

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Larry Rogers, Bob Coyle's uncle passed away on May 2. Please keep Larry's family in prayer. May the promise of our Lord's resurrection bring them comfort.
- Peter Coe, Bob & Lisa Coyle's friend, who contracted a case of bacterial meningitis and was not expected to survive, is now in a Rehabilitation Center to regain his strength.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All who are affected by natural and man-made disasters.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially those with complications.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

THANK YOU

This week's worship assistants are Sarah Rehn, Cindy Stevens, and the Andrews family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today 5/17: Newsletter Items are due today.

Thursday, 5/21: Communion Gatherings at 10:30AM, 6:30PM, 7:00PM and 7:30PM. You should have received an email confirmation with your scheduled time. If you haven't signed up, please reply to Pastor's email or call the church office at (815)522-3886.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Julia Mothkovich and Kevin Smerko were married on Friday, May 15, in Rockford. Pastor Rasmussen performed the ceremony, attended by family only. Julia is the daughter of Russ and Chris Mothkovich. Congratulations to Kevin & Julia.



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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

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*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: "Thee Will I Love, My Strength" **LBW 502**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*"This Joyful Eastertide" **LBW 149**

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

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Psalm 66:7-18 (*together in unison*) P. 243

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel John 14:15-21

Pulpit Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" **LBW 486**

Sermon: **"IF YOU LOVE ME..."** – Gospel

*Hymns of the Day Medley:

"This Is My Commandment" **BC 273**

"If You Really Love Me" **BC 276**

*Apostles' Creed P. 65

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 75

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*Lord's Prayer P. 76

*Closing Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" **BC 318**

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm 66:7-18 (Together in unison)

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight

persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT" BC #273

This is my commandment that you love one another that your joy may be full!

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That your joy may be full! That your joy may be full!

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"IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME"

BC #276

1. If you really love me, you will keep my commandments,
And teach your descendants for the rest of your life.
If you really love me, you will be my disciples,
And study your Bibles for the rest of your life.

Refrain

O Jesus, we love you! You know that we love you!
There's no one above you! You are the only God.
O Jesus, we love you! You know that we love you!
There's no one above you! You are the Lord.

2. If you really love me, you will scatter the darkness,
And bring in the harvest for the rest of your life.
If you really love me, you will visit the suff'ring,
And keep on discov'ring for the rest of your life. *Refrain*

"MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"

BC #318

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee, all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.