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PROGRAM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



April 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Thought for the Day before Worship

The road that unfolds before us after Baptism is the pathway to spiritual maturity as a brother or sister of Christ and a child of God forever.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

(Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Call to Worship

Come now and see the works of God.

How wonderful are God's deeds!

Come and listen, all you who fear God.

Hear what God has done for me.

Blessed be God, who hears our prayers,

And bids us bear the fruits of the Spirit.

Let us Worship our God!!

*Hymn #136

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

(Nicaea)

God of vine and branches, source and power of our life in you:

We would rather talk about you than walk with you, for we do not know where you might lead or what you might require of us.

*Assurance of Grace

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

(*Greatorrex*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 22:25-31

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THANKS BE TO GOD!

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & David Stamm

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, April 28: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 29: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, April 30: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday, May 2: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, May 5: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Prayers and Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Family of Walter Dauzenberg. Walt passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024 and his memorial service was held here at St. John's on Saturday, April 27th. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this tender time.



We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Family of Donna Hamilton. Donna passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Her memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this tender time.



WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church are in honor and celebration of
Mike & Barb Boyer's 40th wedding anniversary today.
Congratulations Mike & Barb!



Open flower dates are May 19th & 26th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28TH

May 3rd: Peyton Rice

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28TH

April 28th: Mike & Barb Boyers

LUNCH BUNCHDATE CHANGE****

The Lunch Bunch will not meet on May 8th.

Information on a new Lunch Bunch date will be coming soon.

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Anthem

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

(Molly Ijames)

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I own, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall ever tearless be.
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just 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. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon

"Piles of Branches"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

