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EASTER 5
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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
- *Check our website at www.graceglendale.org for more information.*
- *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS for parents with SMALL CHILDREN.***
- *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*

THE SERVICE: p. 188, Setting 3

OPENING HYMN: #521 – Christ the Eternal Lord (*stanzas 1, 4, & 5*)

**Christ the eternal Lord, whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured
on all who name your name; with thankfulness and praise
we stand before your throne, intent to serve you all our days
and make your glory known.**

**Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,
our Morning Star in splendor bright,
the Life, the Truth, the Way; that light of truth you give
to servants as to friends, your way to walk, your life to live,
till earth's brief journey ends.**

**Christ the ascended King exalted high above,
whose praise unending ages sing,
whom yet unseen we love; when mortal life is past
your voice from heaven's throne
shall call your children home at last to know as we are known.**

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: (8:00)

Maya Powell Rademacher

Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

CONFESSION:

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

SONG OF THE LITURGY:#938 – This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.
O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Salvation is found in no one else. Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR: (8:00).....Christ Is the Rock
Aaron Huxtable & Mark Breiling, trumpets

MEN'S CHORUS: (10:30).....Let the Name of the Lord Be Praised

SECOND READING: You either build on Jesus or you stumble over him. 1 Peter 2:4-10 ⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

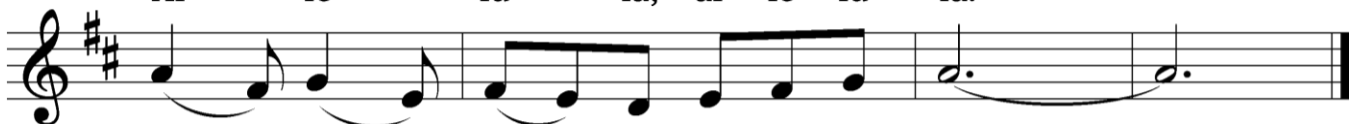
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:6



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



I am the way and the truth and the life.



No one comes to the Father except through me.

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GOSPEL: No one comes to the Father except through Jesus. John 14:1-11 ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #469 – Welcome, Happy Morning

**“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished; heav’n is won today!”
Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.**

**Refrain: “Welcome, happy morning!”
age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished;
heav’n is won today!”**

**Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
God from heav’n beholding human nature’s fall,
of the Father’s Godhead you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver manhood did put on.**

**Refrain: “Welcome, happy morning!”
age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished;
heav’n is won today!”**

**Source of all things living, you came down to die,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
Come, then, true and faithful, come, fulfill your word;
this is your third morning—rise, O buried Lord.**

**Refrain: “Welcome, happy morning!”
age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished;
heav’n is won today!”**

**Free the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
all that now is fallen raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness; shine in ev’ry land
as in Eden’s garden when the world began.**

**Refrain: “Welcome, happy morning!”
age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished;
heav’n is won today!”**

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SERMON: John 14:1-11

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

1. Your permanent dwelling is prepared and promised.
2. Your remaining questions are asked and answered.

Please stand.

NICENE CREED: p. 196

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this time!
Remember to mark if you are communing.*

Please stand.

PREFACE:

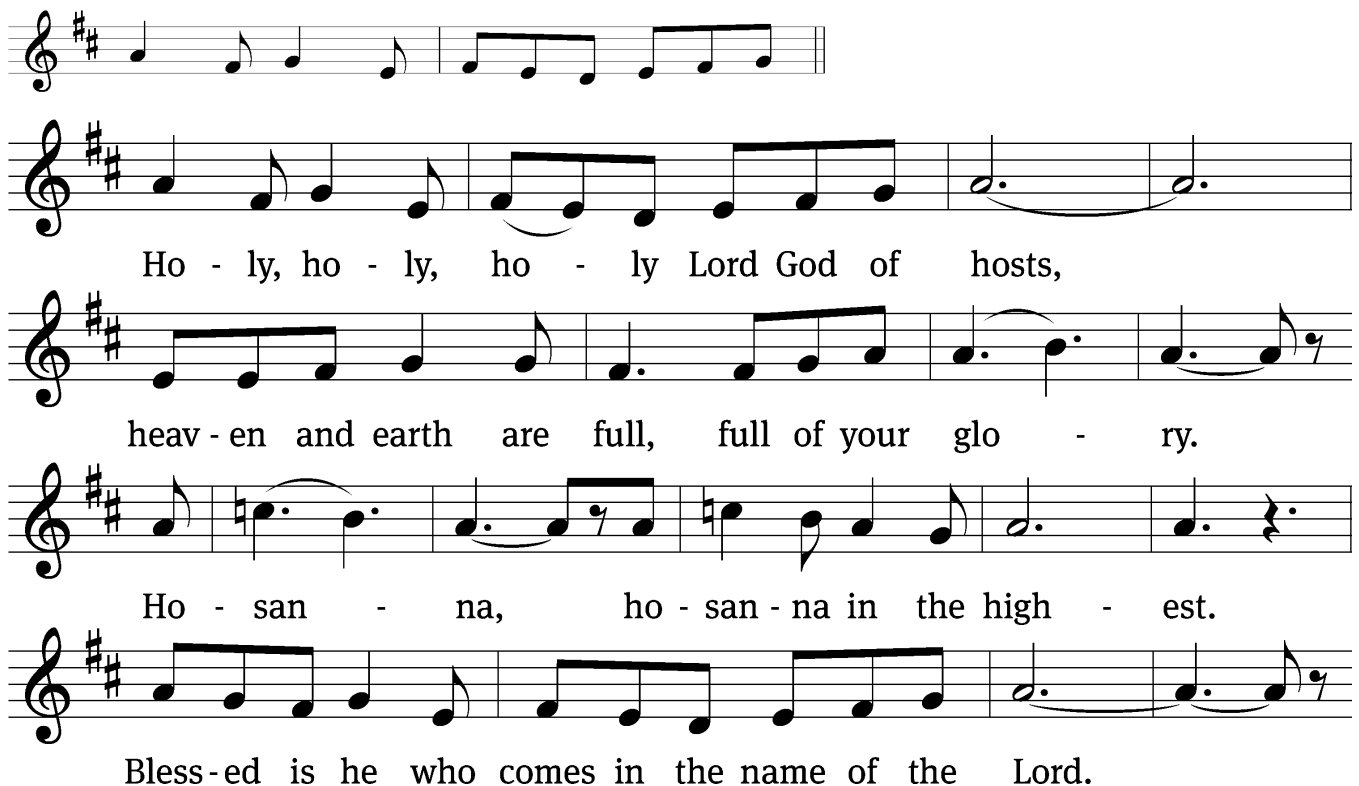
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p. 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: p. 201

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: p. 201

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD:..... p. 202

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, grant us peace.

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Please be seated.

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

*For **COMMUNION**, please come at the direction of the ushers.
Please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #466 – Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare,
only the grave cloths are lying there."**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**“Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
he has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done,
even the battle with sin is won.”**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**Christ has arisen; he sets us free;
alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

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Please stand.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.**

**Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your

Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING:

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #470 – Like the Golden Sun Ascending (stanza 4)

**For the joy your advent gave me,
for your gospel’s great reward,
for your baptism which has saved me,
for your supper and your Word;
for your death, the bitter scorn, for your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you, and in heav’n I shall behold you.**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 125; 10:30 AM – 173

Sunday School attendance: Adults, Hall – 102; Room 1 – no class
Children – 14

Tue. *The Chosen*: no class

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher & Eoghan Hill

10:30 AM: Alan Borchardt & Dean Rovey

Organist: Michael Wilde

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring
Sandra Lederer
Karen Sanchez
Doris Rankin

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM; Bible class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
TUE - Bible Class, 2:00 PM; All Meeting Night, 7:00 PM
THU - Council Reports & Newsletter Articles due
FRI - Family Night, 6:30 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and May Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for May 13th will be captained by Don & Eileen McDowell with Don & Frances Bottcher; Bob & Tess Franzmeier; and Andrew Wells.



LADIES AID MINUTES...The April Meeting Minutes were emailed to all members last week. Look for paper copies of the Minutes in the narthex if you didn't receive them via email.



ABC FOR MAY...The Adult Breakfast and Coffee group will meet at Brothers Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Avenue in Peoria on May 17th at 8:30 AM. Please sign the sheets in the narthex so that adequate seating can be arranged, or sign up by phone, text, or email, or receive more information by contacting Pat Walker, cell #480-717-0131 or email him at patwalker1950@gmail.com.



CHURCH CAMPOUT DATES...Mark your calendars now for a church campout which will be held from July 21–23, 2023 at Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim. You will be treated to good food,

good fellowship, and cool(er) weather. Watch for the sign-up sheet! If you have questions, see Chris Kallies or Alex Janosek.



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION... If you have a child who will be turning 3- or 4-years-old, call Mrs. Tech at 623-937-2010, ext. 319 for details about preschool.



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)...

Martin Luther College's program to help students pay tuition will match contributions from a congregation up to **\$1,325 per student**. This is available for Abbey Mueller (Junior), Joshua Kallies (Sophomore), and Rachel Groth (Freshman). You may go online to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQDX/home> to donate. If you already are set up with VANCO for online donations you can log in on the main page. Click on the '**Offer Support**' button, enter the amount of your donation, either Now or the Date that you would like the amount to come from your account (before June 26th), and then Add to Basket. If you participate by check, please make it payable to "**Grace Ev. Lutheran Church**" and write "**CPGP**" on the memo line. You may mail or hand deliver your check to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 5600 W Palmaire Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301.



ALPHA BABY BOTTLE DRIVE... As in past years, you will have the opportunity to support our local Chapter of Christian Life Resources by filling a baby bottle with cash, coins, or a check (made payable to ALPHA). Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) assists the women of our community by providing practical assistance to mothers of young children and alternatives to abortion while sharing the Word of God. In addition to the spiritual needs of these ladies, APRC fills their physical needs by providing practical assistance including diapers, formula, and baby clothes. Monies collected will be used to support this ministry. Pick up a bottle from the fellowship hall on Mother's Day (May 14th) and return it on or before Father's Day (June 18th).

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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

Week ending 4/23/2023: **YTD 7/1/2023 through 4/23/2023:**

Weekly Need:	16,200.00	YTD Need:	790,000.00
Weekly Actual:	9,410.75	YTD Actual:	709,324.75
Weekly +/-:	-6,789.25	YTD +/-:	-80,675.25



GRACE SCHOOL PLAY...A Walk in the Woods written by Debbie Metzler and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO depicts the tales of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and Hansel and Gretel all blended into one delightful play while staying true to the original stories. Goldilocks, who is forest-savvy from having to survive in the woods without a family, is on the run from the Three Bears but takes time to help Little Red Riding Hood, who is leery of her stepmother’s motivation in sending her out into the woods at dusk with a basket full of food and a bright red cloak. Along the way, they meet the Woodsman (who also happens to be Hansel and Gretel’s father) and the zany Wolf (the same canine who plagues the Three Little Pigs). Performances will include a **dress rehearsal on Friday, May 19th at 1:30 PM** and a **performance Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 PM**. Both performances will take place in the fellowship hall.

