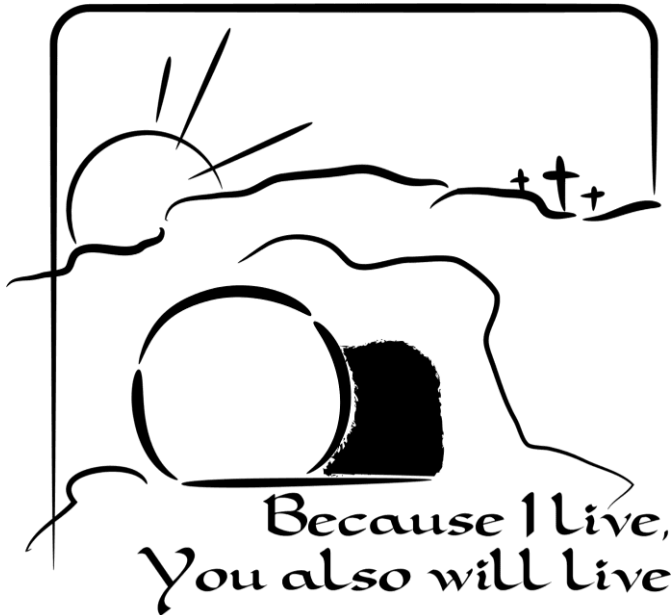


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Sunday, May 21, 2017



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**HYMN** "Baptismal Waters Cover Me" ..... LSB 616

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### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105*

*P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**C: Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

*P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.*

**C: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.**

*P: If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.*

**C: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

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### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" – because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> For you bring some

strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And 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, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for ‘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.’ <sup>29</sup> Being 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. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because 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.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

<sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts regard 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; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For 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, <sup>19</sup> in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because 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. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 14:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is

who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

***HYMN*** “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” ..... *LSB 557*

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***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***

***WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS***

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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***DISTRIBUTION HYMN*** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ..... *LSB 821*

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## **THIS WEEK — (May 21-28, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:30am; Groundwork Guatemala Presentation, 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Luther Movie, 6:30pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 5/14/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$7559.99; Blessings: \$24.03;

Memorial: \$1750.00

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 175

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**OCEAN COMMOTION VBS:** June 18-22 5:30-7:30. Sign up sheets are located in the narthex.

**NEW LUTHER MOVIE:** In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Rib Mountain Lutheran Church is hosting an exclusive showing of Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World. When: this Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Where: Cedar Creek Cinema Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are available at: <http://rib.NewLutherMovie.com> or you may call Rib Mountain Lutheran to arrange for them to get the tickets for you. All proceeds will go to support our Armed Forces through the Military Biblestick Ministry. (Tickets are not available at the door.)

Ladies Guild is preparing **PERSONAL CARE KITS** for Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of the following items: Bath-size bars of soap; Lightweight bath-size towels (20" X 40" to 52" X 27" – dark colors recommended); and Metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Donations can be placed in the boxes marked for LWR opposite the restrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for May is for Hope Life Center. Items needed are: pacifiers, baby wipes, and diapers (newborn to 3).

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“We cannot be uncreated, unforgiven, unaccepted, unreconciled, unbaptized, unjustified, or uncalled any more than Jesus can be unborn, uncrucified, or unresurrected. His rising again and ascending into heaven ensures that His cross atonement will align and assimilate everything, and sooner rather than later.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*