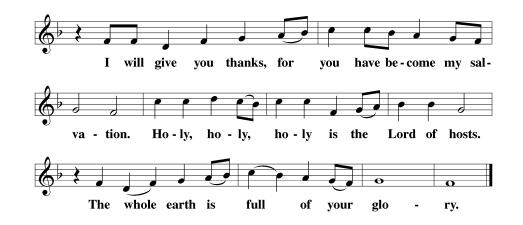


**P:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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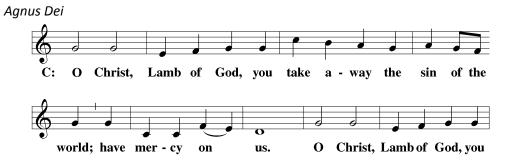
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

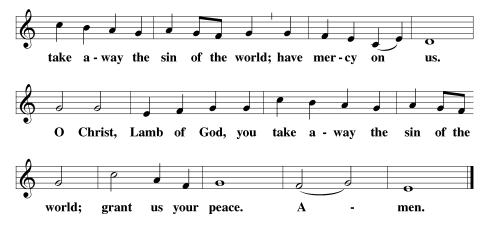
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

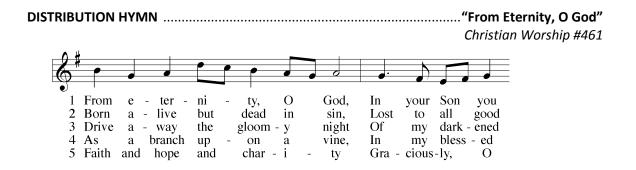




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#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.



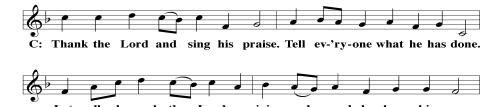
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#### Please Stand









#### THE CLOSING PRAYER

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BENEDICTION

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

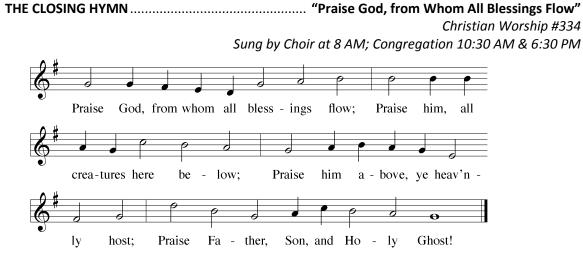
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr. Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

# **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen
Senior Choir Director	Mrs. Marie Becker

### Announcements

- **CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE:** WLCFS (Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Family Solutions) will have craft items available for sale in the narthex today. The proceeds from this sale helps provide funding for services provided by WLCFS, such as counseling services and their in-home care program. The mission of WLCFS is "healing and helping people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ."
- **CONFIRMATION & EXAMINATION:** The Confirmation Examination will be Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Confirmation service will be Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to join us for these services.

- **ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP:** Our Ascension Day worship service will be Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please join us that evening as we celebrate Jesus' Ascension to heaven.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PASTOR CALL MEETING: This afternoon (May 3) at 2:30pm, St. Paul's will continue the process of calling a second Shepherd as its second pastor. The Call Meeting will be led by one of the Vice-Presidents of our Southeastern Wisconsin District. We continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our efforts and bless the ministry of St. Paul's.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this Sunday are donated by Gary and Donna Boldt, in memory of Londyn House's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- **"SHARE THE MISSION" TRIPS:** For quite a few years, students from St. Paul's have gone on mission trips from Wisconsin Lutheran High School's "Share the Mission" program. This year, one of St. Paul's members, Annie Rasmussen, will be traveling to Irmo, South Carolina. We would like to have a free-will offering next weekend to assist this program at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. For more information, please see the insert in today's bulletin.
- **GRASS CUTTING CREWS:** It once again is getting to be the time to setup the grass cutting crews for church. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Gordy Lesser (421-5687).
- **KITCHEN REORGANIZATION:** Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> the school kitchen will undergo extensive reorganization. If you have any items stored in the kitchen at this time, please remove them prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the items need to stay in the kitchen, please clearly label them. Any items not claimed will be donated to Southside Ministries.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Board of Education will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

- **BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** The Board of Spiritual Growth will meet on Thursday at 7:00 PM.
- **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:** St. Paul's was founded in 1865 when a group of German Lutherans, in the township of Franklin, met on September 21, 1865, in the house of H. Sanders on Smith Road (now 51<sup>st</sup> Street) for the purpose of organizing a new Lutheran congregation. At that meeting, H. Wolter was chosen to be the Chairman and H. Sanders as Secretary. Mr. Wolter would donate the land necessary to build the new church and cemetery. Planning and work on a new church building began shortly after that meeting, and the church would be completed in two months. On November 14, 1865 Pastor Phillip

Brenner was called to be the first visiting pastor of St. Paul's. Worship services were held in the house of H. Wolter until the new church would be completed in late 1865.

The Board of Elders would like to form a committee of men and women who would be willing to help plan events related to the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's congregation. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Pastor Adams or Steve Baade, the chairman of our Board of Elders.

- **2016** AUCTION AND GALA: On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Auction and Gala. We need you to make it a success! It is a great opportunity to meet new families, get involved, and make a HUGE difference in the lives of our school kids! The last two auctions raised over \$55,000! The money was well spent on upgrading the technology throughout the school modernized infrastructure, Chromebooks and iPads were installed and purchased. The kids are so excited to use this new technology! Please consider your involvement and the impact you can make. There are opportunities for every level of commitment, from auction chairs to much-needed, but short-lived tasks and everything in between. Please send your contact information and any questions to Auction@stpaulsfranklin.org
- JOB OPPORTUNITIES: St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) is a childcare and Early Educational Ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church located in Muskego. We are in need of two outgoing, energetic people who love to make a difference in the lives of young children. We have a year-round part-time aide position available. Days: Monday and Wednesday from 7 am – 1:00 p.m. We are also looking for a year-round Lead Teacher. Days and hours would be Monday-Friday 7 am -2:00 pm. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment. If you are interested please call Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320 ext. 200, cell; 262-470-0465 or email at <u>kneubauer@stpaulsmuskego.org</u> for more information. You can also stop by the SOEL office for an application (S66 W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego. We're located off of the east entrance.
- **PRISM CONCERT:** The WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail using the ticket order form at<u>www.wlhs.org</u>. For more information, please call <u>414-453-4567</u>.

- WLHS FISHERS OF MEN CLASSIC: Registration is now open for the WLHS 11th annual Fishers of Men Classic fishing tournament held at Smokey's Bait Shop on Pewaukee Lake on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 5:00 a.m., including worship service. Cost is \$35 per person and includes: lunch, trophies, and a \$20 donation to the WLHS science department. Boat launch fee is an additional cost. Registration can be found online at <u>www.wlhs.org</u> or by contacting Mike Sebald at <u>414-453-4567 ext. 2262</u>.
- **CRAFTERS NEEDED:** The Colors of Christmas Craft Fair will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Interested crafters or volunteers are asked to contact Sandy Krueger at craft.fair@wlhs.org for additional information.
- WLHS WORK DAYS: Now that spring is here, it's time for some spring cleaning! Consider "hiring" WLHS students for a day or a few hours for a "work day" and donate appropriately in lieu of paying the students. All money raised will go to WLHS' mission project "Ahora en Sonora," to build a church in Mexico. Work may include: window washing, yard work, cleaning, painting, etc. Those interested should contact Roger Festerling by e-mail to workday@wlhs.org or by calling414-453-4567 ext. 2222. The last three weekends in May are your last chance to hire these students. A special weekday team can be negotiated if a weekend will not work for you.
- WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CAR WASH: Come and support Wisconsin Lutheran High School by getting your car washed today, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in the back parking lot of the high school. All donations will go to support WLHS' mission project to help build a church in Sonora, Mexico.
- **SAVE THE DATES:** Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am 3pm. Registration forms will be available at a later date. Help needed forms are in today's bulletin.

# Volunteers

#### **GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 3 & 4)**

8:00 AM-	Tim & Denise Rasmussen; Abigail & Anne
10:30 AM-	Jack & Kathy Klunder
6:30 PM -	Richard & Kathy Hinz

# GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 10 & 11)

8:00 AM-Allyn & Patsy Curler10:30 AM-Richard & Betty Patin6:30 PM-Donna LaBlanc

#### **USHERS FOR MAY:**

8:00 AM TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker 10:30 AM TEAM#5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski 6:30 PM TEAM#9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### ALTAR GUILD:

April 29-May 12-TEAM #2; Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

# The Weekly Schedule

# Sunday, May 3

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Worship Service with Communion
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
Worship Service with Communion
Pastor Call Meeting2:30 PM
Monday, May 4
Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 5
PSCIC6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 6
Senior Choir Rehearsal6:30 PM
Board of Education Meeting6:30 PM
Thursday, May 7
Adult Handbells6:30 PM
Board of Spiritual Growth Meeting7:00 PM
Friday, May 8
School Devotion
Sunday, May 10
Worship Service
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Worship Service

# **Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 am-103, Communed-n/a; 10:30 am-119, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-44, Communed-n/a; Total Attendance 266; Total Communed-n/a; Sunday School-8; Bible Class-24