

speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 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.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA:** (page 205) *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 15:1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 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. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.” L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED

(Sunday) **The Nicene Creed: page 206**

(Saturday) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

(please be seated) *(Saturday)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: 588 “Jesus Loves Me”**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 595 “O Blessed Spring”

SERMON: “The Fruits of Faith Flow From the Vine Through the Branches” John 15:1-8

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

(Each petition ends “Let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Eunice Stumpf, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Barbara Korves, Jane Donjon; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Peggy Koen, Mel Heinemann. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+those who mourn: the family of Twila Guebert who died in the Lord Sunday; buried here on Friday

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

+the 69th wedding anniversary of H. Edward and Melba Liefer on May 1st

+safety for those traveling on the 8th grade class trip to Washington DC

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “O Blessed Spring”

arranged by Janet Linker

The Saturday service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, a Closing Prayer, and Benediction.

(Sunday) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and the PAX DOMINI: page 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **“Amen.”**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

(10:30 a.m.) “Carol Spring (Fairest Lord Jesus)” (R. Schulz-Widmar) *Choir*

474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *(please stand for the last stanza)*

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 691 “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

THE POSTLUDE: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

arranged by Hareld Rohlig

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