

May 2025

As the Spring opens up in its blooms, and the sun shines brighter and warmer, it's easy to reflect on God's wonderful creation. And if we read about the creation in Scripture, we will find something perhaps unexpected. Take, for example, Psalm 148, a Psalm of Praise, which says,

"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens!
... Praise Him, sun and moon!
Praise Him, all you shining stars!
... Praise Him from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His Word!
Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts and all livestock,
Creeping things and flying birds!"

But we might wonder... how does the sun and moon, how does your dog or your cat, how does fire and ice praise the Lord!? It's a strange thing for us to think since we equate praising God as using our mind and lifting up our voice in song and prayer. But this is a good reminder that praising the Lord is also work well done that is pleasing to the Lord.

So, when the snow and the mist come according to God's Word, they are in fact praising the Lord even though they are inanimate objects, because they are fulfilling His Word. When your cat catches that mouse and your dog flops over for you to rub his belly, they are praising the Lord because they are carrying out the tasks God has given for them to do. When the sun rises, it's praising the Lord! When the moon sets, it's praising the Lord! That's exactly the task God has given them to do.

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So, what does that mean for us? When we carry out the work God has given us to do, we, too, are praising the Lord. When we set the meal on the table for our children, we are praising the Lord. When we finish our homework or the task our boss gave us, we are praising the Lord. When we tend the garden in the backyard or change our oil and maintain our equipment well, we are praising the Lord.

These things seem mundane, but if they are in line with what God desires from us: that we show His love in the world and treat the world and His gifts with respect and care, we are praising the Lord, just as the creation praises Him.

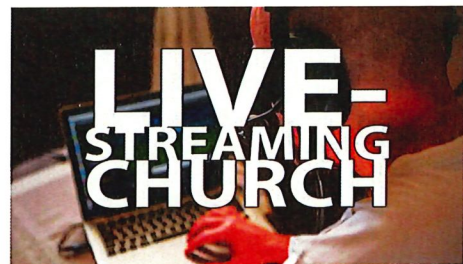
Certainly there are things that we do every day that don't praise the Lord. Those are sin. When we're lazy or unwilling to do a task, when we complain or grumble or gossip, none of that is praising the Lord. But when we do our tasks well and with gratitude, then even the most mundane thing in the world can be turned into praise for the Lord.

To God be the glory!

In Christ,

Pastor Brown

Live Stream Volunteers: *Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer.*



NEW: 2025 Church Directory. We are updating the church directories!! A preview of your family pages has been placed in boxes of members who have provided me with a photo. I will be working more on these the next two weeks, so you will have time to submit your photos. Please send those photos via email to martinichurchoffice@gmail.com, or leave photographs in the church office mailbox.



Martini Spring Rummage sale will be May 8th and 9th, 2025. Make sure things are washed, cleaned, and not broken. We will need help unpacking, pricing, and selling. No large furniture or mattresses. Computers are okay to bring in for sale. Sale runs Thursday. We are looking for baked goods for the bake sale that goes along with the rummage sale May 8th and 9th. Please let Cindy Stauffer know what you will bring. We will need the baked goods on Wednesday May 7th. You can contact Cindy at 440-4686 or see me at church. If you can help set up tables after bible study today, we would greatly appreciate the help. We will need assistance on Friday at noon for packing leftovers as well.

Our seminarians, Ethan, and Miranda Baumbach, are having a baby! He is due in July and we are having a diaper shower for them. Things needed are all sizes of diapers and Pull Ups size to 2T-3T for their older boy, Gideon, unscented wipes for sensitive skin, and A&D ointment. Please bring your gifts to church and place them on the table in the back of church (by the grocery cart) by May 18. We will give them the items we have collected on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you for your help in welcoming this new little guy! VISA gift cards can be donated as well to be used for other needed items. Please give these cards to Stephanie Klinker or Shelia Berning, also contact them if you have any questions.



VBS is June 23-26. We are looking for volunteers NOW to help with various things regarding the week-long vacation bible school. If you would like to help or have any questions regarding VBS, please call or text Alyssa Bienz at cell #260-409-8832.

Central News:

CLS Call Committee

Central Lutheran School is seeking a junior high English teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Candidates should hold a valid teaching license and be qualified to teach English to 6-8 grade students. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send your recommendation to David Van Spankeren - dvanspankeren@cluth.org or 260-493-2502 ext. 350. Thank you.

Central Lutheran School 6th and 7th graders are helping you get ready for the grilling season, with Proline Propane refill tickets for \$15 each. Students will be selling them now until May 12th. Tickets will also be available in the school office for purchase.

CLS May Dates to remember:

May	1-2	Emanuel Rummage Sale	
May	2	CLS Gala	
May	4	St. Paul Confirmation	
May	6	8th Grade Capstone Night	
May	8	Pastor-Principal Meeting	8:45 AM
May	9	Grandparents/VIP Day	
May	15	School Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May	16	Kindergarten Butterfly Day	1:15 PM
May	18	Emanuel Confirmation	
May	29	Last Day of School	

Kids Club News:

We are currently looking for Summer Camp help!! If you would like to volunteer a day to come and read to a classroom, share a devotion, or help with school age activities, please email Sara at Martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com. Looking for extra summer cash? We are also looking for additional employees (and substitutes) to help this 2025 summer season.

The Lutheran Foundation has awarded Kay Keck and Sara Conley for their years of service in the ministry. Congratulations and we look forward to more years to celebrate.



Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole congregation.

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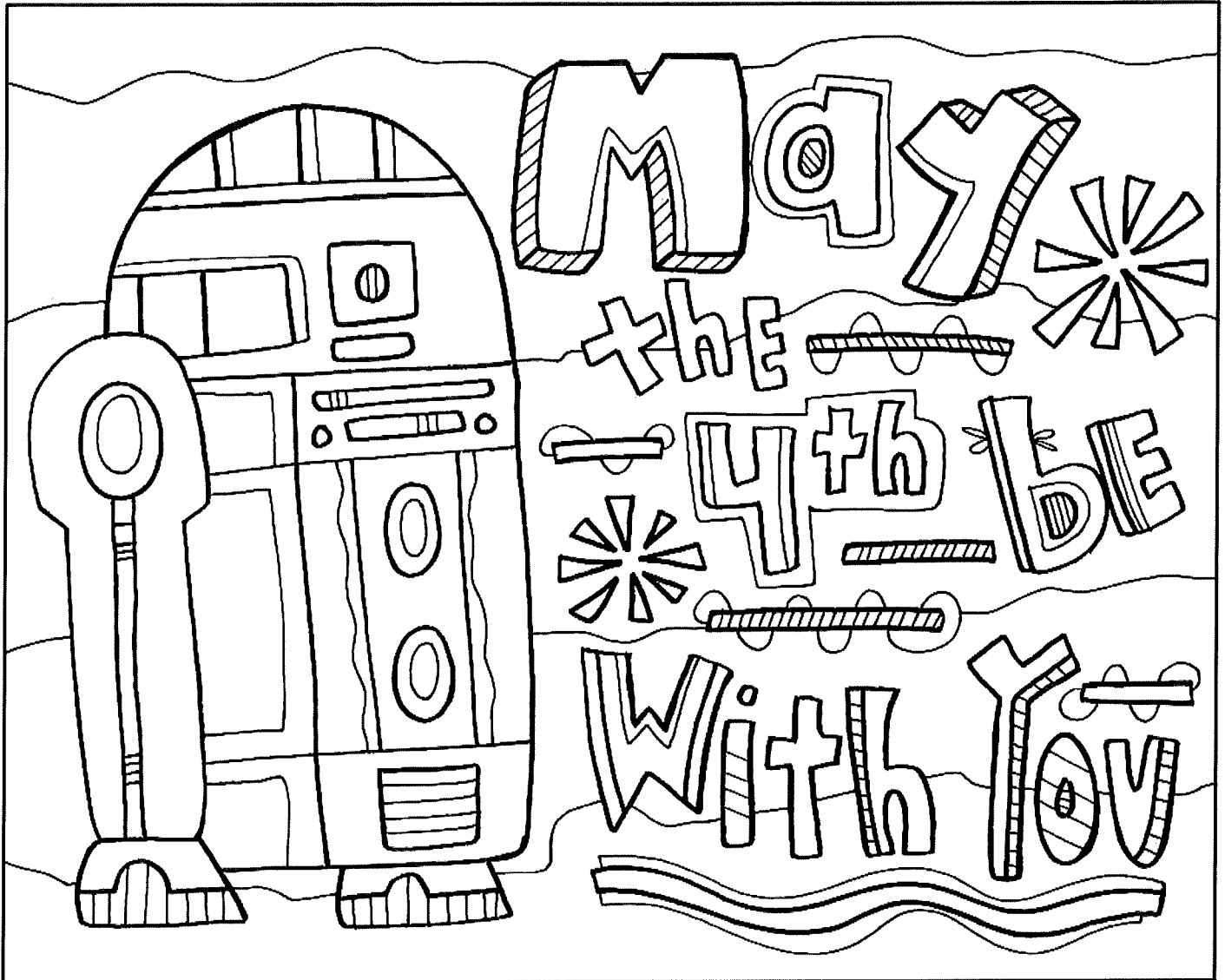
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Outreach 7:00pm	2 CLS Gala	3
4 Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	5 Staff Meeting 9:30am	6 9:15 KC Chapel	7 6:30 pm Bible Study	8 Rummage Sale 8:00am – 3:00pm Pastor/Principal Meeting	9 Rummage Sale 8:00am-Noon \$2 bag sale CLS VIP Day	10 Fellowship Hall in use
11 Mother's Day Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	12 Staff Meeting 9:30am BOE 7:00pm	13 Pastor Conference Diner Club @ 6:00pm King Gyro's on Coliseum	14 Pastor Conference 6:30 pm Bible Study	15	16	17 Fellowship Hall in use
18 CLS Choir Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	19 Staff Meeting 9:30am	20 CLHS Pastor's Breakfast 9:15 KC Chapel	21 Elders 2:30pm EACS Last Day 6:30 pm Bible Study	22	23 Martini Kids Club Ministry CLOSED In-Service Day	24
25 Worship 9:00 AM	26 CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR	27 9:15 KC Chapel Stewardship and Finance Meeting 7:00pm Kids Club Summer Camp Starts	28 6:30 pm Bible Study	29 CLHS and CLS Last Day of School	30	31

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