

## Prayer Page

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Jena (friend of Ann Balvanz) - hospice care
- Chuck Stoelting - hospice care
- Mickie Sjullie - employment search
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

### Healing

- Sharon Ramsey - recovering after surgery
- Debbie (sister of Phil Hedtke) - health issues
- David (father of Chris Frampton) - health issues
- Tina Freese - recovering after surgery
- Bonnie Bubke - recovering after hospitalization
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Erin Wilson - recovering after surgery
- Marvie Foreman - recovering after surgery
- Aaron Moffett - recovering after eye surgery
- Ron Prescott - health issues
- Kris Dunn - recovering after surgery
- Kim Neuhaus - recovering after surgery
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

### Homebound

- Cindy Broadwater - at home

### Mourning, friends and family of

- Vic (friend of Ken Armbrrecht) - died 4/19
- Jeffrey Jasper - died 4/13
- Rev. Paul Scheidt (Asst. Pastor at Bethany 2000-2010) - died 4/5

### Serving Our Country

- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, stationed in RI
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, stationed in TX
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard
- Devon (friend of Hedtkes and Chitticks) - deployed to Korea

## Servants of Worship

	Sunday, April 28	Sunday, May 5
<b>Elder</b>	Karl Hoech	Mark Elias
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Dave Karsten	Pete Larson, Dathan Hinrichs
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Greg Dunn	Dave Johnson, Steve Hanchera
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Duane & Karen Pfeffer	Tom & Debbie Mills
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Rob & Sheila Willms	Tom & Debbie Mills
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Nicholas Williams	Mark Elias
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Chuck Kroemer	Dave Johnson
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Jeff Gebert	Greg Dunn
<b>Video (11)</b>	Doug Knutson	Mike Diers
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Tyler Steggall	Nicholas Williams
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Aaron Moffett	Phil Hedtke
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Annest Hoech	Carolina Rinderknecht
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Ella Potter	Wynne Kroemer
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Erin & Natalie Heller	Amy Smith & Susan Schoen
<b>Coffee</b>	Behrens	Mission Trip Youth

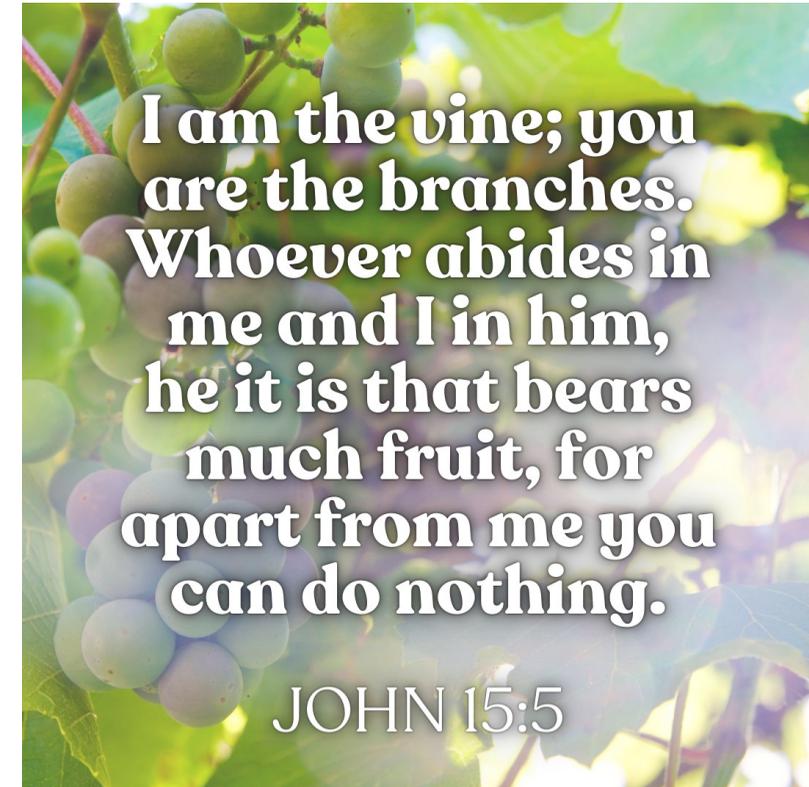
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**April 28, 2024**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Ringing of the Bells, Call to Worship	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #807
<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	
Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 203
Introit	John 16 & Psalm 145
Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Acts 8:26-40
Gradual	Bethany Vocal Choir
<i>"A Sower Came From Ancient Hills"</i>	Ken Cook, Clarinet
Epistle Reading	I John 4:1-11
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 205
Holy Gospel	John 15:1-8
Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #691
<i>Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Closing Hymn	LSB #700
<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	

## Notes and Announcements

**Join us for walking tacos and games fellowship today at 12:15!** We'll meet in the Family Life Center for tacos, bunco, and other games for all ages. All are welcome at this fellowship event.

Donate blood to save lives! The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany this Thursday, May 2 at 1:30-5:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

Volunteers are needed to plant, water, weed, and harvest in the **Bethany garden** this spring and summer! The garden supports Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry neighbors. Gardening experience is not necessary, just willing hands! If you would like to help in the garden, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Pastor Erickson will lead a new study on the book **"Principles of Biblical Interpretation for Everyone"** by Dr. James Voelz. This study will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00-8:00 p.m. starting on May 22. Those interested are asked to sign up at the Welcome Center by May 5 and pay \$10 to help offset the cost of the book. Please speak to Pastor Erickson for more information.

A new **weekly prayer group** is now meeting at Bethany every Tuesday at 1:30-2:30 p.m. to lift up our prayers of thanksgiving, cares and concerns. All are welcome to come Tuesday afternoons to pray for our members, ministries, and the community.

The **April Evangelism Challenge** is to sow seeds of faith! Please pick up seed packets from the table outside the sanctuary to share with your friends and neighbors.

Fathers and father-figures: gather up your kids and join us this Saturday for **Pancakes and Proverbs!** We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for breakfast, activities, and discussion.

The last **Family Faith Night** of this school year will be held next Wednesday, May 8. All families are invited to dinner at 5:30 and the program at 6:00-7:30. Be sure to arrive with this Bible verse memorized: *"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."* - 1 Peter 4:8.

Thank you to our trustees and everyone else who helped care for the maintenance of our facilities at **Serve the Lord Day** yesterday.

## Our Calendar This Week

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 am Education Hour 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 12:15 pm Tacos & Games Fellowship 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 10:00 am Women's Group 7:00 pm Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am Prayer in the Square 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Handbells Practice
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:30 pm Blood Drive 6:00 pm Human Care Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am Pancakes and Proverbs 9:00 am Holy Yoga
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm 9:45 am Education Hour 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm 12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Stewardship Note: John 15:2** – *"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."* God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.