Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This includes one's time, talent, and treasure. Our giving is a joyful response of thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people...

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

(Ps. 116:12-14, 17)

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### Please keep these in your prayers throughout the week at home:

**Birthdays:** Emersyn Smidt, Griffin Smidt, Sally Morgan, Brian Uilk, Pam Davids, Karen Kerkaert, Devin Schulze, Malachi Hess, Christopher Hoss, Jean Moeller

Church and Synod: Good Shepherd – Marshall, Pastor JJ Stefanic & Minnesota South President Lucas Woodford, LCMS President Matthew Harrison

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#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**April 28, 2024** 

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.

Welcome Guests. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to you personally. Even as we are personal citizens in our own nation it is the collective that make a people, a nation, and so it is that it is the collective that make the church. As the Lord's gifts are personally received there is a our public witness and confession of faith that we are of one doctrine. In joyful obedience to Scripture and in recognition of this unity, we ask that guests and visitors desiring to commune to please speak with the pastor before the service.

# Worship today

**Service:** Prayer & Preaching, p. 235 **Hymns:** 594, 633, 700,596,837

**Sermon:** How can I, unless someone guides me?

### **Serving Today**

Elders: Matt Determan & TJ Degroot

**Greeters:** Becky Hoss

**Acolytes:** Ryker Beyers & Ava Jasper

PPT: Zachary Amen Organist: Bonnie Folkerts

# **Serving Next Sunday**

Elders: Matt Determan & Duane Kruse

**Greeters:** John & Theresa Draper

Acolytes: Matthias Amen & Mackayla Lange

PPT: Rickie Whipple Organist: Pam Kruse

Sunday	9:00am 10:15am 10:15am 6:00pm	Divine Service Quarterly Voters meeting JAM 4th - 7th Confirmation, Parents & Youth
Tuesday Wednesday	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:15 pm	Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner Quilters Bells
Sunday	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 9:00 am 10:15am	Choir SR SPY Divine Service JAM

**TODAY:** Sunday April 28 1:00pm: Reshingle and Landscape party: The house next to the parking lot and other areas of the church are in need of landscaping and maintenance work, primarily shingling and tree and shrub work on the west side of the property. Further questions please contact Blake Jasper.

Current 4th-7th Grade Parents TODAY Sunday, April 28th 6pm, please plan to join DCE Susie and Pastor Amen for a presentation and discussion for upcoming changes to our Confirmation programs (dates, program, and more) and Jr. SPY programs (5th-8th grade) beginning in the fall. Also, please begin considering a time this summer for a home visit during the summer, a schedule will be out for signup by the 28th.

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Mainstreet Living radio broadcast: KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1 10:00 AM - "The Main Event" - A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year old girl. 10:30 AM - Rev. Terry Makelin, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, presents a message titled "He Sends The Helper, The Spirit Of Truth." This sermon is based on John 16:5–15.