

I am praying for them

John 17:9



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Divine Service 10:00am

Seventh Sunday of Easter
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AS WE GATHER

Following the Ascension of Christ, there was a period of time before the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples at Pentecost. It was a time of waiting expectantly in faith for the power and blessings that God would bestow on the disciples. We also wait expectantly for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives. But, remember: the Holy Spirit comes to us each time we hear the Word and receive the blessings of the Sacraments. Our wait is only between times of worship and devotion! As we wait for the Holy Spirit to come to us today in our worship, pray that He would influence and empower our lives to stronger faith and more involved service to Christ and His people.

Divine Service, Setting Three
(Printed form)

Opening Hymn p. 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Confession and Absolution

Stand

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Psalm 68:1-10

God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

as wax melts before fire,

so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad;

they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;

His name is the Lord;

exult before Him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

is God in His holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home;

He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

O God, when You went out before Your people,

when You marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, You shed abroad;
You restored Your inheritance as it languished;
Your flock found a dwelling in it;
in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW, AND
WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Kyrie (Spoken)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading Acts 1:12-26

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

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

there be no one to dwell in it'; and " 'Let another take his office.'

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

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

All: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

Epistle I Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Verse

Rom. 6:9; John 14:18

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

"I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn p. 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon "Counsel for the Troubled" (I Peter 5:6-11)

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn p. 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"



Protective Basics: As we make our way through the COVID issue, we ask that you employ the simple health measures to wash or sanitize your hands often, and remain home if you're feeling ill. Our Sunday services will continue to be posted online <http://stpaulskenesaw.org>.

Pastor is a hand-shaker, so if you're less comfortable with that, an elbow bump is good! If you want to wear a mask, feel free. In the end, God is our Protector and Jesus is our Healer!

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, - King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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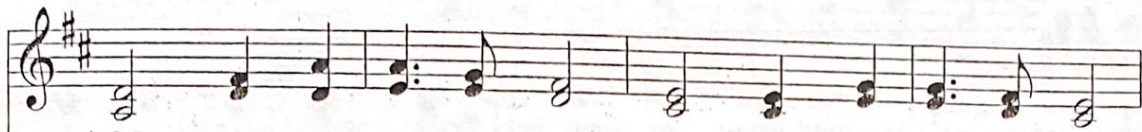
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Heb. 1:1-13; John 1:1-4, 14; Luke 1:30-33; John 12:46

Vicarage Assignment: Michael Duffy received his vicarage assignment from St. Louis seminary in a virtual ceremony on April 28th. He will be going to Winter Haven, Florida for one year. Thank you for all your generous congregational support. Please pray that he and Sarah will have a fruitful and blessed year. God bless you.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today – 7th Sunday of Easter

☩ 10:00 AM Divine Worship

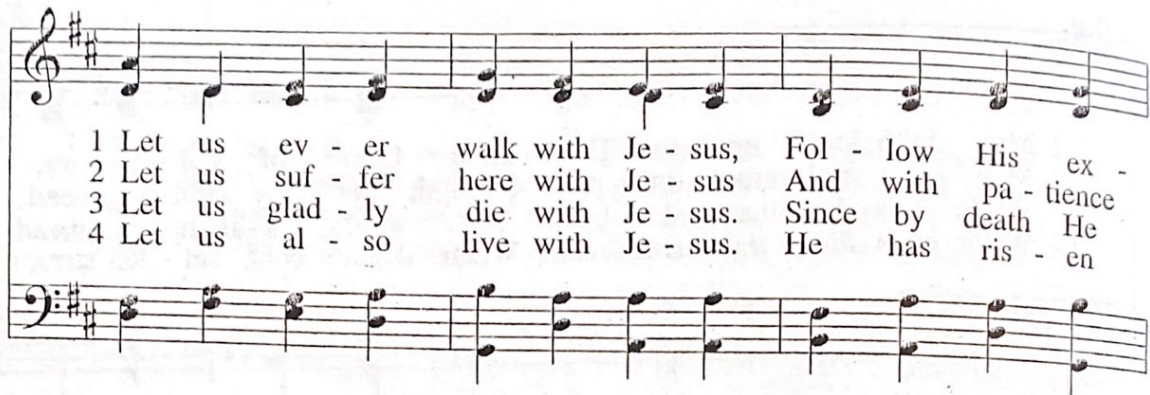
Mon. Memorial Day

Tues. 7:30 PM LWML Officers

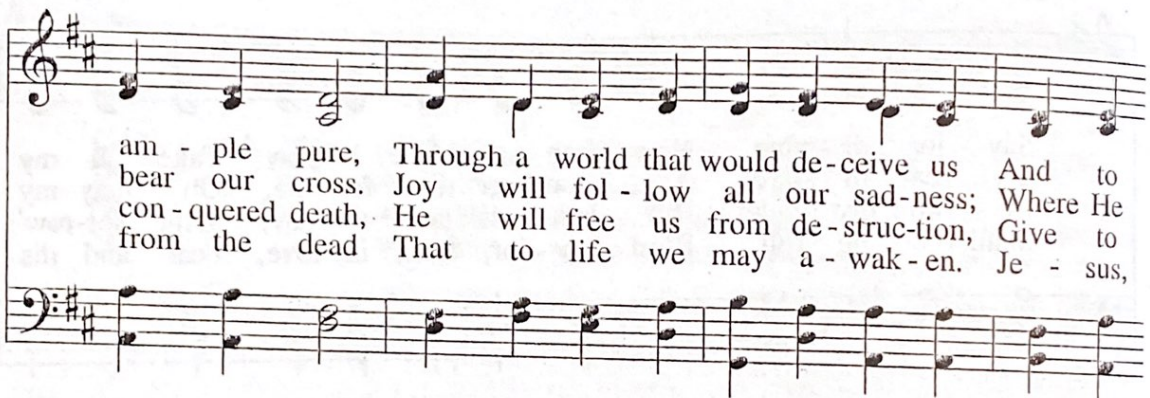
Wed. 8:00 PM LLL

Parents take Note: The most recent editions of *“My Devotions – Daily Devotions for Young Christians”* and *“Happy Times”* is available. Be sure to pick up your copy by the mailboxes.

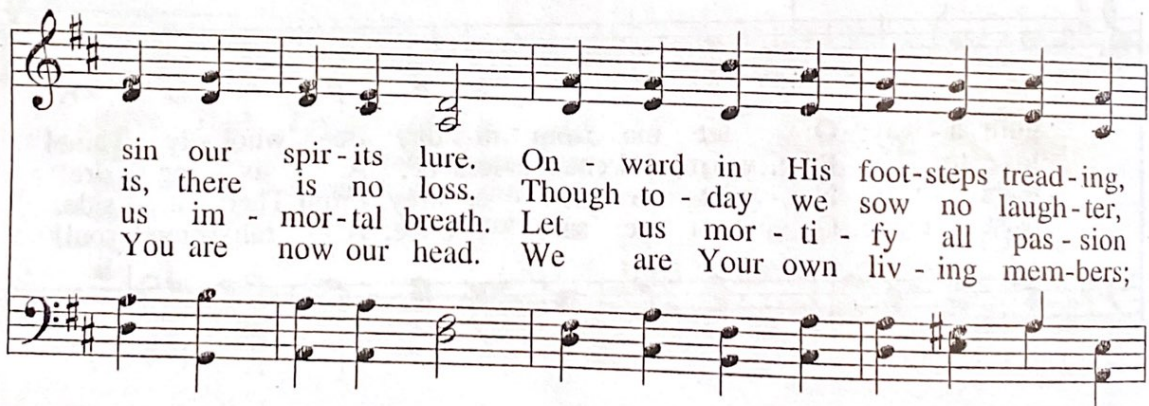
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



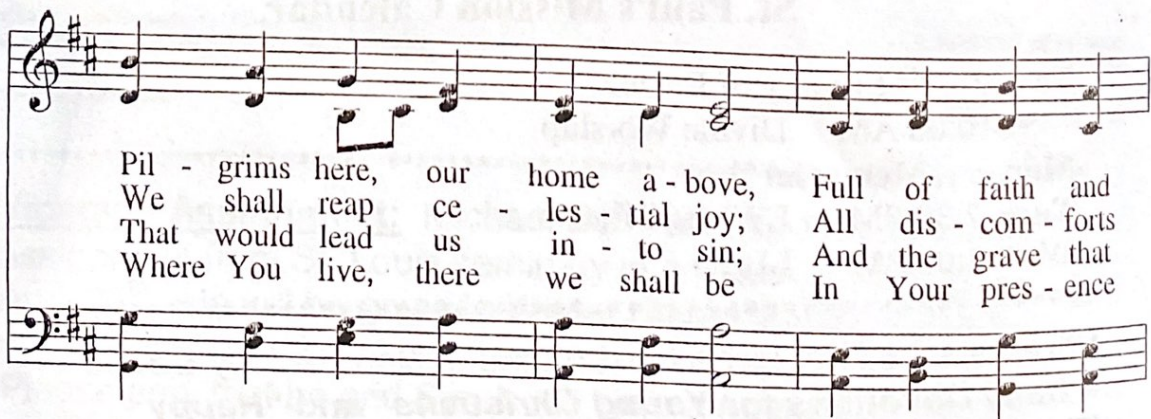
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

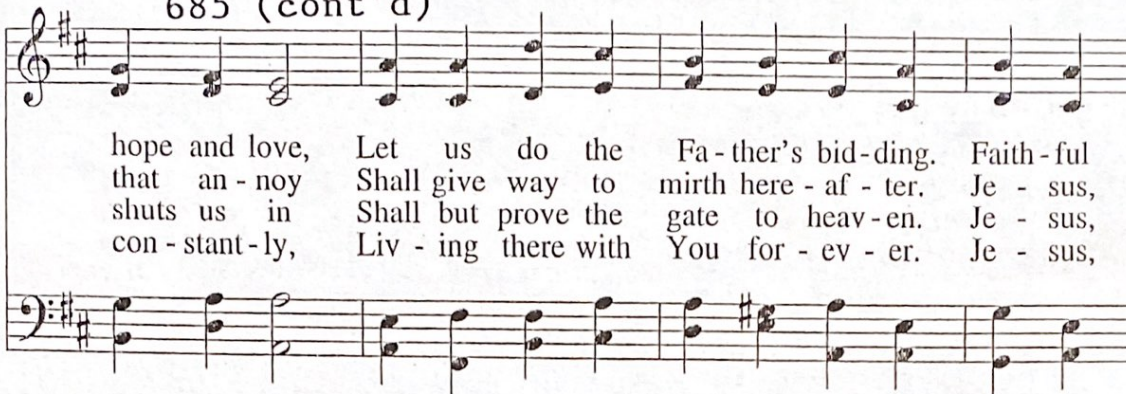


sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

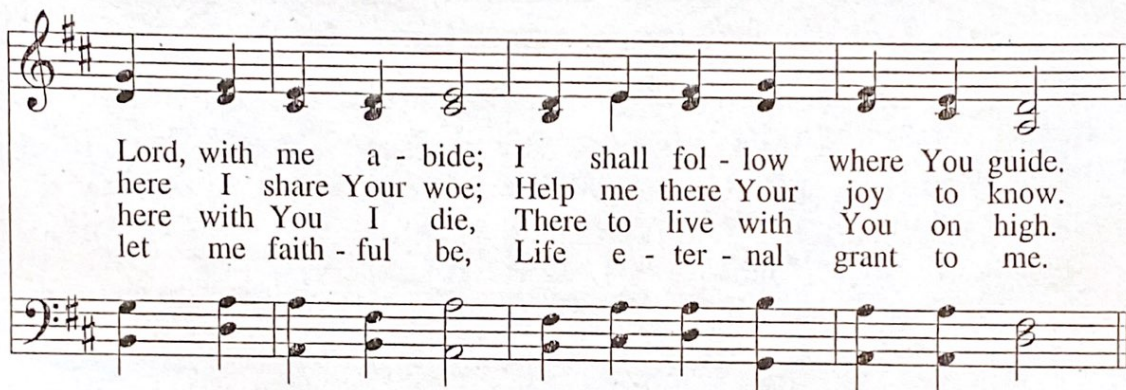


Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

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hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
 that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Welcome Sandra! At the occasion of Marilyn Fischer's retirement, Sandra Mack has agreed to become St. Paul's organist for every other month. We are pleased to have her aboard to bring her gifts to God's people as we worship Him together! May He bless her and her family richly!

June 7th Summer Worship Schedule Begins

☩ 9:30 AM Worship Service ☩

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

No Sunday School during the summer months.



Fellowship Coffees following the service during the summer months have been postponed at this time.

Help Needed: The council decided at their last meeting to refinish the Sanctuary floor. We will need help removing pews after church July 5th and reinstalling them Sat., July 18th. Any and all help will be appreciated. Just bring your screwdriver and your muscles. Any questions can be directed at the trustees. Thanks. The Trustees – Miles, Rodney and Zac

Please remember these people in your prayers -
Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

May 27 Austin Mack
28 Blake Ehly

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle (Burr) Brauner, Darren Woodside

Missionaries: Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, Panama
Rev. Peter Haugen & family, Macau, China

Others: Pray for those who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, pray for health and wellbeing. Pray for those working to protect and ensure our health and safety. Pray for our leaders - national, state, county, local and church. Pray for those in our church family that have suffered injuries, illnesses or deaths. Rejoice with those celebrating special events. Let Pastor know if there are any special requests.

LWML meeting has been changed to an officers only meeting on Tues., May 26th at 7:30 PM. We are close to reaching our district mite goal of \$105,000 but your help is still needed. Please place your mites in the wooden box in the narthex, give to an LWML officer or can be mailed to the district. See the summer Echo for details a copy is in your mailbox.

Our Expression of Love

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Attendance 71

Current Envelope	\$ 423.00
Current Plate	<u>1,112.00</u>
Total	\$1,535.00



About the Cover: Everything that is in Jesus' hands is secure. Because He cares so deeply, Jesus never stops praying for those entrusted to Him. He continues to intercede for us to this day by the blood that was shed on His cross. For by His blood, we have been redeemed. He has been raised for our justification. No one can snatch us out of His hands.