

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Blue Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering

** indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** (blue)

* "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" **#671**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 (page 110 NT in pew Bible)

Psalms 22:25-31 (on screen)

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (page 213 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: John 15:1-8 (page 90 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Children's Message

Message

"O Blessed Spring" **#695**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

Meal

* Sharing the Peace

* Offering/Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

* Offertory Prayer

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 36**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 36**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

* Lamb of God **pg. 39**

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; just ask the server.*

* Canticle **pg. 40**

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

* "Awake, O Sleeper" **#452**

Dismissal and Bell

Thank you to Pastor Emmy Swedlund for leading us in worship today.

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Coffee Hour Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning prior to worship at 10:00am for coffee and treats. All are welcome! If you able to help serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Lunch Bunch meets on Wednesday, May 1 at 11:30am at Mi Mexico. All are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship!

Camperships are available to any youth or family from First Lutheran that would like to attend summer Bible Camp or a Family Bible Camp. The church will cover 40% of the registration cost. Available funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the church office for more details.

All Women are invited to the SW MN Synodical Women's convention on Saturday, May 4, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls. Although the registration deadline was April 22, walk-ins are welcome. Consider joining many other Lutheran women for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration as we consider how to "Be the Light!" Please contact Sharon Ehlers & Emilie Brustuen, FLC WELCA Co-chairs, for all the details.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Share & Care meets at 8:30am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

Zipporah Bible Study meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us!

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, April 28

Ushers: Bob Heck, Odello family

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolyte: Braeden Huebner & Giana Feuchtenberger

Communion Prep: Elizabeth Harris (wafers)

Communion Servers: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Millie Tschetter

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV Slides:** Aubrey Williamson

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, May 5

Ushers: Al Harris, Greg & Naomi Fynboh

Lector: Cathy Anderson **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Jaxon Hilbrands & Ruby Swenson

Communion Prep: Liz Harris (bread)

Communion Servers: Vicki Dalager, Emilie Brustuen, Linda Holland

Video: Mike Odello **TV Slides:** Sawyer Fynboh

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, April 28

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship

Monday, April 29

no events scheduled

Tuesday, April 30

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, May 1

11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Mi Mexico

6:00-7:30pm: Element/Confirmation

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

Thursday, May 2

no events scheduled

Friday, May 3

no events scheduled

Saturday, May 4

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, May 5

10:00am: Sunday school

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship with Holy Communion

2:30-4:00pm: Girl Scouts