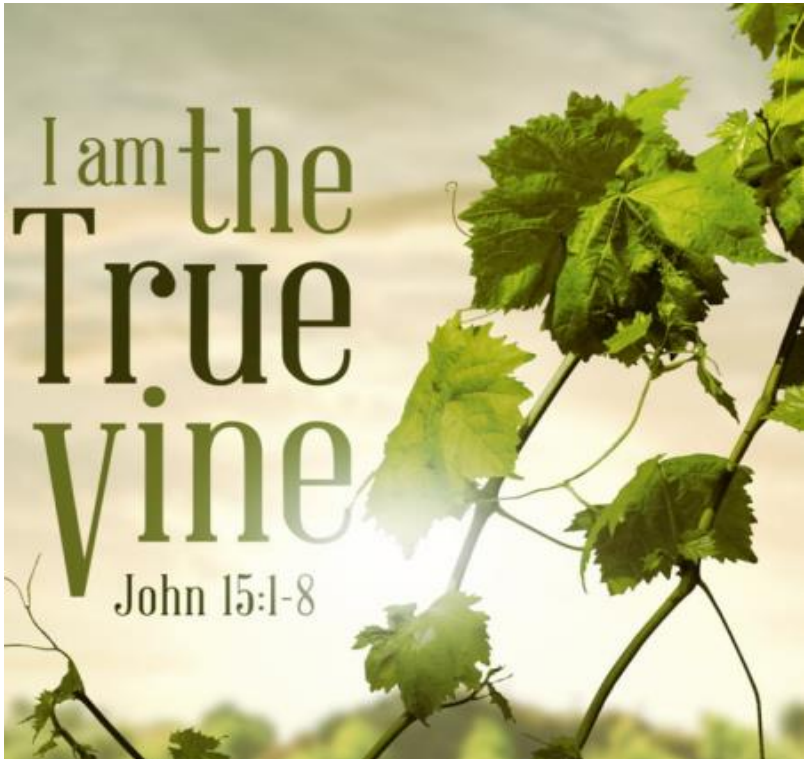


Grow ... Go ... Gather
May 2, 2021



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The Fifth Sunday in Easter

The Order of Service (DS 3)

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 671 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voice - es!
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!
clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -
cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,
Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess
unto You all my sins and iniquities
with which I have ever offended You
and justly deserved Your temporal and
eternal punishment. But I am heartily
sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of
the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings
and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus
Christ, to be gracious and merciful to
me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185


- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of
my office, as a called and ordained servant

of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186




C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



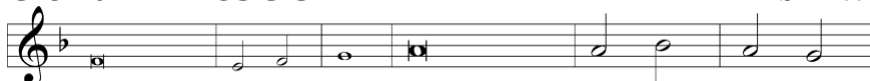
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



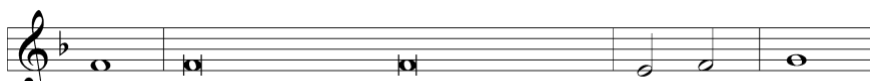
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

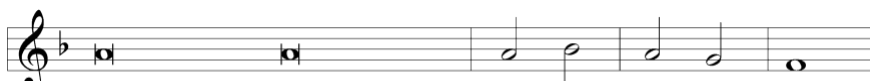
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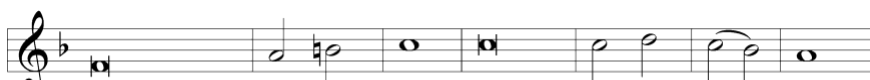
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The First Reading: *Acts 8:26–40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit

of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading: *1 John 4:1-11*

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia *LSB 190*



The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:1–8*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 476, "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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The Sermon

The Offertory *LSB 192*



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Offering Prayer

The Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

C: 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.**

A Hymn: "Lord of the Dance" (AGPS #170)

Verse 1

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had My birth

Chorus

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all
In the Dance said He**

Verse 2

I danced for the scribe
And the Pharisee
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow Me
I danced for the fishermen
For James and John
They came with Me
And the dance went on **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me on high
And they left Me there
On a Cross to die **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back
They buried My body
And they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance
And I still go on **(Chorus)**

Verse 5

They cut Me down
And I leapt up high
I am the life
That'll never never die
I'll live in you
If you'll live in Me
I am the Lord
Of the Dance said He **(Chorus)**

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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshipers

T The Service of the Sacrament T

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

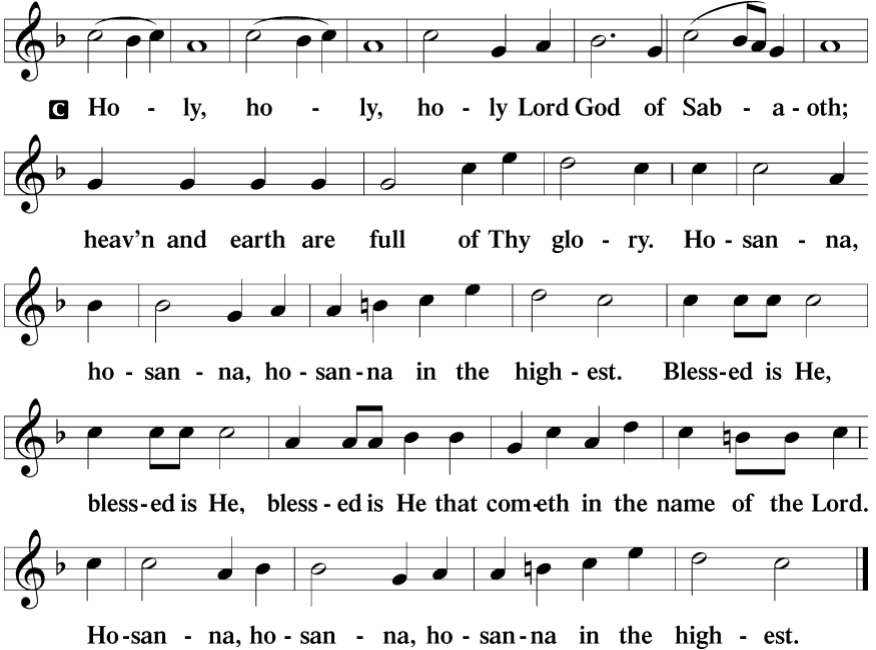
Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution

During the Distribution, you are invited to sing:
 LSB 547, "The Lamb"

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

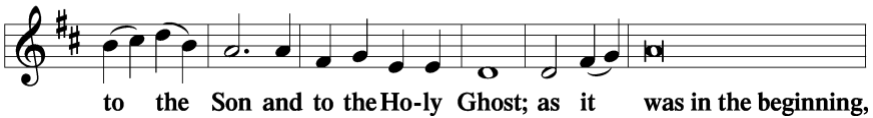
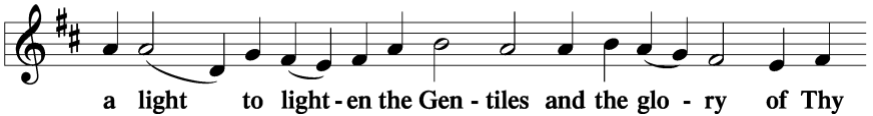
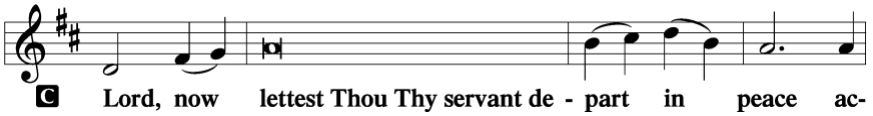
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His

own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "Lord of Life" (tune: hyfrydol)

Verse 1

Lord of Life, whose hand has made us, formed us each with tender care.

You had crowned man with Your image, Not intending such despair.

Yet through sin the glory faded, Death and doom came in its place.

But in spite of our condition, We've been rescued by Your grace.

Verse 2

God so loved the world, He gave us Jesus Christ to
bear our sin.

On the cross His life He offered, That we might be
His again.

And the Holy Spirit calls us By the gospel's joyful
ring.

Making us His own dear children Us, eternal life to
bring.

Verse 3

Lord of Life, Who rose in triumph, Conq'ring death
and giving hope,

You have called us and equipped us, In a sinful world
to cope;

Teaching us to love each other, to befriend and help
in strife;

To forgive and seek to comfort, And preserve the gift
of life.

Verse 4

Help us, Lord, to see as You do, Life is precious in
each stage.

From the unborn to the feeble, Life is precious in
each age.

Help us, Lord, to be Your witness And to show the
world we care.

So that people may not perish, But, instead, Your life
may share.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: May 2 – May 9

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
6:00 p.m. LWML (at church & Zoom)
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship w/
Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Registration is open for May 9 Worship
- Wed:** Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
Bible Study w/ Darrell resumes May 12th
7:30 p.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible
Class on Zoom
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible
Class on Zoom and at church
- Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at church
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on
Facebook
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St. James (for
registered members) and on Facebook
Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Please note that Darrell's Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study will **resume on May 12th**. He and Suellen are out of state attending the confirmation of their grandchildren.

Those who serve May 2:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

May Altar Guild: Rie Wiles

To **register for worship**, please go to **bit.ly/stjamesgr** and follow the prompts.

If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Men's Breakfast Set for May 8th!

Men! We will enjoy a hot breakfast prepared by Bob Kintz on **Saturday, May 8th** at **8:30 a.m.** at the church. Following the breakfast, Pastor will lead us in a Bible study. All men are welcome!

Download our church giving app:

- 1. Search for the MinistryOne App.** Go to the Google Play Store or the Apple App and search for Ministry One. Download the app to your mobile device.
- 2. Locate the MinistryOne App on your phone.** Our church will appear within the MinistryOne app.
- 3. Find St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church.** You can search by church name, city or zip code.



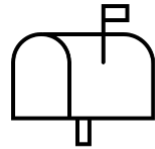
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We will meet for a **Bible study** led by **Eunice Florip** and a short meeting **today, Sunday, May 2nd at 6:00pm** in the **church basement** and on Zoom. If you would like to attend using **Zoom**, contact Sandra Schaeffer or Grace Rosema.

Mites: We **thank you** for your continued support.

Donation locations: the big mite box in the church entryway, or mail a check to Rie Wiles, our LWML treasurer. **Thank you.**



Our **National LWML Convention** will take place **June 24-27** in **Lexington, KY.**

Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss and Grace Rosema are planning to attend the convention.

The 2021-2023 Mission Grant recipients will be selected during the convention.

The ingathering taken at the convention. The recipients include Assurance for Life Ministry (Lexington), MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries.

Items Requested: (Items should be **new**)



Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion), *Baby bath towels*, Wash cloth, Burp cloths, *baby wipes*, Crib sheets, *Laundry baskets (small or collapsible)*, Disposable diapers size 3, *Clothing for sizes Newborn to 12 months*, Diaper bags, *Toys: teething rings, rattles*, Small first Christian books (board books, vinyl books), Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 for Walmart or Target.



***If you would like to make a donation,** Contact Cindy, Marjie or Grace by **June 10th** and arrangements will be made to get your donation from you or drop it off at church, on the table, by the office. **Thank you!**

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: April 25, 2021

General Fund	\$ 460.00
Plate Collections	<u>5,400.00</u>
Total:	\$5,860.00