



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

May 2, 2021
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Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
*A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community*

Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

Week of April 25, 2021

SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)

**OFFERING: \$ 970.00 (Sunday offering)
75.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$ 1,045.00**

Upcoming Dates of Note

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day

Thursday, May 13 - Ascension of Our Lord

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

Sunday, May 30 - The Holy Trinity

Everyone affected by Covid-19, including the families of 576,000+ Americans lost; John Katrichis; Mike Herold; Rick Grainger (friend of Karen Loth); Garland Iseler and Laura Iseler (Karla's father and sister-in-law, both diagnosed with cancer); Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); Donna Weis; Doris Thomas; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Cynthia Lange, Vianna Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).

Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests to send a card.

Prayer for the Week

We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order to live with ourselves, and with one another. Help us, God!

Loving God, whom we praise and glorify as disciples of Jesus Christ, cleanse us by your word so we may rejoice once more in our baptism and aspire to the perfection of love among us and throughout your world. Prune away the dead debris of our fears and failures so we may become productive branches in the church, reaching out to feed a world starving for genuine love and yearning for community.

Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

**Sunday, May 2 * No In-person Worship
*Fifth Sunday of Easter***

Monday, May 3

Tuesday, May 4

Wednesday, May 5 Gathering Place

Thursday, May 6

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

**Sunday, May 9 * No In-person Worship
*Sixth Sunday of Easter***

*** Of Special Note:**

Listen to or watch our Sunday worship service with communion, including an inspiring sermon, on our website or our YouTube channel. **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Sunday, May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Listen to our weekly worship service, including Pr. Bill's sermon, *How to be a Branch*, on our website: www.capitoldrivelutheran.net.

Monday, May 3 - Psalm 80

Many middle-school students crave attention. Some kids believe that even negative attention is better than no attention at all. This may have been how the psalmist felt when writing this passage. The writer desperately longed for God to once again shine on God's people. In the midst of that desperation is woven an undertone of confidence in God. Nearly every phrase in this psalm praises God's majesty and power. Although enemies were enjoying the upper hand and even gloating, the psalmist understood that God remained fully in charge. The writer passionately shouted out, boldly asking God for deliverance, restoration, and salvation. This psalm reminds us that youth and adults of every generation crave these same things from our all-powerful creator: deliverance from our enemies, restoration to right relationships with God and neighbor, and salvation. Thankfully, God has already showered all of that loving attention on us. *Lord God, thank you for attending to me, your servant. Amen.*

Tuesday, May 4 - James 3:17-18

In the third chapter of 1 Kings, God informed King Solomon that he could ask for anything he wanted. Solomon did not ask God for riches or long life. Solomon pleased God by requesting wisdom to lead Israel. God granted Solomon's wish, which resulted in a period of justice and equity. This peace could not come from Solomon alone or from any human-based wisdom. Even when we try our hardest to be fair, some people may want to betray us. It is not that way with God. The pure wisdom from above is beyond our understanding. It runs counter to what our me-first world considers "wisdom." Once we realize that God has already provided all that we need, we can pray for the pure wisdom from above to help us. We can joyfully appreciate God's blessings, which surround us with a harvest of righteousness sown in peace. *Lord God, grant me your pure wisdom from above. Amen.*

Wednesday, May 5 - John 14:18-31

When you invite company to your home, you might make a plan. You discuss and prioritize tasks, because you want to make your guests feel comfortable—or as some would say, feel right at home. You begin dusting, vacuuming, gathering favorite foods, and preparing tasty treats. From Abraham to Zechariah, hospitality is at the forefront of many Bible stories. Abraham welcomed strangers with a meal. Mary and Martha invited Jesus to their home. Peter's mother was healed by Jesus in her home and then began to wait on him and his disciples. In today's reading, Jesus told the disciples that the Father and he would make their home with them. This is also true for you and me. How can we prepare ourselves for Jesus? John tells us: The only hospitality we need is to love Jesus and to keep his word. *Dear Lord, I invite you to dwell with me. Amen.*

Thursday, May 6 - Psalm 98

The psalm for today paints a picture of a creation in song, praising God. The seas roar, the whole world joins in, the floods clap their hands, and the hills sing together. The sounds of nature are songs of praise. When people praise God, they might think of specific words: *Hallelujah; Thank you, Jesus; You are holy.* What if our human noises and sounds were also an act of praise? The seas don't choose to roar. The floods don't think about whether to clap their hands. The hills don't have to learn songs. Creation consistently sings with joy, praising God through its very existence. What if the babbling of the toddler or the nonverbal murmurs of a person with dementia are acts of praising God? What if our very existence roared with praise of God? What if our daily living was a clapping of hands in praise of God? Our words, actions, thoughts,

and existence all sing praise to God. *God, help me to boldly voice, sing, clap, or roar my praise to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Friday, May 7 - Acts 10:34-43

What food is your favorite? What song is your favorite? What color is your favorite? Which child is your favorite (if that were possible)? Perhaps we have trouble choosing favorites when it might hurt someone's feelings (favorite child, favorite friend), but we generally can express what we prefer. In Acts 10, Peter identified a truth that he learned from his interaction with Cornelius the Gentile (for the whole story, read Acts 10 all the way through). Peter thought that God was trying to reach those within the Jewish faith first, but his vision (Acts 10:9) taught him that God was trying to reach both those inside and outside of the Jewish faith. God showed no partiality between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians. What might this mean for us? God shows no partiality toward those we might expect. Instead God welcomes people of every background and origin and invites us to follow in this ever-expanding way. *God, help me to believe that you show no favorites. Help me to learn from your example. Amen.*

Saturday, May 8 - Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Toward the end of Deuteronomy, Moses' end was also in sight. Just after this passage, God told Moses that he would see the promised land, but he would die before he went there. Just before this passage, Moses shared a divine speech indicating God's displeasure with those who turned from God. God did not mince words. The words were harsh and raw. So when Moses told the people to take these words to heart ("in witness against you"), he reminded them that this was no trifling matter for them. This wasn't a request. This was a divine mandate to a change of heart that could mean the difference between life and death. Sometimes we don't know what to do with such teachings. They seem only to condemn. But the good news in this passage is that God can see what is best for us even when we cannot. God was not mandating loyalty for God's sake; God was mandating loyalty for our sake. Take to heart all the words that God is giving us today. *Faithful God, I pray for wisdom to take your words to heart and learn from them. Amen.*

Sunday, May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Abide in my love, said Jesus. Keep my teachings, and by doing so, you will abide in my love. Jesus called us to abide in him, the vine. (See John 15:5.) What is the difference between abiding and surviving? When we're just surviving, we are not living the fullest life of faith that we can. Jesus called us to bear fruit, to live an abundant life. Abiding in Jesus' love rests on the foundation of an ongoing and sustaining relationship with God. The Greek word for "abiding" is *meno*, which can mean *remain, stay, dwell, endure, or live*. It implies the connectedness of the Christian community to Christ, as a branch abides in the vine. It implies that you stay close to Jesus, the vine. Abiding takes faith and commitment, as you seek out God's direction and teachings so that you can flourish in relationship to the vine. So what about you? Are you abiding or surviving? *God, help me to abide in your love and to remain connected to you always. Amen.*



The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 23, 2021 DAY OF PENTECOST	May 30, 2021 THE HOLY TRINITY
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
Assisting Minister					
Lector	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Videographer	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus
Altar Guild					
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls				

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**Worship services continue to be "virtual."
Most Sundays they can be found on our
website (audio only) or our YouTube page
(video).**



May Birthdays at CDLC

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| May 1 | Jessie Keller |
| May 3 | Dennis Smoody |
| May 4 | <i>May the Fourth be with you!</i> |
| May 6 | Orson Welles |
| May 8 | Doris Thomas |
| May 16 | Liberace |
| May 19 | Lorraine Hansberry |
| May 21 | Karla Iseler |
| May 27 | Jan Smoody |

***Please help to replenish the supplies
for the Blessing Box. The Box is being
emptied quite often, especially at this
time of year. If you have any questions
about what items are needed, please do
not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell
(his phone number is listed above).
God bless you and thank you very
much for your kind generosity.***

MAY 2021

Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.

<p><u>May 2, 2021</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	3	4	<p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	6	7	8	<p>Julian of Norwich</p>
<p><u>May 9, 2021</u> Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	10	11	<p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	13	14	15	<p><u>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</u></p> <p>St. Matthias, Apostle</p> <p>St. Isidore the Farmer</p>
<p><u>May 16, 2021</u> Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	17	18	<p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	20	21	22	<p>Vigil of Pentecost</p>
<p><u>May 23, 2021</u> DAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	24	25	<p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	27	28	29	<p>9:00 AM: Quilters</p> <p>10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)</p>
<p><u>May 30, 2021</u> THE HOLY TRINITY</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	31	June 1, 2021	<p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal</p>	June 3	June 4	June 5	<p><u>MEMORIAL DAY</u></p>