We pray for our shut-ins, college students, military service men & women and their families, all First Responders and their families, all homeless, unemployed, our friends and family: Aaron, Adam, AJ & Amy Deacon, Alyson & Jarrett, Anna, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin, Barry & Joann Webster, Barry & Shelby, Becky, Bert E., Beth, Betty Schnurr, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Carlaya, Cazmyre, Cindy, Claudine, Courtney, Craig, Darcy, Darlene, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Florence, Don & Harriet, Donald, Donna, Doug, Doug N., Eloise, Emma, Eric, Robin & Jack Murphy, Erik, Ernie, Ethel, Evelyn, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Renee & Jack McGuire, George, Haizel, Heidi, Helen, Inez, Irene, Irene A., Jackie, Jaleena, Jan, JanAnn, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jen, Jenny, Jeremy, Jess, Jim, John, Judy, Julia, Julie, June, Kamya, Katherine, Kathy, Kathy Harty, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Kim & Pete, Kris, Kyler, Larry, Lauri, Lelia, Linda, Linda G., Lois, Lori, Lucy, Lucy B., Lynn, Margie, Marion, Matt, Matthew, Melissa, Meri, Michael Murphy, Mike, Mike Hill, Missy, Nancy, Nate, Opill, Pat, Patti, Payton, Riann, Rich, Rikki, Robin, Roger, Ron, Ruthann, Ryann, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Shelly, Sheri, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susan Swartzlow, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Vic, Vicki, Viola, Violet Atkinson, Vivian, Zach, Zarah

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Sandra Dittmer, Becky Naff, 4-Mike Stinson, 7-Rob Binder, 8-Al Schnurr, 9-Betty Comins, 11-Tyler McCormick, 15-Helen Meier, Roger Frey, 21-Dorothy Taylor, 22-Diane Lipinski, Kennadi Rice-Devlin, 24-Laura Hill, 26-Donald Schlegel, 27-Grady Naff, 31-Kelli Hedrington

A special care package will be sent to Austin Wagner, son of Aaron & Amber Miller, grandson of Becky & Willis Miller, great-grandson of Shirley Wright.

He is stationed at Fort Carson, CO now, but will be deployed this summer to Africa. We want him to know he's got our support & prayers! He would enjoy getting cards (cards of support, thinking of you & his 20th birthday is August 21), he likes pistachio nuts, teriyaki jerky, snacks, gum, magazines. PLEASE, NO CHOCOLATE. Cash will also be needed to cover shipping costs. *Mailing date: Monday, May 20th*. The collection box is in narthex. His picture & address are on the bulletin board. Thanks, Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway.

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 19, 2019

9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen.

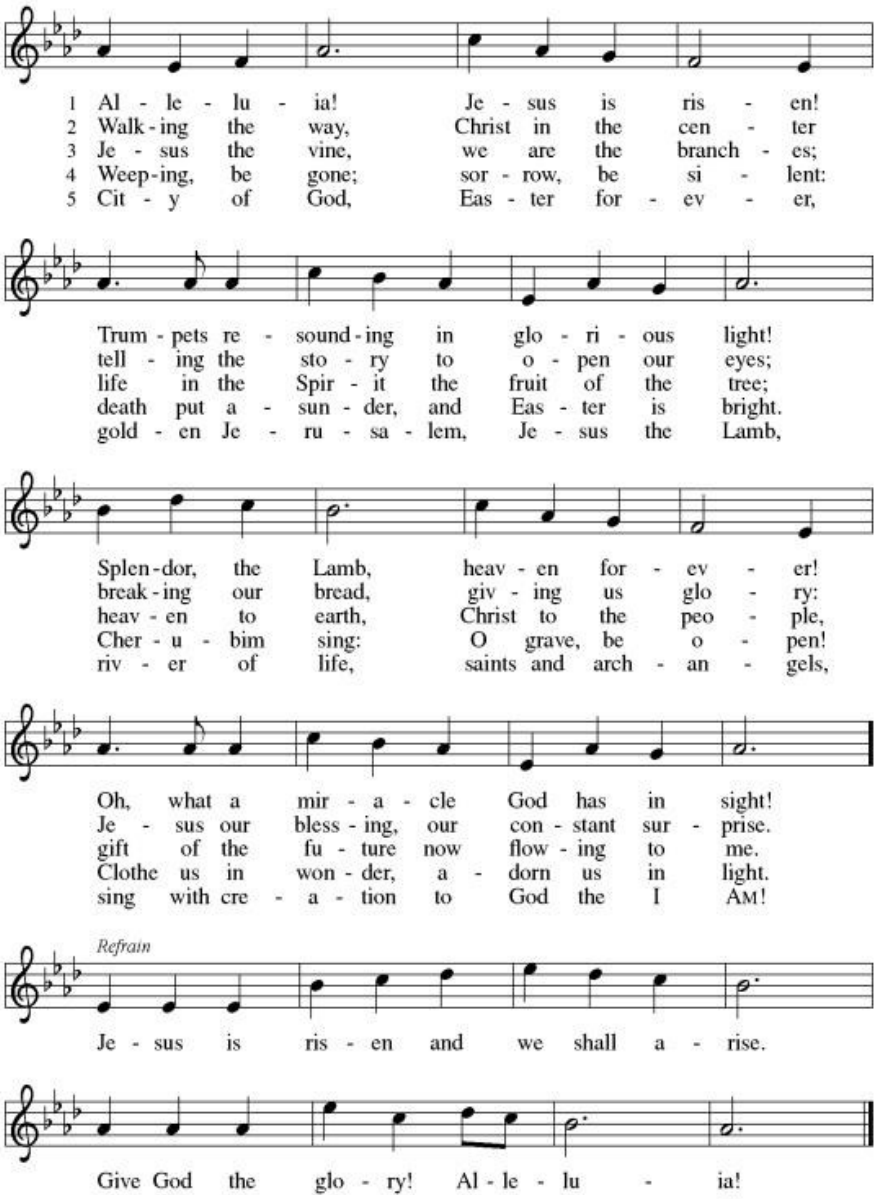
P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(A brief silence.)* Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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

C: And also with you.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today!
Join us in our Fellowship Room for a bite to eat & drink.

COMMUNION ~ Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, intinct in wine (dark) or light (grape juice).

OFFERING ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering or mail it in. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, May 12, 2019 - Week #19

Attendance - 102

Weekly Offering	**$2,092.50**
Budget	**$2,150.00**
2019 YTD Offering	**$45,264.22**
2019 YTD Needed	**$40,850.00**

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois provides supportive services for children in need & their families. Foster care services focus on placing children who've experienced neglect or abuse in a loving and secure home. Children's Community Services offers numerous other services to at-risk children and their families in their communities. Thank you for your generosity in today's Noisy Can!

VetsRoll.org

Safe travels to John Coots as he embarks on his 4-day Vets Roll trip to Washington, D.C. Dawn Banker and her sister will help accompany them and be part of the 220 member group. Plan to help welcome the 10 buses home on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30pm at the Eclipse Center!

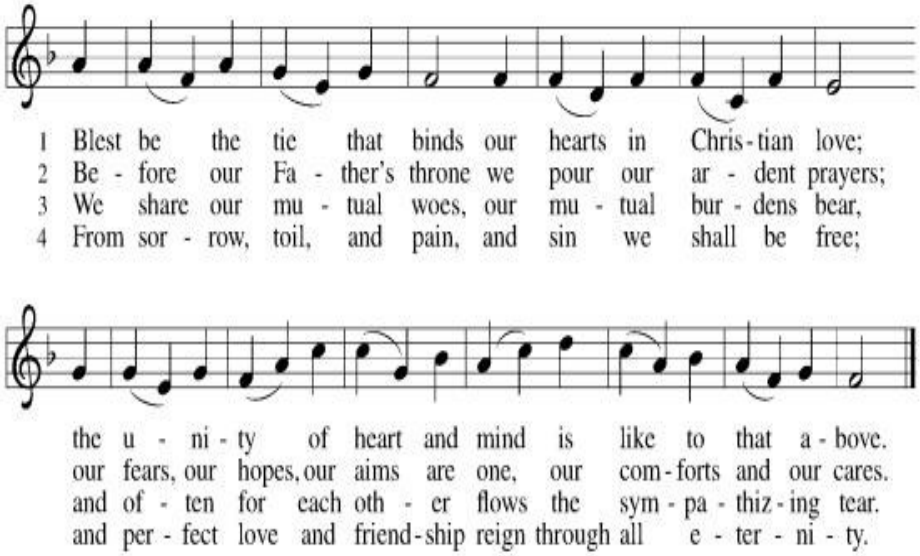
The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday, May 24 at 6:00 PM at Road Dawg Family Restaurant, 2956 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, Wi. Please sign up on the board by Sun., May 19. All are invited!

Vic & Diane Lipinski invite you to their 50th Anniversary Open House for food & drinks from 12-? Your presence will be our greatest gift! **Saturday, June 8** 5489 Reimer Dr., Roscoe, IL. Please call 815-494-8563 for directions. Park across the street at the church.

SAVE THE DATE
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUNDAY, JULY 21 3-6pm

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders
***Altar Guild* - Carol & Roger Frey**
***Musician* - Betty Comins**
Videographer - Helen Meier
***Computer Tech* - Mike Banker**
***Reader* - Nicole Blakeman**
***Greeters* - Terry Schrupp & Debi Nelson**
***Counters* - Bob & Kathy Strasser**
***Fellowship* - Geri Cliffe**
***Ushers* - Doug Congdon & George Brunson**
***Pastor* - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

Congratulations to Rachel Strasser & Zach Hedrington! We pray for your continued success!

In Case of a Pastoral Need:
Please contact Pastor Rick Meier
Cell: 815-566-5247 Home: 815-227-4679
Email: pastorr1@comcast.net

Today's altar flowers are donated by the Strasser Family in celebration of Rachel's graduation

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light - through the lens of love.
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* O Lord God,
C: you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts, the 11th chapter.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."
R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 148
R: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
C: Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise,
all you hosts of heaven.

R: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise,
all you shining stars.
C: Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

R: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded,
and they were created,
C: who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

R: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind,
doing God's will;

R: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

R: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
C: young men and maidens, old and young together.

R: Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
C: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

DIALOGUE
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

BLESSING
P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You promise new life for all the faithful departed *(especially)*. Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY

***"Alpha and Omega"* by the Gaither Vocal Band**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We give the but thine own, whatever the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive.
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation, the 21st chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!
Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

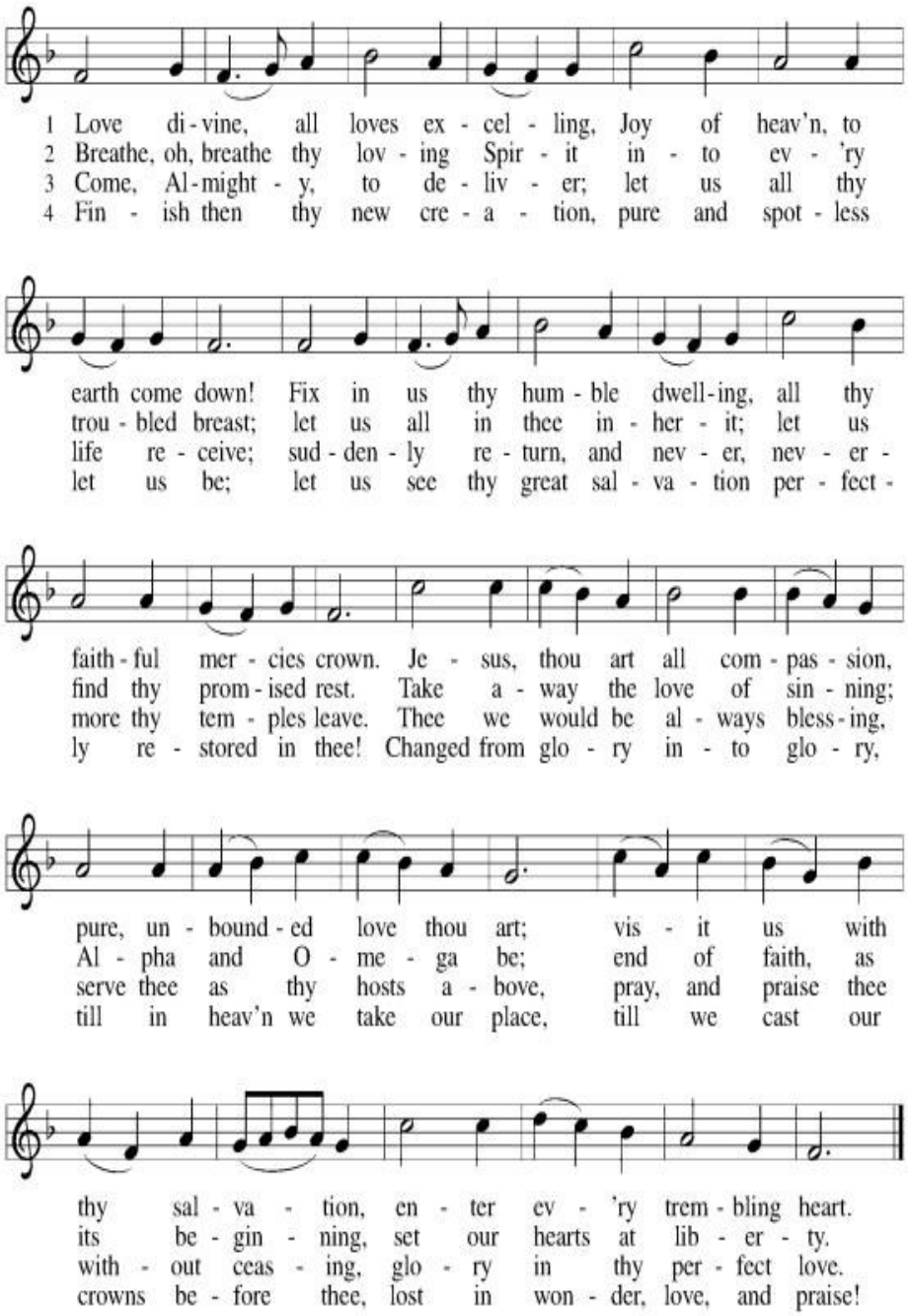
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Everybody Welcomed and Loved"

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



APOSTLES' 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

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. *(A brief silence.)* Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth's resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.