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**SEASON OF EASTER**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**May 2, 2021 9:30am**

Congregational Concerns

Special Music ~

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: We thank you risen Christ,

**C: for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

P: Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of + God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**Greeting & Kyrie**

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.**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **AMEN.**

Prayer of the Day

Bulletin Insert

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40 Bulletin Insert

Psalm 22:25-31

Bulletin Insert (Responsively)

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21 Bulletin Insert

Gospel

John 15:1-8 Bulletin Insert

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Response after the conclusion: Praise to you O Christ*

**SERMON**

***“The Best Use Of Life”***

**Pastor Chuck Turbin**

Special Music ~

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of love,  
**C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us  
in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Anyone who believes Jesus is truly present to forgive your sins, is  
welcome to commune at St. Luke.*

*Ushers will come forward to receive the trays of communion cups and  
will hand elements to you. They will return to collect the containers.*

**Communion Distribution**

*Please do not consume the communion elements until instructed by  
the pastor.*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our  
hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful  
witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**Benediction**

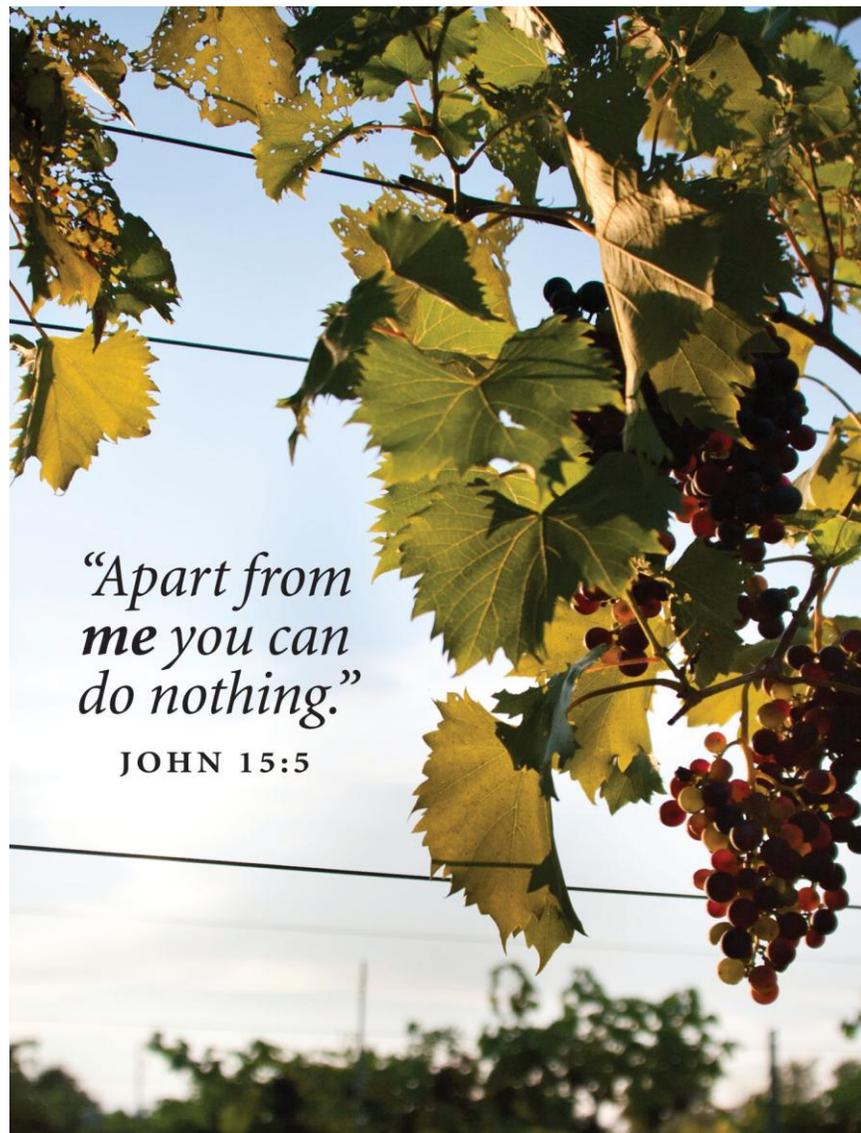
P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit for wisdom to know and to  
love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, +Son, and Holy  
Spirit, bless you now and forever. **AMEN.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please wait to be ushered out- back to front.*

# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



May 2, 2021 9:30am



## RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS-

We raised over **\$4500.00!!!**

Friday's brat fry sales and in-kind donations totaling **\$1071.00** benefits the Sharon S. Richardson Hospice.

Saturday's brat fry sales (**over \$4800.00**) go to the Town of Falls Fire Dept.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization and St.

Luke each will get half of the rummage sale sales.

**THANKS** to everyone who helped in any way- your time, vehicles for picking up items, brought items for donation, attending, shopping, cleaning up, etc. is appreciated. All are a blessing and it was a HUGE EFFORT by many. We actually sold almost \$450 more "STUFF" than last year!

Besides just the sale, we also donated our leftovers to area charities that are in need. Below is a list of places and the items that were donated, in no particular order:

1. Samaritans Purse-small items that can go in the shoeboxes
2. Mary's Room- Baby clothes, baby swings
3. Grant School, Sheboygan- Knick knacks, coffee mugs, small items that kids can shop for gifts for their parents at Christmas
4. Mead Library- books
5. Habitat for Humanity Resale Store- tools, hardware, furniture
6. Lutheran World Relief- items for health kits, layettes, quilts
7. Sheboygan Falls Chamber of Commerce-Coats, hats, scarves for their winter coat drive
8. Rocky Knoll- jewelry (Operation Christmas collection)
9. Sharon Richardson Resale Store- misc. items
10. St. Vincent DePaul, Plymouth- misc. items
11. St. Vincent DePaul, Sheboygan- misc. items
12. Neat Repeats, Plymouth- misc. items
13. Bethesda, Sheboygan- misc. items
14. Love, Inc. - misc. items
15. Goodwill, Sheboygan- misc. items
16. Bridgeway House- lamps, dresser

Special note: Over 65 families (the most we have ever had in one year) donated items and 30 people put in over 560 hours of time to make this all happen.

*Donations get another life with other people.*

**THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!**

## Birthday Blessings



Members celebrating a birthday this week:

Allison Wallstead May 3

Kelli Sohn May 4

Karen Lemkuil May 5

Kathy Nelson May 6

Bria Pedrin May 6

Members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in April:

Ben & Mariann Kohl Miller May 4

Steven & Debbie Neeb May 15

Randy & Jennifer Popp May 16

Barry & Sue Neumann May 21

Ted & Colleen Schoen May 24

Frank & Rachel Simac May 27

Jarret & Linda Pess May 31



Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285 Sandy Fenner, custodian 876-2924

**WELCOME** to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad"

**Those serving the Lord:**

**TODAY**

**Reader:** Cheryl Kohl

**Ushers:** Chris Fenner

Jeremy Raml

**AV Tech:** Betty Neeb

**May 9, 9:30am**

Samuel Klassy

Randy Meyer

Jack Parrish

Karl Nelson



Sunday, April 28 35 Communed 33

## Announcements

**CALL COMMITTEE:** St. Luke's pastor job posting is live! We have ended the MET phase and have begun our next phase of calling a new pastor. We are in need of at least **SIX** voting members who are willing to serve on the Call Committee to interview potential candidates and recommend a pastoral candidate to the Church Council. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more, please contact Laura Meyer or Pam Bogenschuetz.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** are meeting in the large classroom upstairs on Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

**MAY'S suggested donation** is canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, spam, etc.). All items are donated to the Falls Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support!

**LIVING LUTHERAN** May edition, **LUTHERAN DIGEST** and **WORD OF SEASON** April-June booklets are now available in the narthex. Please take for yourself (or to share) compliments of St. Luke.

**WORD of THANKS-** Please extend our most sincere appreciation and grateful thanks to the congregation for this generous support to help feed the children at the two preschools in Tanzania that Hearts in Unity is committed to support. In humble service, Sue (Lievrouw, Director - Hearts in Unity)

### **CLOTHESLINE POEM...**

*A clothesline was a news forecast, To neighbors passing by,  
There were no secrets you could keep, When clothes were hung to dry  
It also was a friendly link, For neighbors always knew  
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.  
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", And towels upon the line;  
You'd see the "company table cloths", With intricate designs.  
The line announced a baby's birth, From folks who lived inside,  
As brand new infant clothes were hung, So carefully with pride!  
The ages of the children could, So readily be known  
By watching how the sizes changed, You'd know how much  
they'd grown!  
It also told when illness struck, As extra sheets were hung;  
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, Haphazardly were strung.  
It also said, "On vacation now", When lines hung limp and bare.  
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, With not an inch to  
spare!  
New folks in town were scorned upon, If wash was dingy and gray,  
As neighbors carefully raised their brows, And looked the other way.  
But clotheslines now are of the past, For dryers make work much less.  
Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's guess!  
I really miss that way of life, It was a friendly sign  
When neighbors knew each other best... By what hung on the line.*

## **A week of tributes to Mom**

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day (starting TODAY), or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

**“There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.” —Jill Churchill**

**“The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children.” —Elaine Heffner**

**“An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest.” —Spanish proverb**

**“When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it’s a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.” —Erma Bombeck**

**“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.” —Henry Ward Beecher**

**“Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.” —Marion C. Garretty**

**“Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn’t know you had.” —Linda Wooten**

**“If at first you don’t succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning.” —Unknown**