

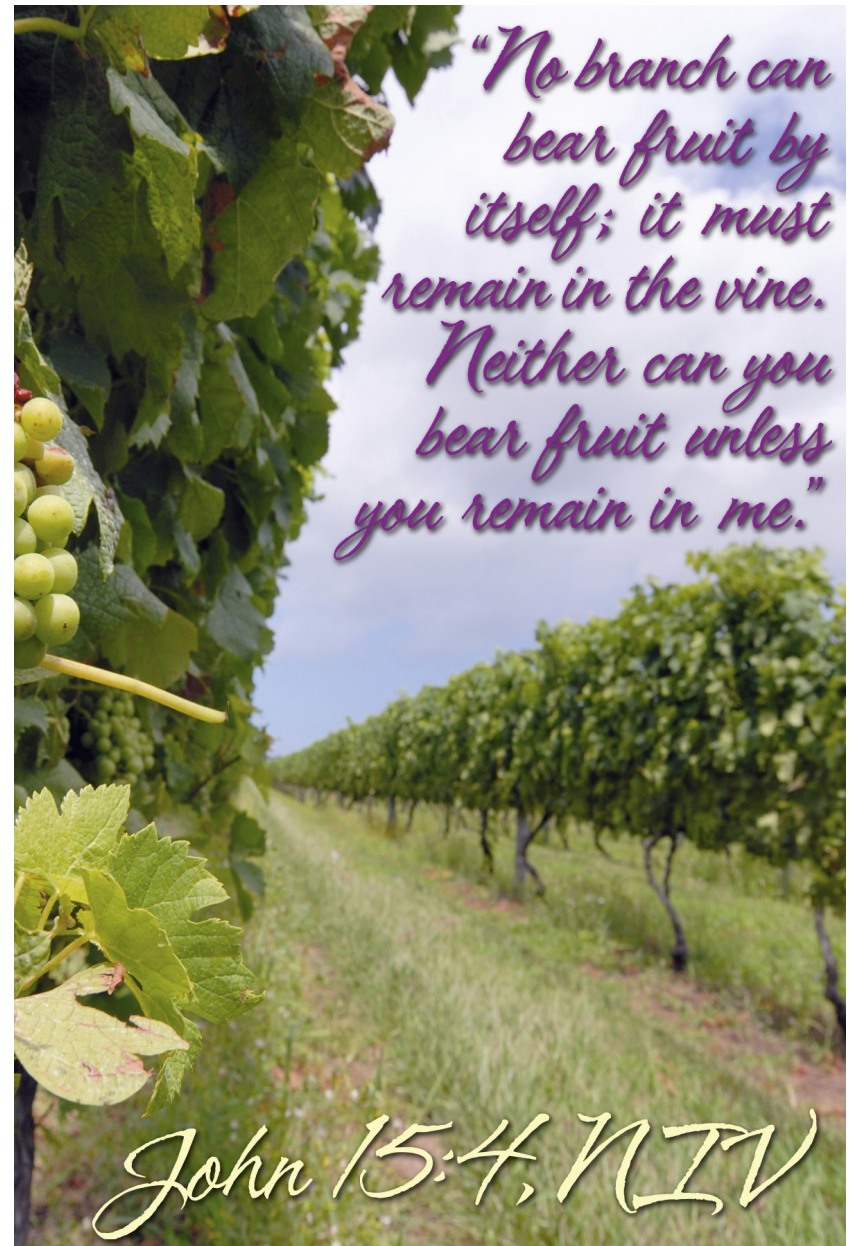
Assisting in Today's Service:

Lector: Sarah Reyer

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St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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.

* Indicates when to stand

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

*ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. **Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P. Gracious God,

C. **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name

***GATHERING SONG:** “*This Is My Father’s World*”

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Firefighter Outreach ~ May 4, 2024

The Evangelism Committee is collecting items to be given in appreciation to our local volunteer firefighters. Please sign up for your donations of choice at the Outreach Hub. Thank you!

Women’s Summer Bible Study ~ “When You Pray”

Join us Monday evenings at 6:30pm June 10–July 29 as we study 6 different prayers found in the Bible. Books are \$15 each. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Vacation Bible School 2024 ~ “Scuba”

June 17-21 6:15pm-8:30pm

Dive into a friendship with God! Children ages 3– the completion of 5th grade can register on line or applications can be found at the kiosk.

Spring Yard Sale ~ Saturday, May 4, 8am-2pm

St. Paul’s Women’s Group & St. Paul’s Preschool are holding an Indoor Yard Sale on May 4. Donations will be accepted the following days and times:

Sunday, April 28: 2-4 pm

Monday, April 29: 9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, April 30: 9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, May 1: 9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-7:30pm

No adult clothing, larger furniture or appliances

Please bring your donations only at the designated times.

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:

Vivian Beers, Joe Cashell, Charlotte Hostetler, Luanne Keener, Stella, Don Diller, Claire Jones, Janea, Dorothy Glance, Floyd & Carol Lux,

Joanne Toy, Betsy Rodgers, Tom Leskovik, Paige Swagger,

Ted & Pat Kaminski, Paul Rykaceski, Scott Reyer, Shay Severa,

Denise, Mary Savannah, John Schmeider, Mason Martin,

Clarise Blumette, Don Blumetti, Angelo Gihenio, Ron Hanna,

Susan Seria, Rodney, Lindsey, Al Reyer, Charlene Kreuer,

Julianne Mariotti, anonymous family, Linda, Gretchen, Kenna Gillian,

Ed Moore, Willow, Sharron Adams, James & Michelle, Chris,

Linda Barnett, Michael Stuhl, Sandra, Kurt, Carol, Maria

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above.

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blessed.
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean dept of happy rest!

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40

THE PSALM: Psalm 150

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:1-21

***GOSPEL INTRODUCTION**

P. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

C. **And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

***THE SONG:** *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition will conclude with "Lord, in Your mercy,"

Please respond with "hear our prayer."

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

- P. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- C. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**
- P. Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering.
- C. For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you.**

***PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION**

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.**
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.**
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***THE LAMB OF GOD**

- P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
- C. Have mercy on us.**
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- P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
- C. Grant us your peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

***BLESSING AND RESPONSE**

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel.**
(Luke 2:29-32)

***THE BENEDICTION**

- P. 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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.**

***THE SENDING SONG: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

***THE DISMISSAL**

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

This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the sphere
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white declares the makers praise
This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world. O let me not forget
That thought the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet
This is my Father’s world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise. Just to know, Thus saith the Lord

Refrain

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to trust His cleansing blood.
Just in simple faith to plunge me. ‘Neath the healing cleansing flood.

Refrain

Yes ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus. Just from sin and self to cease.
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

Refrain

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee. Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that Thou art with me. Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain