# Service of Holy Communion for Sunday, May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C And all the time God loves you.

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Join in on the last verse on back page.

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# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
- C Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



# GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

## **KYRIE**

- A This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C We will rejoice and be glad in it!
- A The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C The Lord has become my salvation.
- A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C I will go through them and praise the Lord.
- A I shall not die but live,
- C And declare the works of the Lord.
- A This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C I will rejoice and be glad in it!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **PSALM 148**

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars: <sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds; <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together. <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

### SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

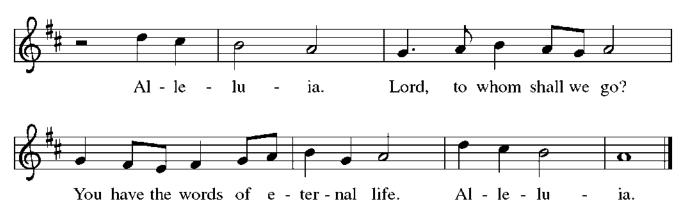
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



### GOSPEL: John 13: 31-35

The Gospel according to Saint John the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

#### PEACE

- P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF THE DAY



## NICENE CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, C 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

## A brief silence.

A Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or pow er. God, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

A Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

A Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and commu nities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

- A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

# OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Please be seated.

### COMMUNION

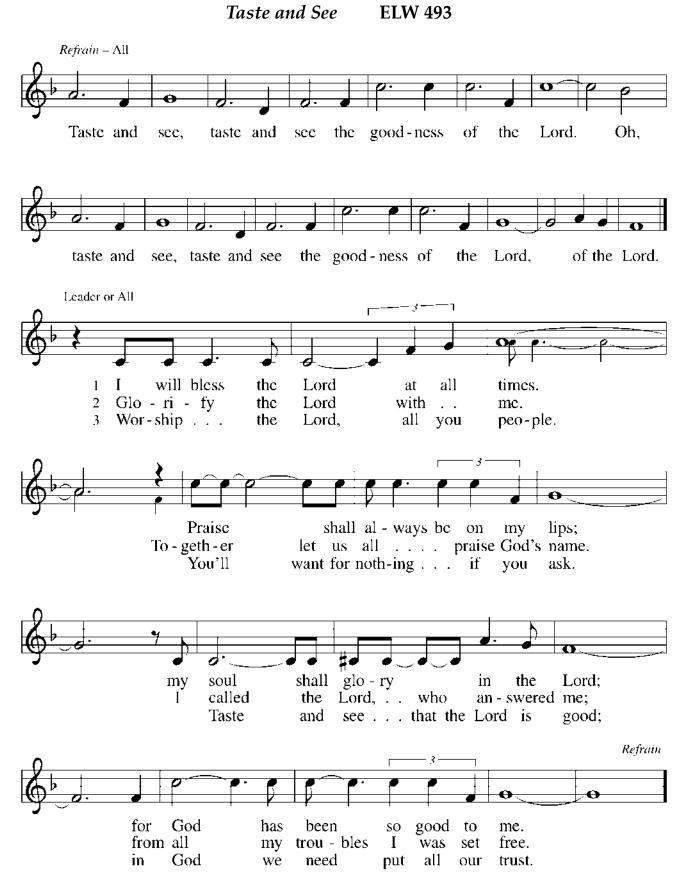
Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### Seed, Scattered and Sown W&P 121



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



# **COMMUNION BLESSING**

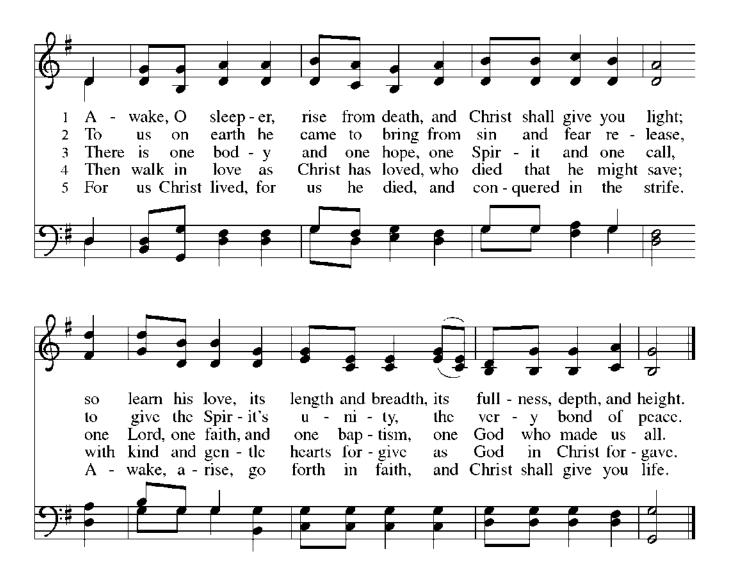
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

## BLESSING

- P God, the Author of life,
  Christ, the living Cornerstone,
  and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
  + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



#### DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C Thanks be to God.

# PRAYERS FOR MAY 15, 2022

#### TODAY we pray:

Debbie Anderson Greg Munson Bill & Linda Brizendine, Laurie Spears John Bogucki, Jr. Scott Wycoff Terri Dickson Riggleman

#### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lois; Ryan; Delores Beatty; John, Lena, Jurgen, Rich, Debbie, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson; ;Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver; Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Jenny; Claire; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Brian; Allen Whitley; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, John Worrell; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gina Clay

Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Claire Schoening; Chuck Loomis; Gretchen Platz

For The People of Ukraine; For those who are caregivers. For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod For all pastors and church leaders For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) office@glcde.org.



#### PSALM 31

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. <sup>6</sup>You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. <sup>7</sup>I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, <sup>8</sup>and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. <sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. <sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

# <sup>12</sup>I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

#### I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many – terror all around! as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. <sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. <sup>17</sup>Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. <sup>18</sup>Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. <sup>19</sup>O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! <sup>20</sup>In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues. <sup>21</sup>Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. <sup>22</sup>I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. <sup>23</sup>Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. <sup>24</sup>Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 15**



50 Years of Favorite Memories from Current and Past Members of the Grace Family

Continuing our series on John Dries, an elderly volunteer who helped keep Grace running in its early days.

Grace was kind of out of the way. We didn't get a lot of people coming into the church looking for help. One day three young men came in. They said they were driving home in Pennsylvania but were having car problems and needed money to fix their car.

John Dries was at the church office that day. Bless Him! John was an elderly widower who would often drop in to see if anything needed to be done. He was kind of a roving janitor, handyman, errand runner, etc. Before retirement he had managed the motor pool at Westchester College. He had kept the snow blowers, lawn mowers, and small fleet of college owned cars in good repair.

Back to the story of the three men. John was in the office when the men came in and claimed that their water pump was going out and they needed it fixed so they could get home. I explained that we kept no money at church (which was true) but they could use the phone to call for help. They weren't buying what I said and were pleading for money. John excused himself to "use the bathroom." He returned a few minutes later and announced that he had a solution to the problem. He said he knew the chief mechanic at Pep Boys. The young men could drive the couple of miles to Pep Boys and John's friend would telephone the church with a diagnosis of what was needed. After a few awkward moments of confusion, the men left. John chuckled, "Well, that got rid of them." I was confused. John explained that rather than going to the restroom he had gone outside and checked the cement under their car. There was no wet spot. There was no water pump problem. (This was before the phone was added outside the side door and visitors could call in and the door could remain locked until opened by the office.)

- Submitted by Marcia Seehusen (former church secretary)

**TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT VBS!** Share your time, talent, or treasure with our Vacation Bible School adventure at Grace next month! Check out the info board in the Narthex for donation needs and opportunities to help with prep. Volunteers are also still needed for the week of VBS (June 12 - 16, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Contact Laura Mackiewicz to learn more: <u>laura.mackiewicz@gmail.com</u> (607) 765 - 0230.

**UPDATE!** Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – May 9, 2022

Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - \$125,000

- Stretch campaign goal \$100,000
- Minimum campaign goal \$50,000
- Current pledges \$46,700
- Current donations \$30,150

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 15**

#### **Flowers!**

The **Altar flower signup chart** is located on the bulletin board opposite the Narthex bathrooms. Sign up for the date you want, indicate if it is in memory, in honor or in celebration of a person, an event. Give your names and then pay the church for the vases of flowers! We need flower delivery people! If you would be willing to take the flowers to someone who would appreciate the gesture of the flowers that worshipped with us, let Lynda Martinez know!

# NEXTWEEKEND! 50th Anniversary Service Opportunities!

Please see the display in the Narthex for information and sign ups for our weekend of service

on *Saturday, May 21st* and *Sunday, May 22nd*! We would like to know who is coming Saturday and who is baking cookies so we can be prepared. On *Saturday, May 21st - outdoor work day* 

weeding, planting, maybe mulching. Pray for good weather! Come from 9-12 or however much time you can give.

### On Sunday, May 22nd

## cookies together for firefighters in memory and honor of Jerry Fickes.

We hope to have enough for three firehouses so we need your cookies! Bring them to Grace by 9:45 on 5/22 and we will get them packed up and ready for delivery. If you would like to deliver them please let Lynne know - it is a great experience for families to do together! The cards/notes to put with the cookies will be available this Sunday and through the week if you want to do them at home.

If you have any questions, please see Lynne Luettgen

**Thank you** to all those who have remembered the **Sunday Breakfast Mission** with prayers and donations, especially over the difficult last two years. Your gifts, left in the marked bin in Grace's coat closet, were delivered on a regular basis. Now that we are again enjoying in-person services, please take a minute to see if you might be able to bring with you any of the following: shampoo, dental products, soap bars or gel, disposable razors, new (or almost) baseball caps, or bath towels. Those who come for a warm shower, an evening meal, and a safe place to sleep will surely appreciate your thoughtfulness. Again, thank you for extending God's love to those less fortunate in a most stressful time.

Grace's most recent **Family Promise** host week started on Easter Sunday. We had one family of eight in our cottage at the Jesus House. Thank you to the cooks who provided their evening meals: Carol Lertola, Jane Foskett, Karen Baumbach, Penny Matchen, Susan Sweeney, Nancy Goyda and Pat Kizuka. Your dedication to the Family Promise program and serving families during a time of great need is a blessing to them and to community. Grace's next host week begins July 31st. If you are interested in serving or hearting about Family Promise, please contact Jane Teasley or Carol Lertola.

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save

O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.



#### **Worship Assistants**

8:30am Assisting Minister: Mandy Munson Greeter/Usher: Stacy Dambaugh Usher: Tim Dambaugh Reader: Hope Munson Sound: Greg Munson Nursery: Karen Ehemann, Abby Ehemann <u>11:00am</u> Assisting Minister: Lynda Martinez Greeter/Usher: Sandy Betley Usher: Walt Lumley Reader: Kathy Lumley Sound: David Magoon Counters: Bill Brizendine, Lynda Martinez

The flowers in our chancel have been given by Elinor Knodel and Peter Tuhy in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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