

APART
FROM ME,
YOU CAN DO
NOTHING.

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people
to follow God and serve others.”*

5th Sunday after Easter

April 29, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew**

us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OPENING HYMN “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” #389

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE: Holy Communion Setting Three pg 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: “Glory to God” pg 139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

You give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one

has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the Day of Judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN *“Halle, Halle, Halle”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Apart From Me”

Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

#377

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* #181

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what
we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*
#367

MEALTIME PRAYER

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

BE THE
HANDS & FEET
OF JESUS

SERVING TODAY:

Greeters/Ushers –Rodney and Dixie Clark

Readers – Rodney Clark

Music – Carla Oerter

Potluck set up and clean up – Carol Neugebauer and Dixie Clark

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (May 6th):

Greeters/Ushers –Clay Walberg and Suzan Heidelberger

Reader – Wyone Leonard

Communion Prep/Assit: Suzan Heidelberger and Wyone Leonard

Music – Conni Virtue and Peg Tesch

Fellowship Servers – Clay Walberg and Suzan Heidelberger

Darrell and Donna Zuerlein



Please help
welcome the newest
members of our
Family of Faith

Ronald Wagner
Carmen Lakner
Linda Morrison

WELCOME to our worship service
If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.



Today, April 29th

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

9:30am Worship/Potluck follows

1:00-6:00pm Youth Group- Dinner and Bowling

Monday, April 30th

6:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 1st

7:00am Men's Breakfast (held either at OSL or Flying J)

9:00am Bible Study

Wednesday, May 2nd

5:15-7:00 D.O.G. Night

Sunday, May 6th

9:30am Worship/Communion -Fellowship follows

11:00am Worship Committee meets



Camperships



Please see the newsletter and bulletin boards for full details

PRAYER

Seeking God with all your heart

Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of:

Henry (Cousin of Tammy Dennert)
Peyton Raterman (Niece of Paula Pierce)
Debbie Gallipo (Friend of Pastor Deb)
Grace Jackson (Great niece of Toni Ramsey)

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

Katie Swanson (Friend of Mike and Diana Baschnagel)
Dell (Friend of Bill and Tammy Dennert)
Colby and Haley Jackson (Nephew and Niece of Toni Ramsey)
Chelle Schefcick
Kim Hall (Daughter of Faye Delaney)
Savannah (Friend of Wyone)
Nate Bibbly (Cousin of Mikkey Twitero)
Cindy Twitero (sister-in-law of Mikkey)
Joyce Thompson (sister of John and Bruce Sunding)
Todd Ennen

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Ryan Reichardt (friend of Donley Hewett)
Fred Steckman (brother of Wyone and Joy)
Don Aduddell
Val (sister-in-law of Steve & Patti Pendegraft)
Bernie Quaschnick
Kelly Edwards
Dennis Hempler (brother of Dixie Clark)
Suzan Heidelberger