

**“I am  
the  
true  
vine ...”**



**John 15:1**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2024**

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**WELCOME TO ALL** guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

**Those serving in April**

**Pastor:** Rev. Joel Picard

**Usher(s):** Rick & Gail Hartz

**Greeter(s):** Rick & Gail Hartz

**Fellowship:** Marilyn Jessen & Doug Woebbecking

**Elder:** Jary Boger

**Media:** Deanna Ihde

**Altar Guild:** Loretta Tool

**Piano:** Ophie Hart

**2<sup>nd</sup> Elder:** Ron Dlouhy

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*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

### EPISTLE READING

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

*Stand*

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 15: 1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken

to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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*Sit*  
**SERMON HYMN**  
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**CLOSING HYMN**

*The Tree of Life* ..... **LSB 561**

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*Blessings and safe travel for Pastor Picard, as he leaves during the closing hymn to meet his Knoxville congregation for their 9:30a worship service.*

**OSL Education Opportunities:**

**Sunday School:** Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leaders – *Chris & Jerry Roby*

**Adult Bible Class:** Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leader – *Doug DeJong, et al*

**Wednesday Bible Study:** 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Picard*

**OSL West (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month):** 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Brandt*



## ***This Week at Our Savior***

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	28	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School <b>Wrap up on book sale</b>
Monday	29		
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	1	1:00- 2:30p	Bible Study w/ Pastor Picard
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School <b>Mitebox Sunday</b>

### Happy Birthday

5-2 - Arla Johnson  
5-4 - Natalie Forck  
5-5 - Joshua Boger  
5-5 - Kendra Boger



## Upcoming Dates of Interest

May 10 - 9:00a - Share & Care Meeting

May 19 - Graduation Sunday

June 2 - Confirmation Sunday

(Bible Study/Sunday School will start at 9:30a and the Divine Service will begin at 11:00a)



## **Used Book Sale**

Today we will be wrapping up the book sale with a special \$1 per bag. Fit as many books as you can in one of the provided bags, and they are all yours for \$1.

Thank you to everyone who furnished books and those of you who have made purchases.

## **Missing Your Coat?**

**There is a black coat that has been looking for it's owner for quite some time now. Please claim – or it will find a new home!**



**Thank you!  
Sue Fortune**

**ATTENTION! Those of you with family members who are completing courses of study or training this Spring. Please take time TODAY to complete and submit (to mailboxes F2 or F3 or the church office) the information on the forms which are available from the ushers. If you do not have the information today, please take the form, complete it, and return it the next time you come to the church. We want to be sure we have sufficient and appropriate cards and mail them in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance and CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!**



# Remember in your prayers.....

- Ula Dow is experiencing a chronic health condition that often leaves her quite tired. We pray that medications assist her in regaining and sustaining her energy.
- Marilyn Mertz has returned home following a bout with Covid. Marilyn thanks the congregation members for their prayers and well wishes.
- Gary Weber, brother of Julie Dlouhy, now recovering at home from his surgery.
- Marilyn Roth's brother, Billo Britven, died suddenly while spending time with his son in Puerto Rico. We mourn and rejoice with Marilyn.
- Family of Josiah Brandt's father-in-law, Guy Blair, at Guy's passing on March 29, 2024. He died from an aggressive cancer.
- Jeromy Van Baale, son of Carol Twedt, recuperating from heart procedure and will need further treatment.
- Virgil Hartz, has been transferred to long term care at Newton Village
- Jane Chaplin (Texas), Loretta Tool's sister, suffering with Parkinson's Disease and onset of Dementia.
- Nancy Janssen, at Newton Healthcare Center for medical attention
- Stephanie Wellik, medical concerns
- Jan Vos & wife, Mabelle, son-in-law of Carol Twedt, recovering at home (stroke)
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- The suffering of those impacted and all people who continue to be impacted by the devastation of the Hamas-Israel War and the impact of the gang wars in Haiti.

## **Our Missionaries**

Rev. James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay  
Carl & ChenHsi Li Hanson, Korea.  
Dr. Stephen & Maggie Oliver, Taiwan



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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition  
or update to the Prayers for the congregation.