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Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 28, 2024

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!

*Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Just ask an usher! We have a large print hymnal available. A cry room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Drive away the gloomy night of my darkened mind's reflection. Quench all thoughts that are not right; hold my reason in subjection. For your truth may I be yearning, heavenly wisdom ever learning. As a branch upon a vine, in my blessed Lord implant me; ever of my head divine to remain a member grant me. Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior, be my life and love forever! Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

*Resurrection Reality:  
The Living Lord Produces Active Faith*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269*

**OPENING HYMN**

*The Day of Resurrection | 450*

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 4:32-37

*In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.*

The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. <sup>33</sup>The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup>sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

**ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE**

*"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"  
(Hymn 624 st. 1, 2, 5)  
by Kevin McChesney*

## INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

*“This is the Day”*

by Karen Maio

*(Refrain): This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

*This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad!*

Jesus lives! The vict'rys won! Love's redeeming work is done.

Jesus lives! O joyful day! All our sins are washed away! *Refrain*

Jesus lives! Don't be afraid. See the place where Christ was laid.

Jesus lives! The empty grave demonstrates his pow'r to save. *Refrain*

Jesus lives! So, let us sing praises to our risen King!

Jesus lives! and so will we! Life is ours eternally. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON (Sermon Text)

1 John 3:16-24

*St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.*

<sup>16</sup>This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God's love remain in him?

<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

<sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. <sup>22</sup>We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. <sup>23</sup>This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup>The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

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

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

*Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>“You are already clean because of the word I have

spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* | 465

### “How Far Does Love Go?”

*Pastor Fred Toppe*

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## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

### ADULT BELL CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE

*“Take My Life”*  
by Sondra Tucker

### 5-6 BELL CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

*“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”*  
by Anna Laura Page

## PRAYERS & BLESSING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* | 438

## ORGANIST:

Brent Nolte

## GREETERS:

8:00 ~ Heidi & Bruce Zabel

10:30 ~ Chris, Courtney, Braydon, Sophia, & Aubri Stolper