

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

“Holy, Holy, Holy” p. 89

*The Lord’s Prayer **Grey Book #440**

Communion

“Lamb of God” p. 92

Distribution

“Thank the Lord” p. 92

Prayer after Communion

P: Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

*The Blessing

L: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *“Let All Things Now Living”* #557

Go in peace and serve the Risen Christ.

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 7, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given May 7th, 21st and 28th.

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Enter joyously to worship the Lord.

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

#518

*Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow His will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your loving kindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together; be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie

p. 78

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the feast"

p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us the grace to follow him and live lives of servanthood and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 6:8-9; 7:2a, 51-60

PSALMS

Psalm 146

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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"Glory to you, O Lord"

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*HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

"Praise to you, O Christ"

p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

Grey Book #468

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.
~ Please call or email with your request.*

The first lesson is from the 6th and 7th Chapter of Acts

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ² To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it." ⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 146 (responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

² **I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ **When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ **He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.**

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ **The LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.**

Amen

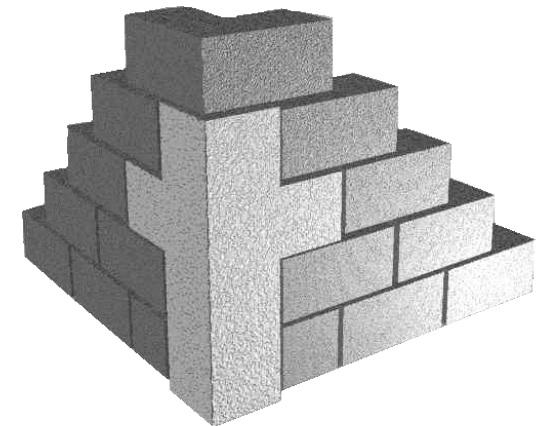
*trust in him
at
all times*

The second lesson is found in the 2nd Chapter of 1 Peter

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Immanuel Lutheran, Harlan, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.



Thank you Norstrud Family

for the monetary donation to purchase the
candlelighter stand.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 28th after service (9:45 am)

to discuss and vote on the use of monitors in the sanctuary.

This Week's Activities

Wed., May 10, 2023	9:00 am	WOW Quilt Meeting, Mitchell's following or TBD
	5:30 pm	Planning meeting for VBS
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun., May 14, 2023	8:30 am	Worship, fellowship following
	9:45 am	Sunday School—Adult only

May Volunteers

Fellowship:	May 14 — Janet and John Haugen (Mother's Day)
	May 21 — Julie and Jan Reimann (Graduation Weekend)
	May 28 — (Congregational Mtg.)

Lector: Lisa Durby

Usher(s):

Altar Flowers: Lisa Durby

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Lisa Durby

Happy Birthday: Jan Reimann (5/7), Denise Holst (5/8)

Baptismal Anniversary: Phyllis Disque (5/9), Andrew Branstad (5/13)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.