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Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather together to worship God, who, through the blood of Jesus Christ,

P: has freed us from the emptiness and futility of our former lives!

L: We have been reborn—we are now children of the living God!

P: Come, let's worship the God who has set us free!

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Open our hearts to your power moving
around us and between us and within us,
until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy,
in communities transformed by justice and compassion,
and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN: #325 vs. 1-2**

"Just as I Am"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell

to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

John 21:1-19.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to

fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

SERMON "God Changes us All"

*HYMN #334 vs. 1-2

"Amazing Grace"

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

I thank You, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who have deigned, not through any merits of mine, but out of the condescension of Your goodness, to satisfy me a sinner, Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be:

All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundant love,

**We offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources
as a sign of our love for you and the world.**

**O God, we give you our thanks for all that we have
and ask a special blessing on these offerings.**

**And God, we ask that our collective offering
be an expression of healing, that brings hope to a hurting world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION (based on Hebrews 13)

POSTLUDE (Please wait to be dismissed by an usher. Thank you.)

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MAY JINGLE CHANGE = Undy 500 It's time for the Undy 500!!! During the month of May, we will again be collecting items for the Milwaukee Guest House. Along with your jingle change please prayerfully consider bringing NEW men and women's undergarments and socks. They are especially in need of L, XL, and 2XL t-shirts for their male residents.

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys: The confirmation of Mason Wemper and Merri Wempner

Families who have lost loved ones:

Marilyn Hanke

Jody Nenahlo

Dale Horneck

Those struggling with health issues:

Nikki (Friend of Bonnie Z)

Tom Lefeber

Glen Schad

Signe Burkhart

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Elizabeth Loose

Jane Markelz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Helen Henning

Steve Kornely

Steve Rumpff

Jessica Horneck

Hailey Wirtz

Darlene Horneck

Vernon Henschel

Warren Fidlin

Olivia Marie

Everett Henning



Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Merry Christians Brat Fry** - Saturday, May 14 from 9 am-3 pm at Rick's Piggly Wiggly in Kiel.
- Field of Dreams is NOW ACCEPTING visitors. Please arrange a visit with Merlin and Doris Mae and continue to keep them in your prayers.
- Leah Henning is stationed in Japan. Send cards and letters to: (standard US postage rates)
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Upcoming Community Events:

- Brat Fry - Wed. May 11 4p-7p - St. James UCC, Newton - carry-outs only
- Drive-Thru Fish Fry - May 13 at Anchor Lanes 4p-7pm - Sponsored by Community UCC, Elkhart Lake

It's Time for the Undy 500 –

Donations go to the Guest House of Milwaukee (Homeless Shelter)

All items must be NEW and extra-large sizes are highly needed (2XL, 3XL, 4XL, etc.)

- **Men's Underwear - BOXERS and BOXER BRIEFS ONLY**

- *Due to an overabundance of men's briefs (aka "tighty whiteys") on hand, we cannot accept these items; many shelter guests find them uncomfortable and decline them*

- **Men's Undershirts**
- **Women's Underwear**
- **Sports Bras**
- **All items size 2XL or larger will receive one bonus point per item!**



Congratulations to our Confirmands:

Mason Wempner is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. His parents are Daniel and Amy Wempner. He has an older brother, Armond, and two younger siblings, Merri and Cameron. His family lives in the country not too far from Bethlehem church. Mason is an avid fan of the NBA and he enjoys playing basketball for the Special Olympics. He also likes spending time with his family.



Merri Wempner is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. Her parents are Daniel and Amy Wempner. She has two older brothers, Armond and Mason, and one younger brother, Cameron. Her family lives in the country not too far from Bethlehem church. Merri's favorite thing to do is play volleyball. She plays on a club team, the school team, and on the church team in the summer. She also loves reading and spending time with family and friends.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 5/1: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; ~Happy Anniversary Rick & Linda Rabe and Kerry & Sharon Rumpff!

Monday 5/2: ~Happy Birthday Barb Henning!

Tuesday 5/3: ~Happy Birthday Sara Jeanty!! Happy Anniversary Garret t& Ginny Schultz and Kevin & Mary Voland!

Wednesday 5/4:

Thursday 5/5: ~Happy Anniversary to Grant & Christa Taylor and Jeff & Jennifer Holz!!

Friday 5/6:

Saturday 5/7: ~Happy Birthday Dayna Schultz and Jenna Rumpff!!

Sunday 5/8: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

May – Bottle of Laundry Soap or Fabric Softener