HYMN NOTES: There is an interesting communion hymn in our hymnal at #534 titled “Now the Silence.” It was written by a American Lutheran pastor of Slavic decent, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008). We are not singing this hymn today but you will hear two organ settings of the tune. The fourteen line hymn without punctuation marks first appeared in This Day in May 1968. The author wrote about it:

The hymn text originated while I was shaving one morning (a time when I get a lot of original ideas). I was editor of This Day magazine at the time. Somewhere in the back of my mind, during my previous eighteen years in the full-time parish ministry, I was accumulating reasons and benefits in worship. I have felt that we often get so little out of worship because we anticipate so little, and we seldom come with a bucket large enough to catch all the shower of grace that comes to us in that setting. Suddenly the hymn began to form in my mind as a list of awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship, culminating in the Eucharist and benediction. This hymn resulted. Subconsciously I was producing a hymn without rhyme or without worn clichés, depending entirely on rhythm and repetition to make it singable. The reversal of the Trinitarian order in the benediction was made not only to make the conclusion memorable, but to indicate the order in which the Trinity approaches us in worship: The Spirit brings us the Gospel, by which God’s blessing is released in our lives.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, May 3rd: Melissa Schultz
Monday, May 4th: Fred Inkelas, Barbara Jeffery
Tuesday, May 5th: Juanita Hickey, Laura Hohobagyi
Wednesday, May 6th: Trish Cole, Joyce Curvin
Thursday, May 7th: Sarah Birch, Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons
Friday, May 8th: Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmer, Barbara Thompson
Saturday, May 9th: Carol Pyrek, Stanley Pyrek, Jane Sutton, Hilary Tonelis, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Sunday, May 3rd:
3 Yr.-Olds—5th Grade (2014/15 School Year). Come join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.

Tuesday, May 5th:
9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Jana Davis & Aimee McDermott, Diane Musto

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Melissa Patel & Jean Swinnek

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teacher: Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00.

Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englheurt & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education
Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we study the life of Joseph in Genesis. Led by Bob Meier.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: The violence in the news reports seems to be never ending. Bill Bitner will lead a class discussion on three of these incidents—the militant shooting and beheading 30 Ethiopian Christians, people fleeing violence in Libya when the boat capsized in the Mediterranean, and the boy who was thrown overboard (along with 11 other Christians) for praying. Cookies and coffee will add to the pleasure of the fellowship.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15
TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellows Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.
**Order for the Public Worship of God**
May 3, 2015
5th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

**WE GATHER**
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “And Can It Be?” arr. Linda R. Lamb
Celebration Ringers
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

**HYMN #275** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

**WE CONFESSION**

**CALL TO CONFESION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSON (Together)**
Merciful God, who are we whose eyes and lips offend our sisters and brothers and You, our Creator, who has made us all? How is it that we put our trust in things we design rather than in Your providential hands? Have mercy on us God, for we have lived lives with pretensions, falsehood, and unfaithfulness. Look with compassion on our misplaced trust and misdirected loyalties. Save us from ourselves. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)**
Leader: With steadfast love, God delivers us from the dungeons of our own devices to experience healing and help. Friends, hear the good news, God answers our prayers, provides for us, and grants us salvation.

**People:** In Jesus’ name, we are forgiven, Amen!

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** HYMN TO JOY
What a world of sound we live in; many words we daily hear.

“Mid this world’s conflicting voices, be for us God’s Word so clear.
Help us listen to your story; help us hear you when we pray.
In you, Jesus, is our hope: God comes to each of us today.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)**

**ANTHEM** “A Communion Invitation” Martin/Courtney
Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing, no one is denied.
Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.

/refrain: Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.
Every weary trav’ler, every troubled soul.
Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.
The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share.
The bread we’ll break together, I’ve lovingly prepared. \refrain

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN**
Justine Rauze, Dir. of Children’s Ministry
(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

**CHILDREN SING** (11:00 AM)
“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Ken Berg
Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade)

**WE SHARE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** Now the Silence” Sue Mitchell-Wallace
(based on the communion hymn #534 in Glory to God)

**DOXOLOGY #606** OLDE HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** (pages 284-285) 1 Kings 19:1-3, 9-15b (NRSV)

**HYMN #843 (Psalm 62)** “My Soul Is at Rest” from Taize
(all sing the repeated refrain, read the bold print responsively)

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 923) Romans 13:11-12 (NRSV)

**SERMON** “Wake-Up Calls” E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one Body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Eugene Engleur
“Humbly We Adore Thee” Engleur

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**HYMN #630** “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADERS’ HYMN
(sing all stanzas, with stanza 3 unaccompanied)

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Now the Silence” Charles W. Ore
(see the communion hymn #534)
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

**COUNTDOWN**

“Thy Word” Grant/Smith
NPC Children’s Choirs

**MEET & GREET**

**PRAISE SONG** “God Is Able”
“Good to Be Alive”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Ken Berg
Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade)

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**

“Good to Be Alive”

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 15:11-12 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

“Wake-Up Calls”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“Rain Down” arr. Mark Hayes

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**