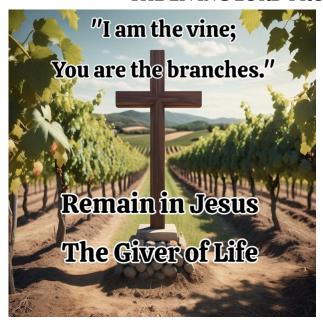
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING LORD PRODUCES ACTIVE FAITH



We Welcome our Guest Worship Leader Pastor Rodney Dietche (Retired) Pastor Dietche's Sermon: John 15:1-8 "Remain in Jesus The Giver of Life"

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

April 27 & 28, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

THEME OF THE DAY: THE LIVING LORD PRODUCES ACTIVE FAITH

Generally, our actions are shaped by our beliefs. People who eat low-carb diets do so, probably not because they hate pasta, but because they believe it healthiest. If a man buys stock in a company, it probably is because he believes in their business plan. Our beliefs shape our behavior. This is true of Christians' belief in the resurrection. We believe that Christ's resurrection means our resurrection to a glorious eternal life is guaranteed. That inevitably shapes how we will act now. However, it is not simply the facts of the resurrection that shape our behavior. It is the person of the resurrection. Jesus is not some wise, dead sage whose advice is contained in dusty books. Jesus lives! Therefore, through his Word, he is able to work on our minds and hearts, molding them to his perfect will. Here is a resurrection reality. Jesus fills us with his Spirit, not only so that we have faith, but also so that we produce the fruits of faith he seeks.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One with communion pp. 154-170

HYMNS: 633, 471 v. 1-2, 469, 661, 595 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 63C "Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay" (bulletin p. 3/screen)

SERMON: John 15:1-8 "Remain In Jesus The Giver Of Life"



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen.**

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

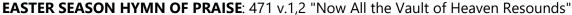
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

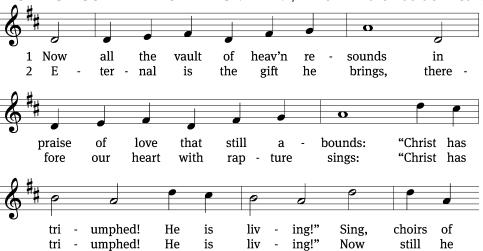
Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

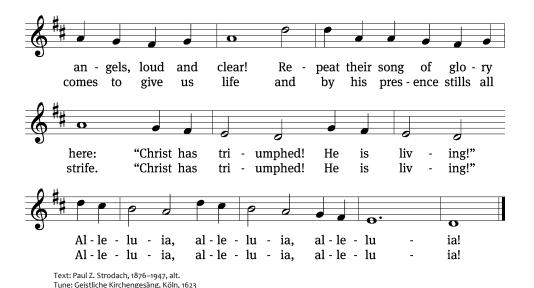
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.







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The Word

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-37

(In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits or unity and generosity.)

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the

apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. ³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

PSALM: 63C "Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay" *Refrain*



Tone

You, God, / are my God,
earnestly I / seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being / longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no / water.
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary
and beheld your power and your / glory. Refrain

Because your love is bet- / ter than life, my lips will glori- / fy you.

I will praise you as long / as I live, and in your name I will lift / up my hands.

Because you / are my help,
 I sing in the shadow / of your wings.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

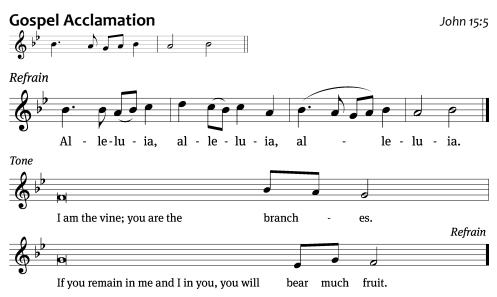
and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

(St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.)

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives 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.

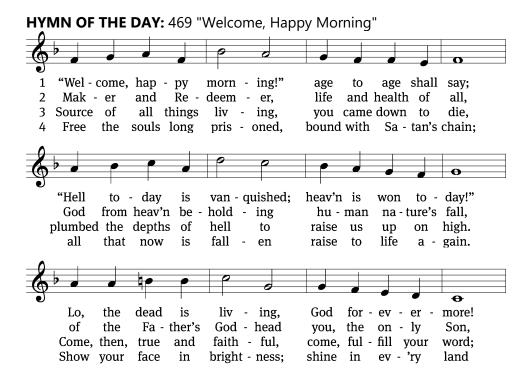


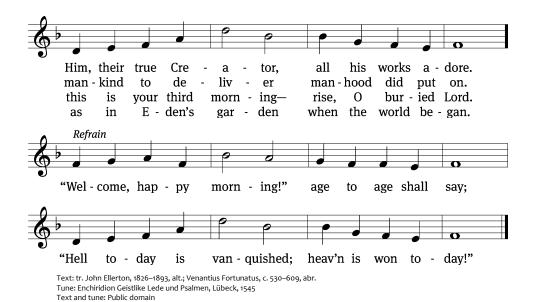
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GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.)

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He 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. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also 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. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.





SERMON: John 15:1-8 "Remain In Jesus The Giver Of Life"

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 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 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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS (St. John's) & ALTAR PRAYER

The Sacrament

Preface CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

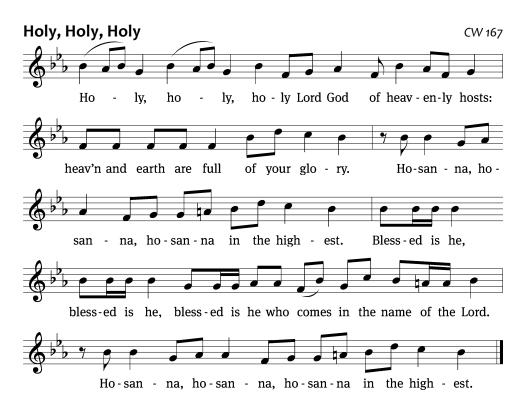
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you. As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

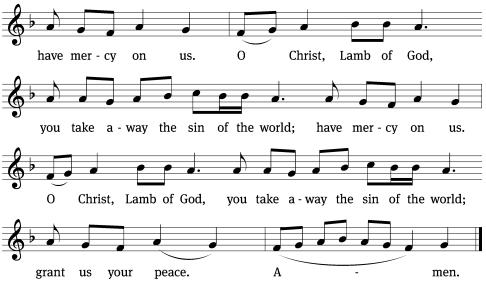
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

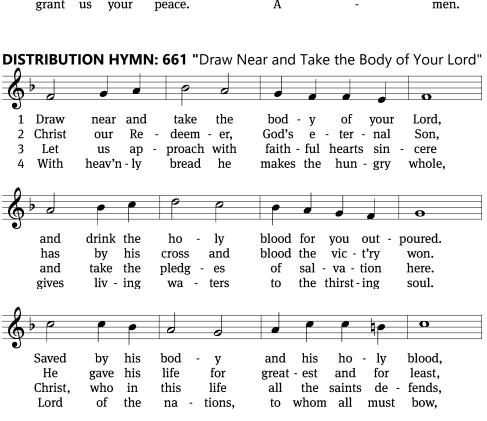
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

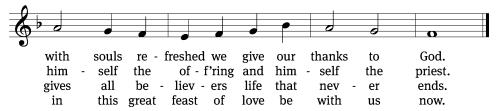
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.









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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

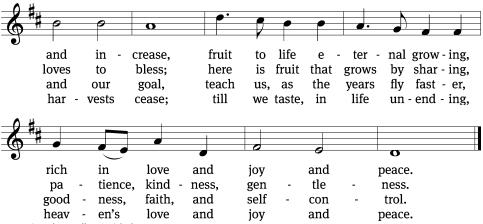
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 595 "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"





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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

RESURRECTION REALITY: JESUS' BUSINESS IS LOVE; THEREFORE, SO IS OURS

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EMMANUEL MEMBERS: The next Emmanuel Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, May 5 after Worship.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Orlene Johnson, Ruth Jones, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Pat Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week:) - For Mrs. Kathy Noeldner from St. Martin's School--Watertown, SD called at the 4/10 SJ
- Voter's meeting to serve as our Little Lambs director/teacher
- For our St. John's member, Jon Sheller, called home on Good Shepherd Sunday (4/21) at the age of 76
- For our Emmanuel member, Don Ebert, who celebrated his 75th birthday on Thursday (4/25)

COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today our congregation will be receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John's, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord's Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord's Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what the believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We'd love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: April 28-May 4, 2024					
6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ				
7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ				
10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ				
5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ				
5:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture Women's Bible Study SJ				
Noon	Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting				
6:00 p.m.	CALA Night of Entertainment at Princeton				
4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship				
	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Noon 6:00 p.m.				

Next Sunday: May 5, 2024			
8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship		
8:30 a.m. St. John's Sunday School			
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's		
9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting		
10:00 a.m. St. John's Worship			
3:00 p.m. Piano Recital St. John's			

Attendance					
Date	EM	SJ			
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4/21/24	47	70			

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedul				
	5/5/24	LL-CALA 8 at SJ Montello		
	5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello		
	5/23/22	CALA at SI Princeton		

St. John's	Usher's Schedule	
Saturday, April 27	Saturday, May 4	
Sunday, April 28	Sunday, May 5	
Jerre Duerr	Ben Jaster	
Joe Zauner	Jacob Jaster	
Gordon Krause	Jeff Reimer	
Kevin Kaul	Mark Emond	
Corey Kaul	Wark Emond	

Total March	Budget	March	Year to Date	Year to Date
Offerings	Needs	Expenses	Offerings	Expenses
\$25,278.62	\$33939.58	\$21,661.22	\$275,654.71	\$234,986.66

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

At our April 10 call meeting the voters present cast a unanimous vote to extend a call to Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner to be our next LL preschool Director/Teacher. Following is her contact information.

Phone: 605-886-7785 (home); 605-520-3473 (cell) Email: <u>kathy.noeldner@stmartinschurch.com</u> (work)

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She is 62 years old, a graduate of MLC and is presently teaching 1st grade with a class size of 23. She is licensed in South Dakota. Her preference is indicated for pre-k - 3rd grade. She is married to Rodney who is employed as a metal finisher, nickel plating. She displays a love for the Lord and for serving God's people, has an unselfish attitude, and functions well as a member of a team. Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

PIANO RECITAL MAY 5

Music students of our school, Christ Alone Lutheran Academy will present a recital on Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 pm in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend. Please consider coming to support our future church musicians! A reception will follow in the church basement.





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