

#### Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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#### **Our Mission Statement**

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

## A Prayer before Worship

Today my Lord and Savior, You entered the city that murders prophets and stones messengers of God. We are all citizens of this city, we who so often want to silence Your voice so we can avoid hearing Your Word. We've always been willing to honor You because others did it. We hoped You would help us with our own plans and fulfill Your Father's will for our sake, doing what You alone could do. You've done everything for us. Help us do something for You. Amen. (Bo Giertz, 1905-1998)

### Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

### Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

## For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 8 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service II – LSB 167

### **Prelude**

Stand



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]*
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

  John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

# +++Service of the Word+++

Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

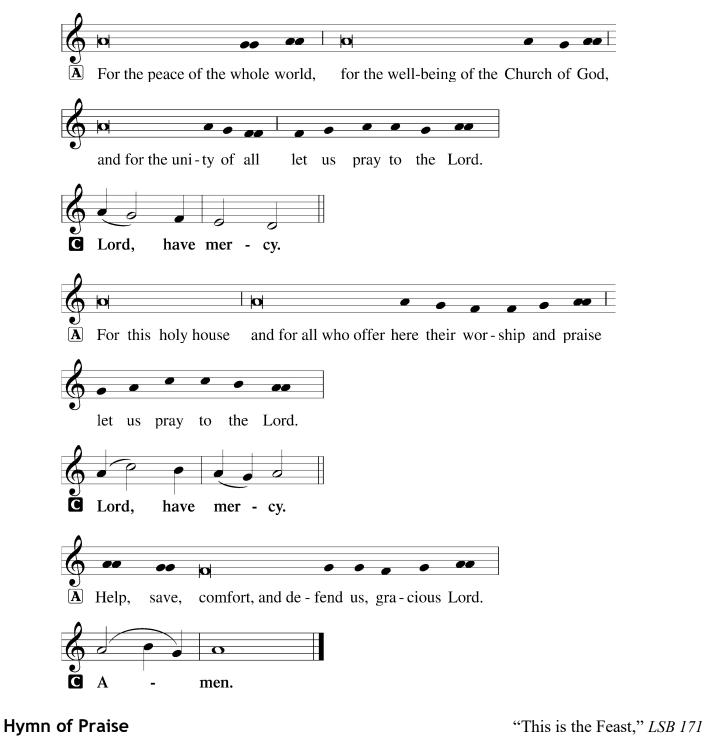


C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.









- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 8:26–40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Epistle 1 John 4

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

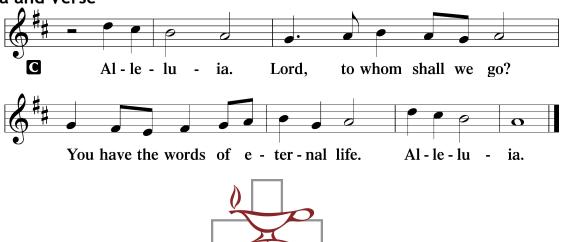
<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel John 15:1–8

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

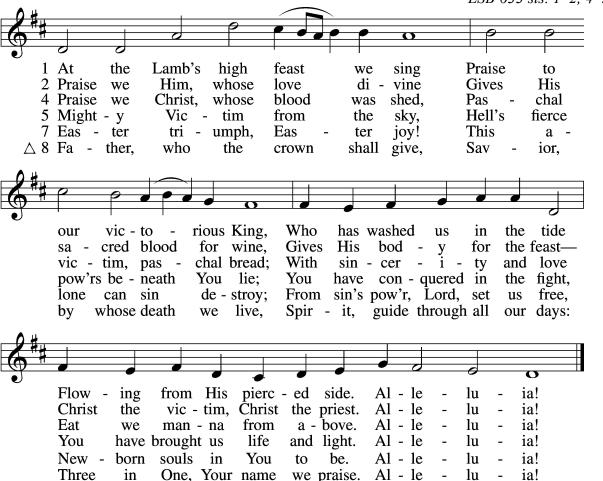


<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>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.



LSB 633 sts. 1-2, 4-5, 7-8



#### Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed LSB 174

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Stand



### +++Service of the Sacrament+++



## **Proper Preface**

It is right

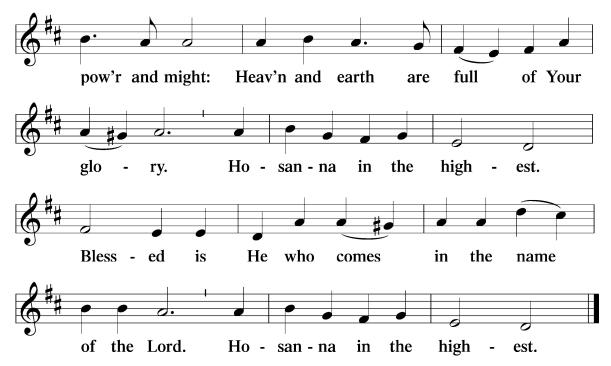
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 179

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

  1 Corinthians 11:26
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

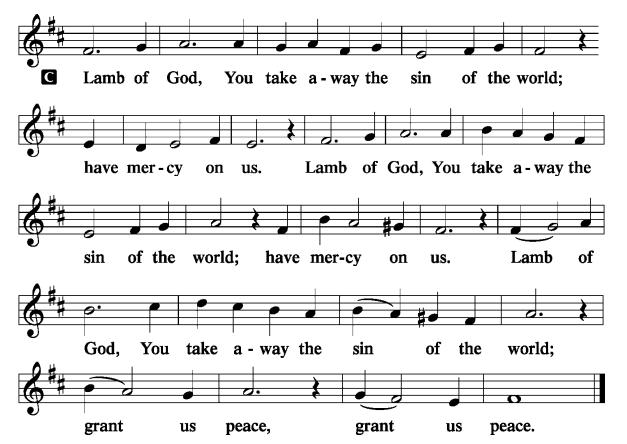
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini John 20:19; LSB 180

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei John 1:29



#### **Distribution**

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

### **Distribution Hymn**

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

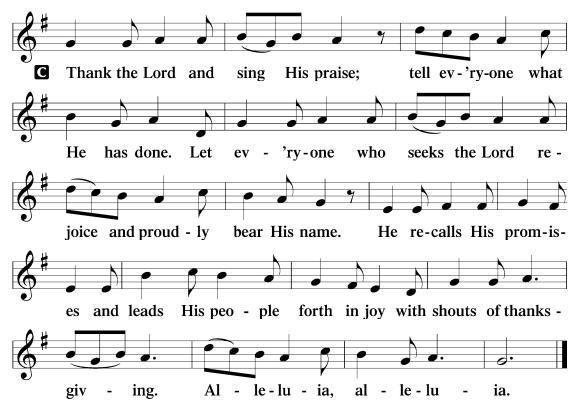
### Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

Stand

### **Post-Communion Canticle**

"Thank the Lord", LSB 181



### **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 183

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



### **Recessional Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837 sts. ref-1, 3-6



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Sit

### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

### A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday School - Children K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

### Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Will meet with the Adults today.

#### **Adult Bible Class**

Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Shaltanis, meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish. This study is over the book of Mark.

## Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Starting May 16<sup>th</sup>, Mike Kunschke will reboot the study on Ephesians. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this class at 9:30 am in the library, just let Mike know.

#### **Adult Instruction Class**

New member adult instruction/confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons. If you would like a refresher or know someone who is interested in learning more about Lutheran beliefs, please join us this afternoon at 1:00 pm.

## Midweek Bible Study

Now meeting Wednesdays at 10am, all are welcome to join as we study the book of Revelation.

## **Voters' Meeting Today**

Elections will be held for open positions on the Admin Council for 2021-2022. We will also be voting to approve the final copy of our Bylaws and Constitution presented at the voters' meeting in December, 2020. Copies of these may be found on our webpage: <a href="http://planolutheran.com/voters-meeting/">http://planolutheran.com/voters-meeting/</a>.

## Harp Recital May 2 at 4:00 PM

Magdalena Shaltanis will have her senior recital at Lord of Life on May 2nd at 4:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend and join us for light refreshments afterwards.

## **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Lord of Life wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and can be setup for automatic giving intervals as well as one-time contributions. To set up electronic offering visit the church website at <a href="https://www.planolutheran.com">www.planolutheran.com</a>, locate the "Giving" link and follow the instructions. Or search for our mobile giving app, "Give+ Mobile" at the App Store or Google Play. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Tabor at <a href="mailto:rhondatabor@verizon.net">rhondatabor@verizon.net</a>. Thank you!

## amazonsmile Benefits Lord of Life

When you shop at Amazon, use the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2109773 when you log on and your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$141.22 as a result of AmazonSmile activity between October 1 and December 31, 2020! Thank you!

# Tom Thumb A "Good Neighbor" to Lord of Life

If you shop Tom Thumb regularly, complete a Reward Card application (available from the cashier) and link your card to **Good Neighbor Code #2775**. From then on, your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$60.48 from Tom Thumb purchases between October 1 and December 31, 2020! Thank you!

### Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life in their Community Rewards program and we'll receive a small portion of your purchases. So that you are aware, our number is **BW594** and this must be renewed every August. We received \$53.30 from 19 households with Kroger purchases between November 27, 2020 and February 26, 2021! Thank you!

## **Running to Lexington**

June 24–27, 2021, LWML will host its convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Entertainment will feature the group Billie Reneé & Cumberland Gap, who were named winners of the 2006 Band Competition by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America. This will be a great evening of Kentucky bluegrass music! Join us and celebrate our salvation in song when we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus!"

## Life Thoughts in the Church Year

We behold ourselves in both our unborn and our elderly neighbors, for apart from Jesus even we can do nothing (John 15:5). And we behold our Lord Jesus in their bodies as well because He has come unto us in a flesh like their own (1 John 4:2). Let us use our breath to defend them from abortion or assisted suicide and in this way praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).

## This week on KFUO.org

Begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite podcasts on demand at <a href="kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> or on your podcast app!

### Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:
Organist:
Solo:
Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Linda Haupt
Shelby Lund
Piano:
Sebastian Shaltanis

Altar Guild: Beverly Moudy, Don Padgett, Emma Padgett, Nevelle Vess Elders: Tom Read, Mark Ziegelbein Ushers: Charles Hacker, Greg Moudy

### This Week at Lord of Life-Today, May 2, 2021

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (K-5<sup>th</sup> Gr, Room 113)

Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Class (w/adults)

Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)

10:45 am Late Worship Service 1:00 pm New Member Class

4:00 pm Harp Recital

Wednesday, May 5

10:00 am Midweek Bible Study

Friday, May 7

9:00 am Comfort Makers

## Next Sunday's Readings May 9, 2021

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Epistle: 1 John 5:1–8

Gospel: John 15:9–17

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Earl & Karen Lund in celebration of their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary; and by the Shaltanis family in thanksgiving for the gift of music.



As a reminder, the flower chart book is in the narthex for those who would like to sign up to sponsor flowers. The suggested donation is \$40 per arrangement. Payment labeled "altar flowers" may be left in the offering plate, paid online, or sent to the office. We get two arrangements for each Sunday. If you do sign up, please feel free to take home your arrangement after the late service on Sunday or early in the week, otherwise they will be donated or disposed of. To avoid any confusion, we have started labeling each arrangement, so be sure to look for your name on the disposable container. Thank you for supporting this glorifying ministry!



About the Cover: Christians, like branches, bear fruit. Such is the only possible result of branches being connected to Jesus, the vine. Jesus is our source of life. He is the source of the fruit that we bear. For in Jesus, there is never-ending life that conquered the grave in order to forgive and give us life. A life in Jesus always bears much fruit, so we need the Word of forgiveness and life poured into us each day.