

love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If 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. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-8**

<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."

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**+ Fifth Sunday  
of Easter +**



***Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love***

Jesus said, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples" (John 15:8, NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. Welcome.

I lay my joys and cares before you, Holy Spirit, that you might prepare my heart for worship.

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**What's Happening**

1. In House services \* Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
4. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon

**In Person and On Line Bible Classes:**

1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 PM @ LMS  
Tuesday's - Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 AM  
Wednesday's - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 AM  
Thursday's - Bible Study @ 9:00 AM  
Friday's - Harrison Bay @ 2:00 PM

**Altar Duty for April:** Debbie Connolly & Heather Berthiaume

**Counters:** Linda Verkennes & Lindsey Eccles

**Reader:** Linda Verkennes

**Sunday 4/21/2024 Attendance:** 52

**Sunday 4/21/2024 Offerings:** \$2,970

**Vanco 4/21/2024:** \$180

**Order of Service**

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**Ringling of the Bells and Prayer**

**Hymn:** 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be sts. 1-3

**Hymn:** 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be sts. 4-5

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**Old Testament Reading:** Acts 8:26-40

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 4:1-21

**Holy Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-8

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Communion**

**Pax Domini**

**Hymn:** 768 To God The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

**Hymn:** 6174 O Lord, We Praise Thee

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Hymn:** 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus sts. 1-2, 4, 6

**Treats in the Fellowship Hall**

We must never take the praise of our prosperity for ourselves.

“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . .” (Deut. 8:17-18).



\*Anna Skaret 5/1  
\*Tina Zylman 5/4



\*Jay & Deb Reichert 5/1

### Happening This Week

\***May 1st** - Elders Meeting @6:30PM

\***May 2nd** - National Day of Prayer

\***May 5th** - All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

### ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Westonka Football Boosters is hosting an ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 5th, from 8:30-12:30 at Grandview Middle School. Tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Youth, ages 6-12. Ages 5 and under eat FREE! If you are interested, Eli is selling tickets to support his team. Please see or contact Lindsey to purchase tickets!

### Women of Mt. Olive (WOMO) SAVE THE DATE!

The next quarterly meeting for WOMO will be held **Sunday, May 19th** after worship.

### Vegetable Garden / Regular Gardens

Is anyone planning to use the Vegetable garden this year? Please let Jim Merchant and or Pastor know if you plan to do so ASAP otherwise we are going to spray and treat it due to the thicket that is currently growing in it. For the regular gardens, is anyone willing to spend some time weeding them this summer?

### Treasuring God's Truth and Joining Jesus on His Mission

We truly appreciate all of the volunteer work that goes into running our church. We also love to recognize though people and maybe inspire others to join in! If you have noticed someone going out of their way or above and beyond either within Mount Olive or within our community please send the information to Lindsey to put into the Newsletters!

### Give & Grow

Otten Bros. Garden Center & Landscaping is proud to present our community fundraising program called GIVE & GROW. Our goal is to provide an easy way to help local clubs, schools, churches and other community organizations earn money. Shop with us April 15th thru May 31st and 10% of each pre-taxed dollar you spend at any of our two locations and 5% of all signed landscape projects will go to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. It is an easy way to raise funds for your group. Present the flyer that is in the Narthex to the cashiers upon checking out. We take care of the rest. Take advantage of



the GIVE & GROW program as many times as you like until May 31st.

### FIRST READING

#### Acts 8:26-40A

<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. <sup>33</sup>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.

### EPISTLE

#### 1 John 4:1-21

<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. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>By 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. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in