

**Divine Service Setting One**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 16, 2021**  
**St John Lutheran Church, Crete (Kramer), NE**  
**Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus**

Announcements

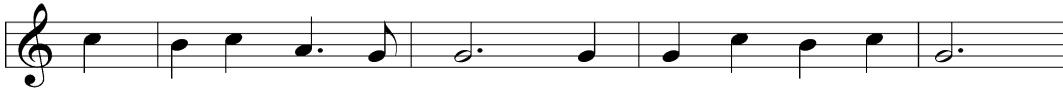
Bells

## Hymn of Invocation

### 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com-pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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## Confession and Absolution

Stand

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *See Insert*

## Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **♪ Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C**  **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C**  **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C**  **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### This Is the Feast

- C**  **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain**
- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Final Refrain**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C**  **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.
- C**  **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading Acts 1:12-26** *See Insert*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading 1 John 5:9-15** *See Insert*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** **♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Reading John 17:11b-19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

*See Insert*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SANCTIFY  
THEM  
IN THE  
TRUTH;  
**YOUR  
WORD  
IS TRUTH.**  
JOHN 17:17

## Hymn of the Day

### 752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der  
fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let  
dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His  
be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-  
noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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## Sermon "Jesus' Prayer for You" John 17:11b-19

*Stand*

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come.

Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**  $\text{♪}$  And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C**  $\text{♪}$  We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

## Sanctus

**C**  Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.+++Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." +++ In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C**  $\text{♪}$  Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C**  $\text{♪}$  **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Distribution Hymns (as needed for number of communicants)

### 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



- 1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
- 2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
- 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

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## 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

### *Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

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## 748 I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

- C**  Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray..

**C**  Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C**  Amen.

## Hymn to Depart

### 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

**INTROIT** Ps. 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*

whom | shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\*

but the LORD will | take me in.

Wait | for the LORD;\*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matt 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

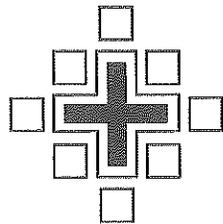
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## DAILY READINGS

**May 16:** Num. 14:1–25; Luke 18:18–34; **17:** Num. 14:26–45; Luke 18:35–19:10; **18:** Num. 16:1–22; Luke 19:11–28; **19:** Num. 16:23–40; Luke 19:29–48; **20:** Num. 16:41–17:13; Luke 20:1–18; **21:** Num. 20:1–21; Luke 20:19–44; **22:** Num. 20:22–21:9; Luke 20:45–21:19.



## First Reading: Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own

place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## Epistle: 1 John 5:9–15

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

## Holy Gospel: John 17:11b–19

<sup>11b</sup>[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 16, 2021**

**WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father.** On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “*from the evil one*” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “*that they also may be sanctified in truth*” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “*to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). For “*this life is in his Son,*” whom He has given by His Word, and “*whoever has the Son has life*” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “*with one accord,*” as one Body in Christ, “*devoting themselves to prayer*” and waiting upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14). The readings today are as follows: the First Reading is Acts 1:12-26, the Epistle Reading is 1 John 5:9-15 and the Holy Gospel Reading is John 17:11b-19. **The text today is the Holy Gospel Reading and the sermon is titled, "Jesus' Prayer for You".**



**HOLY COMMUNION...**In the Sacrament of **Holy Communion**, the Risen Christ gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the renewal of our joy in Him. In joyful obedience to His Word, it is our practice to ascertain doctrinal unity for those partaking of the Sacrament. We therefore ask **guests** desiring to commune to kindly speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD....

**In our prayers today:** *Emma Korte* (granddaughter of Les and Judi Korte), *LaVerna (Kate) Kattau*

**For God's continued care:** *All who have been infected with COVID-19, Camdon* (Betts' great-grandson), *Hudson* (Troy and Cari's newborn grandson), *Kenny* (Merlin and Maureen Bett's son), *Logan* (extended family member of Betts' family), *Tim Hardt, Tammy Homolka, Norman and Alice Johnson* (Linda Lee's parents), *Amy Munro Kounovsky, Linda Lee, Gary Peace* (Deanna Eggert's cousin), *Elmer Reetz, Mike Reiss* (Del's son), *Kristi Reitz, Tina Rockenbach, Judy Toensing*

**Those in our congregation who are shut in:** *Dan Murphy, Albert Vosika, August Wendelin*

**For our adopted Missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul...please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for the May Newsletter—copies are also available on Narthex table*

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! “Let us rejoice today and be glad” (Psalm 118:24, NIV).

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK...LWML MEETING** is Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm.

**ST JOHN SPONSORED ROADSIDE CLEANUP** will be Sunday, May 23 at 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed! This is not just a youth event---it is a roadside cleanup sponsored by the St John church family. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!** Hunter Persing graduated from Doane University on May 15, Ashlyn Adam is graduating from Crete High School on May 16 and Olivia Pomajzl graduated from Wilber Clatonia High School on May 15. Let's keep them in our prayers as they prepare for life's adventures.



VBS REGISTRATION is available on the church website! We're still looking for volunteers to provide dinners, lead groups, and participate in the puppet show...call, text, or email Kaylie Brethouwer if you are interested! Thanks! [kaylieb1@icloud.com](mailto:kaylieb1@icloud.com) (402)826-9432

**THANK YOU** to the Ladies Aid for serving strawberry shortcake after the Ascension Day Worship Service. It was DELICIOUS!!!

**WORSHIP SERVICE** attendance for Sunday, May 9, 2021 was 93 for the two services. Ascension Day Worship Service attendance was 15 with 15 attending Holy Communion. The worship services are recorded and put on **www.stjohnkramer.org** website. Once again, thank you to all who have made this possible for all of us!

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR APRIL, 2021:**

General Budget	\$ 11,394.00
Missions	\$ 2,498.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 15.00
Lambs of Christ	\$ 15.00
Special projects	\$ 25.00

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**OUR MISSION...Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions and mission outreach.**

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**ABOUT THE COVER...**Jesus prays to the Father for His disciples. Just as He kept and guarded the Eleven, so He intercedes for us too. We are in His hands. The nail marks in those prayerful hands reveal where sin-cleansing blood was poured out for us. Our intercessor, Jesus, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, continues to intercede for us this day. This gives us confidence because His prayers are always heard by Our Father in heaven.