

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## **The Holy Trinity**

May 31, 2026

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+ Those who are able please stand.  
(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book  
WOV = Blue book

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**PRELUDE**      **Benedictus from "The Armed Man: A Mass of Peace" - Karl Jenkins arr. Brody Bett**

## + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

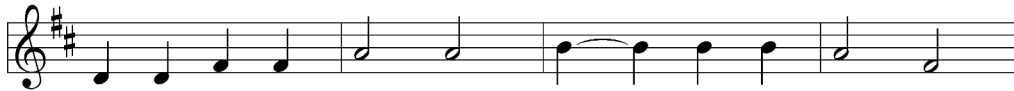
Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## + GATHERING HYMN

### "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LBW#165



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

+ GREETING

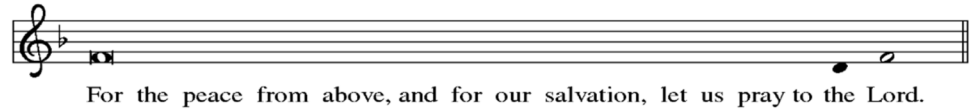
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

+ KYRIE



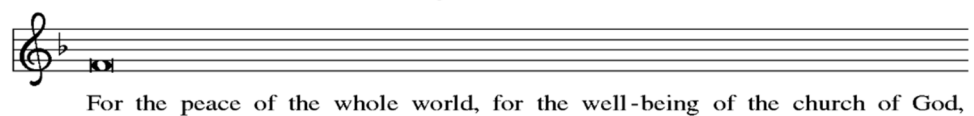
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



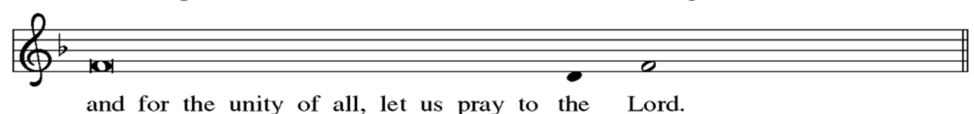
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



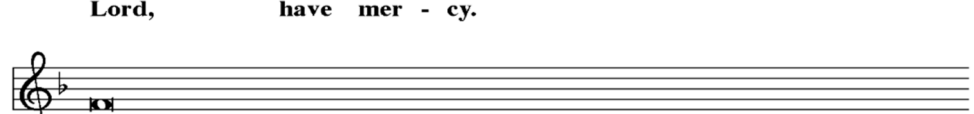
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



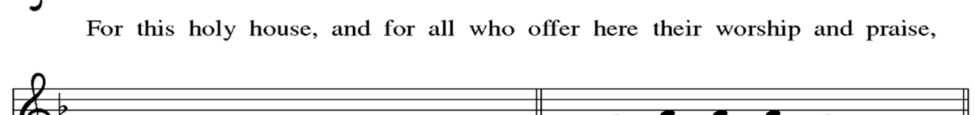
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



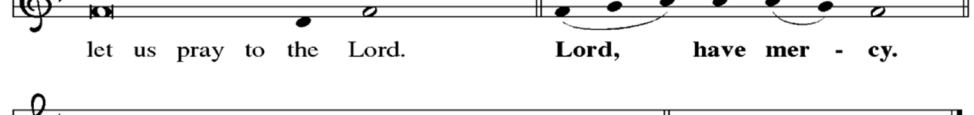
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



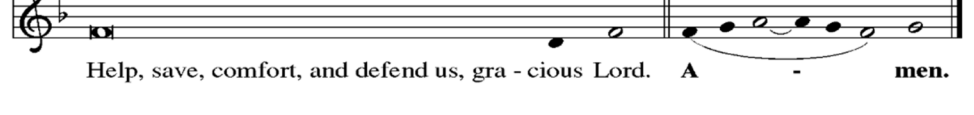
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



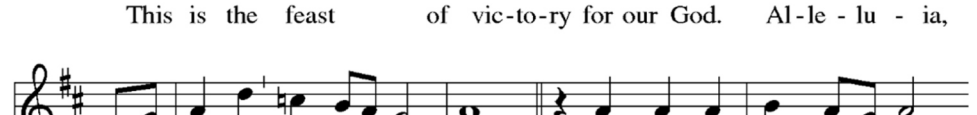
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

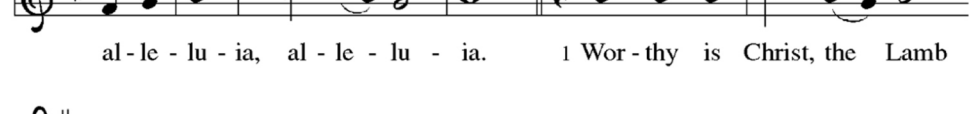
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**+ SALUTATION**  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-2:4

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Paul writes: <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

<sup>1+</sup> GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come , Join the Dance of Trinity”



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

+APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

**+ SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

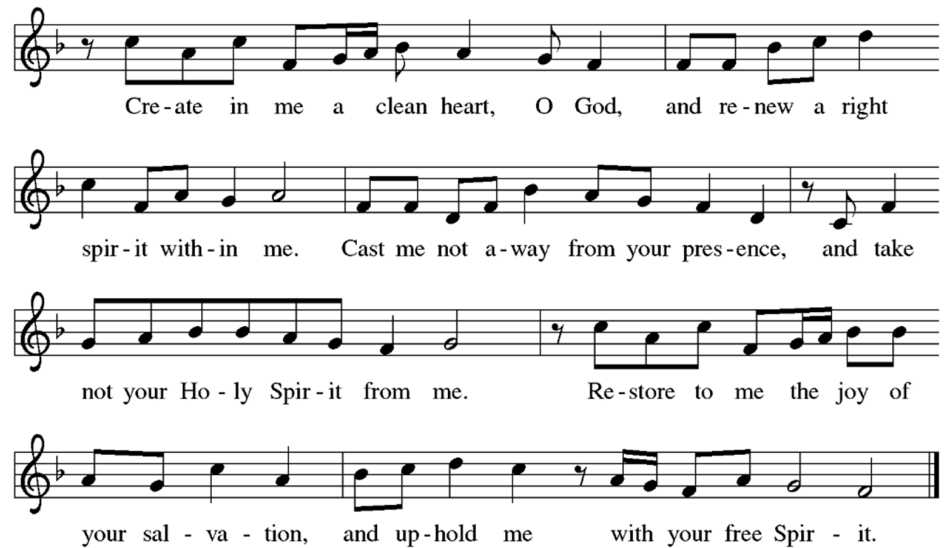
**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

**"Rejoice"**

**Chancel Choir**

**+ OFFERTORY SONG**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together ...

**Loving god, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of jesus, through the spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

**+ GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the lord our god.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**+ PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful god. You reveal your glory as the glory of the father, the son and the holy spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one lord, one god, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**+ LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION** – All of God’s children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

**+ TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**Amen.**

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together....

**Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

**+SENDING HYMN**

**“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”**

**WOV#756**



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: “Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea-sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

**+ DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Toccata in D minor" - Gaston Belier**

<u>Serving 5/31/2026</u>		<u>Serving 6/7/2026</u>	
<b>Organist</b>	Brody Bett	<b>Organist</b>	Teresa Yost
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Angela Lippard	<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Jamey Basinger
<b>Lector</b>	Earlene Rivers	<b>Lector</b>	Alex Storey
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sarah Nolan, Gary Elmore	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Duane Nolan, S. Tim Sloop
<b>Acolyte</b>	Clara Linker	<b>Acolyte</b>	JoJo Crossen
<b>Security Team</b>	Travis Nolan, Monty Brown	<b>Security Team</b>	David Diggs, Chad Rivers
<b>Sound System</b>	Brody Linker	<b>Sound System</b>	Carson Hurst
<b>Teller Team</b>	Duane Nolan, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop	<b>Teller Team</b>	Brent Yost, Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell
<b>Ushers</b>	Scottie & Monica Basinger, Connor & Baker	<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff & Sharon Ritchie, Patsy Parnell, Karen Reynolds

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mike & Laura Abernathy's 17th wedding anniversary.

**MYLES DAVIS POPE MEMORIAL 5K** is on June 13 to help fund swim lessons. .

**VBS HELPERS NEEDED** Please let Sarah know if you are willing to help with Vacation Bible School June 19 or 20th. Needs include: a leader for games and shepherds to walk kids to each rotation. Thank you!

**WELCOME** to Brody Bett as our guest organist this morning.

**ORGAN DEDICATION** will be this afternoon at 4:00pm.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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Setting 3 ELW

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This Week's Giving 04/26/2026		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 164			
Current	\$ 8,868.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 60)	\$ 51.00		
Facility Rental (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$ 60.00		
Director of Youth and Family Ministries	\$ 25.00		
Benevolence	\$ 120.00		
World Hunger	\$ 50.00		
Total Current	\$ 9,174.00	\$ 8,251.00	\$ 923.00
Myles for Mission 5k	\$ 325.00		
Kids to Camp Endowment	\$ 825.00		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 50.00		
Total Deposit	\$ 10,474.00		

Scan here for online giving.



### Prayer List

#### Immediate needs:

Shirley Stiller, Debbie Parris, Nancy Shue, Judy Copeland

#### Community Concerns:

Lily Gariepy (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Kassana Alexander, Sandy Whitaker, Christine Whitaker (*Pastor Josh*), Pastor David Drysdale (*Pastor Josh*), Lynn Potter (*Emily Copeland*), Tim & Judy Shue (*Mary Austin*), David Stirewalt (*Gene Stirewalt*), Kristie Thomas (*Jackie Hurlbut*), Brenda Cole (*Barbara Collins*)

#### Comfort:

#### Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Irene Miller, Ray Baker, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Lynn Aldridge, Mike Stout

#### Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; our school teachers, staff and administrators