May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Music: Paul Otte

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Almighty God,
As we find our way through many interests and demands, keep us focused on the fact that we belong to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. Holy Communion will be celebrated today, so the Hymn of Praise is "This is the Feast". After the offertory and prayer, we begin the communion liturgy with the Prayer of Thanksgiving on page 161.
*White grape juice is available for those who prefer a non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns: 633, 657, 722
Text: I Peter 2:2-10
Sermon: "It's Complicated"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

May 7, 2017	104
Sunday school	38

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: II Timothy 3:16-17 – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We are finished for the year with Bible study. See you next fall.

Today's Special project offering is designated for Armed Forces Ministry.

The garden is ready to be planted. If you are interested in a plot, please call the church.

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for June is completed. Please check your distribution box for a copy.

The reading from "The Story" for today and this week is chapter 21.

Please join us tomorrow for "Feeding of the 500". The "Soup of the Day" is Chicken and Dumpling.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Vacation Bible school has been set for June 5th – 8th at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Gone Fishing". Don't forget to sign your children up for this fun adventure!

SAVE THE DATE: "Music Under the Stars" will be on June 25th at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars for a night of beautiful music and fellowship.

Prayer Partners Pondering: Who is the mother who prayed this prayer? "I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted me what I asked of him? 1 Sam 1:27. Thank you, Moms, for the fervent prayers for your children!

Bernadotte Lutheran's Annual WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social & Bake Sale will be Wednesday, June 7th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for all the details.

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland is hosting a Memorial Day Service and Ham Dinner on Monday, May 29th. The Church service begins at 10:45, followed by the Gaylord Legion Honor Guard Program at 11:45 and the meal will follow at 1:30 p.m. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in Wittenburg, Germany with Paul Otte October 19th – November 2nd, 2017. For more information on this tour contact bpotte@mchsi.com or call 320-587.5215. A complete description of the trip is posted on the bulletin board.

In 2017 we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We will remember this anniversary year in various ways all during 2017. We plan to use a booklet entitled "About Being Lutheran" as part of this emphasis.

Please join us after worship today for fellowship.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	8:30 a.m.	Bible study
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion (Special Project Offering)
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	8:30 a.m.	Bible study
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday school Carnival and Pot Luck luncheon
	11:30 a.m.	Worship Service at Highland Commons with Holy Communion

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This year confirmands are considering a trip to the "Mall of America on May 24th, leaving immediately after school and returning about 8:30 p.m. Is there any reaction from parents or others who might like to go? If so, leave a message at the church office.

Please encourage all Sunday School people to come next week and enjoy the carnival and pot luck after worship. This would be a good time to invite friends who did not attend this year, but might be able to come next year.