

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus' Business is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 298) Dear Father, You Have Made Us All Dear Fa - ther, you have made us all: To you your 2 Dear Sav - ior, for vour love un - told. To this you 3 Dear Spir - it, pour up - on this child Your gifts of 0 tri - une God, hum - bly pray we That all your ple hum - bly Look this child. who peo pray: on lit child Re ceive tle we bring. him. Shep - herd. prom - ise true. And make him pure and grace. vour child. bless be con - ferred Up this here ings on your call life's Now at en ters on nar - row way. your fold cling. That he you in faith may to to de - filed. A ho ly ple, un tem kept for vou. cleansed to - day, Word. Byand the

Text: Albert Knapp, 1798–1864; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) Cantionale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628, alt.

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THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:00 a.m.)

REMAIN SEATED

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- **M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

_____, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Conway may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Conway and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

The service continues on page 8 with "Prayer and Praise."

ORDER OF WORSHIP (10:30 a.m.)

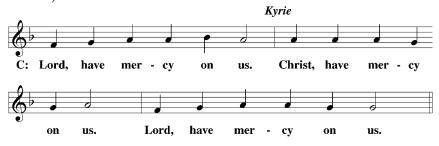
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sing) Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies,
See the glorious Savior rise.

You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade. Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears. Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save. (CW 159)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"

³⁹ Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 98 (see p. 10)

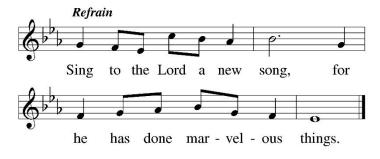
SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹ This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.





Sing to the LORD a <u>new</u> song,* for he has done mar<u>vel</u>ous things.

The LORD has made his sal<u>va</u>tion known* and revealed his righteousness to the <u>na</u>tions.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of <u>Is</u>rael;* all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation <u>of</u> our God.

REFRAIN

Shout for joy to the LORD, <u>all</u> the earth,* burst into jubilant song with <u>mu</u>sic;

make music to the LORD <u>with</u> the harp,* with the harp and the sound of <u>sing</u>ing.

Shout for joy before the <u>LORD</u>, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with <u>equity</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

REFRAIN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Alleluia.

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

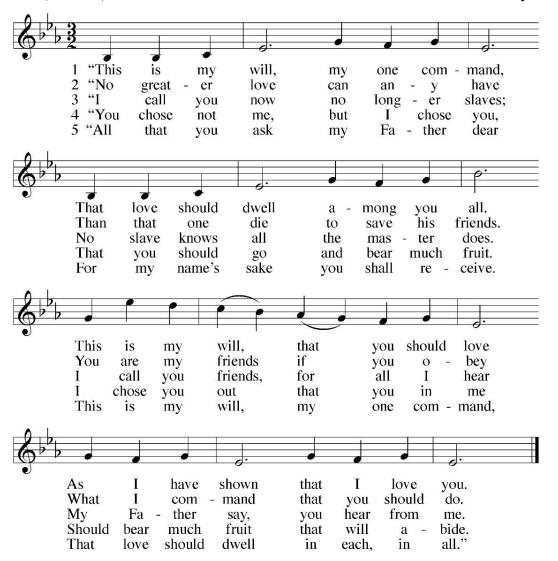
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED



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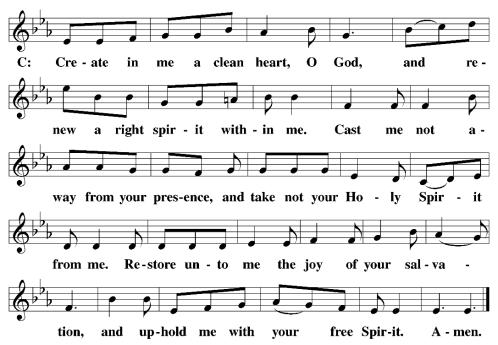
SERMON John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

¹² "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

"Just As" Love

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For all who come and hear God's Word, that they would rightly fear God and learn what he has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through his name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of God, that like our Lord Jesus who loved the world and laid down his life for all, they also may lay down their lives for others in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with his revealed order, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially _____,] that they would receive from God grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his 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:



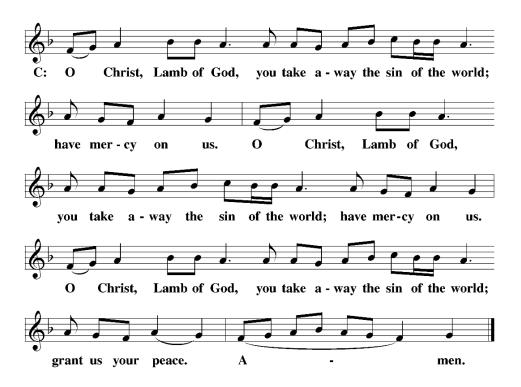
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 377)

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, your friend divine,
 And evermore you shall be mine;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
 The Holy Spirit sending
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 My help to you extending.
 He will a source of comfort be,
 Teach you to know and follow me,
 And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching; So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.

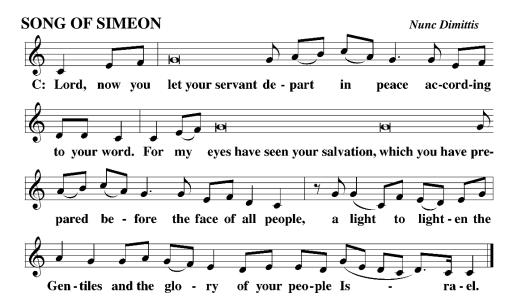
Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause. This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

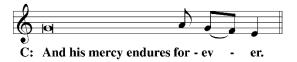
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THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



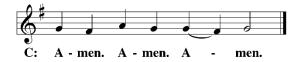
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

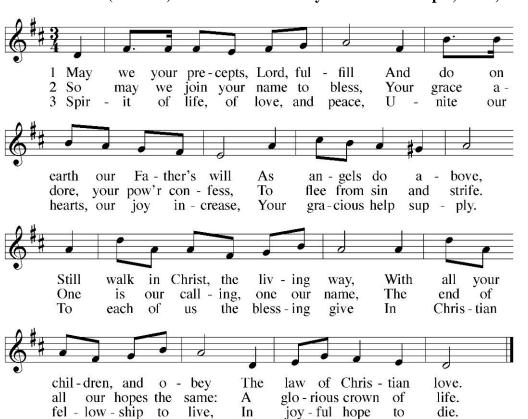
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



Text: Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.

Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Thessalonians, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, Class will resume May 15.

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, *downstairs.* Speak with Pastor if you are interested in attending this class.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Wayne Kaalberg and additional counter needed
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund and June Thayer

Thursday May 9: Ascension Worship Worship service at 6:30 pm

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Children's Bell Coordinator: Ruth Kovaciny
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Heath Family
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

(Teens attend adult Bible study today.)

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00 Phil Boll, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Holzman Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Tess & Paul Weinheimer

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Julie Leisses-Corcoran (5/5), Brian Ehlenbach (5/6), Gabe Hoel (5/6), John Schwark (5/9), Sharon Wightman (5/9) and Walt Schroeder (5/11) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Brian & Karie Ehlenbach (5/6), David & Shari Blossom (5/7) and Dave & Kristin Vomhof (5/11) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- May 6: Patchwork blankets, 12:30-3:30 pm and 6-8 pm, downstairs
- May 9: Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm
- May 13: Patchwork blankets, 12:30 3:30 pm, downstairs
- May 16: Ladies dinner outing at Rodeside Grill, 6:00 pm
- May 19: Sunday school children sing both services
- May 19: Last day of teen class and regular Sunday school for the year.
- **May 20:** Patchwork blankets, 12:30 3:30 pm and 6 8 pm *downstairs* (*The group does not meet May 27.*)