

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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

Gathering

** indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 211**

* "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" **#708**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 213**

* Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" **pg. 213**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 (page 113 NT in pew Bible)

Psalms 98 (on screen)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 (page 213 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: John 15:9-17 (page 96 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

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!" **#637**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 217**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

* Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

* Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **#836**

Dismissal and Bell

Thank you to Pastor Art Wiese for leading us in worship today.

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, 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

God's Global Barnyard donations will be collected today! Your gift will help make a difference for a family in need and help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Once all the donations are collected and counted, the Sunday school students will be choosing the animals of support.

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.

Join us on Sunday, May 19! starting at 10:00am all are invited to Family Bingo to celebrate the end of the Sunday school year. Prizes for all ages! We will also be congratulating our graduating high school seniors during the same time. Come and wish them the best in their future plans. Cake, ice cream and coffee served! Worship will follow at 11:00am with a special recognition and a gift for the graduating seniors. Please join us!

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.

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, May 5

Ushers: Al Harris, Greg & Naomi Fynboh

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

Acolyte: Jaxon Hilbrands & Ruby Swenson

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

Next Sunday's Worship Servants: Sunday, May 12

Ushers: Steve Just family, Michael Bjorklund, Dave Jungst

Lector: Steve Just **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Abigail Anderson

Communion Prep: Liz Harris (bread)

Communion Servers: Vicki Dalager, Linda Holland, Judy Buro

Video: Steve Wagner **TV Slides:** Maddy Schneider

welcome

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TODAY: May 5

10:00am: Sunday school

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship

2:30-4:00pm: Girl Scouts

Monday, May 6

no events scheduled

Tuesday, May 7

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

6:00pm: Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

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

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

Thursday, May 9

8:30am: Share & Care (quilting group)

Friday, May 10

no events scheduled

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship with Holy Communion