

# MAY



## Servant Thoughts

*“How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.” (Psalm 13:1–6, ESV)*

You gotta love the Psalms! Sometimes they speak the words of our own hearts! In these trying times, as we have had to social distance ourselves from one another perhaps these words are your words. I know at times they are mine. Yes, we can live stream or pre-record services to watch. We can tune into devotions that are online or watch programs on TV or listen to the Lutheran Hour or other religious programs, but still.... we can't worship together. And it breaks my heart. "How long O Lord?"

As much as I am discouraged by this inability for us to gather safely, I take heart that the Lord is still with us and providing other ways for us to be with each other. It's not ideal, but we can watch services at home with our families, we can call and visit with church friends and other family and friends on our phones or through various apps that let us see each other. We can engage with each other in chats in social media and even through old fashioned means like the mail. These offer to us the opportunity to stay in touch until restrictions on gatherings will allow us to be together once more.

So until that time... what shall we do? I will follow the advice of the Psalmist...  
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Trust in the Lord's steadfast love, let your heart rejoice in His salvation, sing to Him, for He has dealt bountifully with us! Have doubts about that... look to the cross, look to the tomb, and see the Lord's bounty in the gift of Jesus and our salvation.

Take care and God bless richly!

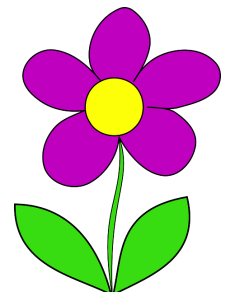
*Pastor Rob*

Hebrews 13:20-21



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## Pastor Bill's Musings

Dear Christian Friends,

My how things have changed in such a short time. Our daily routines are no longer what they were just a few weeks ago. Our plans, graduations, confirmations, weddings and myriad others are all in a state of limbo. People are out of work, rents and installment payments are due. Anxiety, fear and worry have crept into almost every household. As the numbers of new cases of COVID 19 go higher each day in our own small community, our hopes for a rapid turnaround grow dim.

Most of us have never experienced anything like this before. I myself am beginning to realize how my grandparents felt in the Great Depression of the 1930's. My father lived out his teenage years during those days. He often would speak of what he believed was the cause of my grandfathers relative young death. He said, "Dad died of a broken spirit. He lost his farm, couldn't find work, couldn't put food on the table for his family. He lost his sense of worth."

Now here we are. A tiny virus has brought us to a similar circumstance in just a few weeks. Our country looks to Washington DC to find a solution and bring our country back to what we call normal. Then I am reminded of that line in the nursery rhyme, Humpty Dumpty. "All the kings horses and all the kings men, couldn't put Humpty back together again.

We, as Christians, have the one and only place to go to find comfort, peace and hope. Our Lord Jesus Christ is always there for us. He is our foundation, our rock, our anchor and our Lord and Savior. How many times in scriptures aren't his promises and invitations presented to us. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest." "Call upon me in the day of trouble." Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." "Peace be with you."

Martin Luther wrote in his introduction to his commentary on Galatians, "In my heart there reigns, and will ever reign, this one article, namely faith in my dear Lord Christ. This alone is the beginning, middle, end of all spiritual and godly thoughts that I may have at any time, day or night."

Let that be your motto forever in the days ahead. Our Lord Jesus will bring us through this.

His Peace and Blessings be with all of you,





Dear members of LWML and our Trinity LWML supporters, Because our LWML will be unable to meet in April and May, and possibly even June, our Nebraska South District and national LWML organizations are facing steep drops in their mite giving, jeopardizing their abilities to reach goals for much-needed grants to worthy projects. We at Trinity would like to do our part to keep sending support on a monthly basis, so in lieu of bringing mites to a meeting during these months, I encourage members and anyone else in the congregation who would like to bring their mites to the church during office hours and deposit them in the big mite box that will be in the social hall, or mail some paper "coins" or a check made out to LWML to Barb Graham, 117 Lakeview Acres Drive, Elwood, NE 68937. Barb will tally those gifts and keep sending them each month to our district to further the Lord's work.



- ◆ Pastor Rob is offering a live streamed devotion Monday-Friday on his YouTube channel at 9:30 a.m. He posts a link on Facebook so you can find the devotion. If he isn't on right at 9:30 he will be shortly after. You can always watch it later if you wish as it is backed up.
- ◆ Voter's Meeting Postponed  
At the Board of Directors Zoom meeting in April, it was decided that because the Directed Health Measure extends to May 11th, the Voter's Meeting scheduled for the first Sunday in May will be postponed until we are able to meet again as a congregation. Watch for information on a rescheduled meeting
- ◆ Calendar and Schedule Update - As you look at this month's Calendar you'll note that it is pretty empty. Because we don't know how restrictions will be lifted, it is showing only a service each weekend, until we know more about how many can gather and when that will begin. We may have to send out a revised calendar and schedule at that time.



LUTHERAN HOUR– KRVN(880 AM)  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

◆ **May 3,2020**  
**"Rescue, Test, Rest"**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him."  
(Exodus 16)

◆ **May 10**  
**"Stand a Little Taller"**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 18)

◆ **May 24**  
**"TBD"**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

◆ **May 31**  
**"TBD"**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**  
Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray, Dylan Samway, Jennifer Coryell, Perry Pierce, Andy Howard, Chris Licking, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.



**Prayers for Health & Healing,**  
**Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, John Jordening, Kimmy Sheen, Marilyn Hersh, Keith Swartz, Dottie Phillippi, Rod Holtz, Pauline Thornburg, Bob Anderson, Linda Fees , Penny Post, Dale Swartz, Karol O'nele, Kim Rice, Keiley Stoterau, Henry Lucas, Murl Tiede, Meghan Stapleton, Jon Buhlmann, Eileen Woltemath, Lori Anderson, Karen Sappingfield, Charlotte Renner, Christie Bevington, Logan Pelster, Cathy Petersen, Marilyn Bock, Eileen Holbrook, Alan Kruetzer, Glenda Huff, Bob Seacrest, Berlene Kinslow, Geraldine Gutierrez, Eleanor Schwank, Pat Meyer, Lois Lee, Larry Hidy, Ann Blackmore, Verne Riege.**



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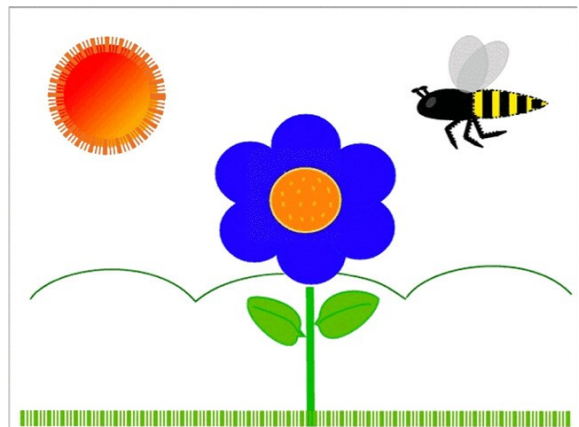
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| <b>Kerry Barnes, 05-02</b>       | <b>Lucas Horn, 05-19</b>         |
| <b>Betty Hinds, 05-03</b>        | <b>Brenna Smith, 05-19</b>       |
| <b>Brenda Wolf, 05-03</b>        | <b>Wayne Kerr, 05-20</b>         |
| <b>Hadley Vonasek, 05-03</b>     | <b>Eli Young, 05-21</b>          |
| <b>Cheryl Stickley, 05-04</b>    | <b>Brayden Wilkinson,, 05-21</b> |
| <b>Phyllis Hauptmeier, 05-05</b> | <b>Genice Jordening, 05-25</b>   |
| <b>Evelyn Ringenberg, 05-05</b>  | <b>Michele Hoehner, 05-25</b>    |
| <b>Sheri Hladky, 05-07</b>       | <b>Chris Licking, 05-27</b>      |
| <b>Melissa BeDunnah, 05-07</b>   | <b>Caroline Koch, 05-27</b>      |
| <b>Shannon Callahan, 05-08</b>   | <b>Liam Soncksen, 05-27</b>      |
| <b>Darrell Leu, 05-10</b>        | <b>Donna Phillips, 05-28</b>     |
| <b>Alexandria Trampe, 05-10</b>  | <b>Jennifer Wilkinson, 05-29</b> |
| <b>Jacqueline Ohlmann, 05-11</b> | <b>Marilyn Licking, 05-31</b>    |
| <b>Herbert Ringenberg, 05-14</b> | <b>Mitchell Burch, 05-31</b>     |
| <b>Wayne Sheen, 05-15</b>        | <b>Cooper Bauer, 05-31</b>       |
| <b>Cyndi Smith, 05-15</b>        |                                  |
| <b>Jocelyn Soncksen, 05-16</b>   |                                  |
| <b>Seth Area, 05-18</b>          |                                  |
| <b>Bret Hladky, 05-18</b>        |                                  |
| <b>Andrea Moore, 05-19</b>       |                                  |

- Marcus and Debra Porath, 05-16**  
**Robert and Jean Raney, 05-20**  
**Riley and Marcia George, 05-21**  
**SamBeDunnah and Melissa Ann (King), 05-23**  
**Donald and Barbara Batie, 05-26**



♦ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!