



May 6 & 7, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. The Bible tells us that this is a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason we ask our visitors to speak to our pastor before joining us.

Please follow the outline of worship you find in this bulletin. We will use the Gathering Rite "I Was Glad" on the handout card. Congregation sings the REFRAIN as indicated.

**We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.**

Today's Hymns: #234 (1-3), #234 (5-6), #485, #317, #570, #399

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Gathering Rite for Worship: "I Was Glad" (see handout card)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Gracious and merciful God, you perfectly planned and carried out our salvation. Fill our hearts with joy and resolve that we may bring you offerings that glorify your name and that we may boldly proclaim the truth of your salvation among all the peoples of the earth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.... **Amen.**

**First Reading: Proverbs 3:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

**Psalm 67 (page 90)**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn #234: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (stanzas 1-3)**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**Hymn #234: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (stanzas 5-6)**

**Today's Sermon Theme: (based on Philippians 4:14-20)**

**"We bring him gifts regularly and intentionally!"**

(Next week's readings: Acts 1:15-26, 1 John 4:13-21, John 17:11b-19)



**Nicene Creed** (See projection or pages 18-19 in hymnal)

**Offering: Hymn #485: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**The Sacrament** (Service of Word & Sacrament - pg 33 in hymnal) **Hymns #317 & #570**

**Closing Hymn #399: "To God be the Glory"**

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson & Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.

**This week's schedule, God willing....**

**Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen BC 9:20/ Adult BC 9:20 & 6:30pm  
Kolar party in fellowship hall

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

**Tue:** OWLS Meeting @ St John's School, TR 1:30pm / Catechism Class 5:30pm

**Wed:** Pastor preaches @ Bethany 8:00am & Harborview 10:30am

Bible Study 1:30pm only / Budget Meeting in Conference Room 6:00pm

JLOG Parent's Night - Nursery Rhyme Program 6:00pm followed by Root Beer floats

**Thu:** Grace Circle Mtg 2pm / **Ascension Worship 6:30 pm** followed by Ice Cream Social

**Sat:** Confirmation Prep with Pastor 1:00 - 3:00pm

**Sun:** "MLHS Sunday" Worship 8:00&10:45am / SS, Teen BC & MLHS Discussion 9:20am

**Mon:** Circuit Pastor Meeting @ MLHS 10:00am / Worship 6:30pm

**Ascension Worship is this week Thursday @ 6:30pm** - followed by an Ice Cream Social.

**Next week Sunday,** we are joined by the **MLHS Choir for "MLHS Sunday."** What a blessing to celebrate our partnership in Christian Education!

**Confirmation:** The following students are being confirmed with their classes today: at Bethany: Shalyn Brunner, Jacob Kocourek, Emma Miller, Sawyer Stubbe & Sydney Stubbe; at First German: Emma Kolar. Our Grace Confirmation will take place Sunday, May 20..

## Bible Study



Our "Joyful Generosity" Series concludes this week with  
"Recognizing the blessings of God's grace in giving".

Introducing 2 new Bible Class Series  
that will begin on Sunday, May 20th:

- **Sunday mornings 9:20am:** "Christianity and the Competition" - A study of other world religions. We start with "The Credentials of Christianity" - What gives us confidence that Christianity is right?
- **Sunday evenings 6:30pm & Wednesday afternoons 1:30pm** - "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" - How does a Christian respond to the ideas of evolution? Our first topic is "Chaos or Cosmos?" - What does evolution teach?

**ANNOUNCING MLHS Movie Night on Saturday, May 12 - doors to the gym will open at 5:30pm.** "The Greatest Showman" (PG) will be shown at 6:00pm, followed by the movie "Wonder" (PG13) at 8:30pm. **Admission is FREE** with the donation of a non-perishable item. Bring in 10 items and you will get a FREE bowl of popcorn! Please come join us and help collect food items to be donated to our local Peter's Pantry. Bring blankets, bean bags, or lawn chairs to sit in! Come for one, or both movies! Everyone is welcome - why not invite some friends to join you? Hope to see you there!

**MLC Wind Symphony Concert Tue, May 15, 7:00pm @ MLHS.** Could you host a few students for the night? This would include feeding them breakfast Wed morning & getting them back to MLHS by 7:30am. MLHS is providing supper on Tue night for the students before the concert. If you are interested in donating some food that would be greatly appreciated. Please call MLHS with any questions. 920-682-0215.

**Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, starting at 8:00am.** If you can help, please call the office 682-7377 or Scott Stubbe at 973-8915.

**MLHS Prism Concert & Art Show: Saturday, May 19,** in the MLHS Commons/Gym. There will be two shows: Art show at 3:00pm with the Concert at 4:00pm and another Art show at 6:00pm with the Concert at 7:00pm.

**Last chance to get the used furniture from Parent's Room!** Please call Ann or Heidi in the office by Monday, May 7 if you are interested in any of this - first come, first serve.

**Grass cutting season is right around the corner!** Would you like to volunteer to cut and trim the grass at Grace? Depending on how many people volunteer, this could be just once a month from May - October. Please contact Thomas Fagan at 242-2864 if interested, or if you have any questions.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 #67, 10:45 #36 / Monday: #47 / Total = #150



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Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am & Mondays 6:30pm

Joyful  
**GENEROSITY**

**"Every member  
worship  
and  
Bible study!"**

**"He Lives... We Live...  
We Live to Give"**

*We acknowledge our Lord owns all things and us.  
He will provide all you need.  
Trust him as you give.  
Jesus is your greatest treasure, so no need to worry.*

*Give "First and Proportionally"  
Give "Regularly and Intentionally!"*

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