



**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week...**

For 2021 high school and college graduates:

That our graduates be blessed with health, safety and fruitful activity in their further education and chosen vocations, always recognizing that all good things are gifts coming from God's grace. May they be steadfast in faith, bold in witness and joyful in the life to which they have been called by God himself.

For true faith in our salvation through Christ:

That we may firmly believe God's Word given through His Spirit that we have life through His Son, Jesus Christ. May God grant us the faith to see and live in this salvation from this day forward unto eternal life.

For comfort for the sick and healing for the injured: That these would find strength and hope through faith in God's loving care – Dave Marousek as he awaits test results; Ann Knupp, seriously injured last week in a bicycle-vehicle accident last week; Bill Thurm, brother of Doug Thurm, seriously injured in a car-pedestrian accident; Leilani Luedtke; Dick Blessing; Jerry Green; Jim Barker; Faith Buss; Bob and Jan Fruth; Jack (grandson of the Harris's); and all those we name in our hearts.

For ongoing Covid-19 concerns: Thanksgiving that infections and deaths from Covid-19 have decreased greatly in our community and we pray that God continues to overcome this evil in our world, granting wisdom and peace to all who must make decisions regarding the public health.

For King of Kings' Re-engaging Ministries: Thanksgiving that great progress is taking place in development of the Marion Ministry and Outreach Center. We seek both God's continued blessing on this effort to bring the gospel of Jesus to people in need in our community and the prayers and financial support of our members in establishing this important ongoing ministry.

For those laboring in construction: That they be kept safe from harm and given strength to complete their work so that God may be glorified through their efforts.

For our congregation: That in gathering together next Sunday in a special meeting we may reach a God-pleasing and unified decision regarding the proposal to initiate a daycare program as part of the new children's ministry wing.

Prayers for Others:

Ann Knupp  
Bill Thurm  
Leilani Luedtke  
Dick Blessing  
Jerry Green  
Rad Finch  
David Marousek  
Jim Barker  
Faith Buss  
Bob & Jan Fruth  
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)



May 9, 2021 — May 15, 2021



**“Living as Easter People-Living in the Light.” = Living in the Son**

**Introduction: Truth, Knowledge and Gnosticism**

*1 John 5:13 I write these things...so that you may know that you have eternal life.*  
John uses the word “\_\_\_\_\_” (35 times) and true (30 times) for good reason. Gnosticism= “I know a deeper \_\_\_\_\_; a secret, hidden truth with superior meaning.”

*And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:19-20*  
*21 Dear children, keep yourselves from \_\_\_\_\_.*

Today's version of idolatrous Gnosticism, “We live in a culture that credits \_\_\_\_\_ with developing better truth, when, in fact, science can only detect preexisting truths.”

Science did not create nor invent: The Periodic Table of Elements; The four Laws of Thermodynamics; Newton's Laws of Motion in Physics or the Law of Universal Gravitation; E=mc<sup>2</sup> nor DNA

Without the gift of Holy Spirit given faith God and ultimate truth cannot be understood: *People who do not have God's Spirit do not accept the things that come from his Spirit. They think these things are foolish. They cannot understand them, because they can only be understood with the Spirit's help. 1 Cor 2:14-15, Easy-to-Read Version AND Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Heb 11:2-3*

Here is How faith works: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ what God has freely given us. 1 Cor 2:12-13 (see 1 John 3:21 again and Galatians 2:20-21)

***The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God***