

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 10:45am



As We Gather – “Song Stewards Sing”

Our Stewardship Sermon Series this year is *Songs Stewards Sing*. Each week we will focus on a Stewardship hymn during the sermon. The first weekend was *Forgive Us Lord For Shallow Thankfulness*. The second weekend was *Take My Life and Let it Be*. Our Faith Promise/Estimate of Giving this weekend is "We Give Thee But Thine Own." We hope and pray that this series will help you to prayerfully consider how our gracious God has blessed you and how He enables you to manage your time, talents, technology, and treasures by serving God and others.

PRESERVICE SONG, “Firm Foundation”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG, “House of the Lord”

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE, “Holy Forever”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING, Acts 10:34-48 *(God does not show favoritism but accepts people from every nation)*

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he

commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING, 1 John 3:16-24

(Love One Another)

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 22:15-22

(Paying Taxes to Caesar)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gehrke

SERMON SONG, “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781)

SERMON

“Paying Taxes to (Caesar)”

Pastor Bob Gehrke

NICENE CREED *(see the screen)*

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

"My/Our Commitment for the Lord" – Place your card in the box in the front of the church.

SOLO, "I Surrender All"

Gay Wolf

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER *(see the screen)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG, "Washed Away"

GROWING IN THE WORD

C Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

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.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG, "Great Things"

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TRINITY TIDINGS

May 5, 2024

The Flowers at the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Jerry and Emmie Boleen on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary (5/15).

“My/Our Commitment for the Lord” card is available from an usher or on the cabinet by the office Place your card in the box in the front of the church as the offering is received.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Kevin will be in the office from 10am-3pm (Monday and Tuesday). Jayne will be back in the office on Wednesday.

The **May “TRINITY TIMES”** newsletter is available on the cabinet by the office.

LUNCH WITH JERRY will be this Wednesday. Jerry is gone but he has ordered Carbones pizza and it will be ready to go starting at 11:30am.

PASTOR’S RETIREMENT – Please reserve Sunday, June 30, 2024 on your calendars as we will be celebrating Pastor’s retirement after 42 years as a parish pastor. A shared-dish meal and program will follow the morning services. Donations are being gathered to give to Pastor as a monetary gift from the congregation. If you would like to contribute, please pick up a *“Pastor Appreciation”* envelope from the cabinet outside the office to use for your contribution or clearly mark on your check *“Retirement Gift”* and put it in the offering plate or place it drop slot/special offering in cabinet outside the office. [*The Retirement Party Committee: S. Ackerley, T. Borkenhagen, K. Froelich, C. Gifford, E. Lundgren*]

VBS will be August 5-9. Registration information is on the cabinet by the office. This year’s theme is *“SCUBA – diving into friendship with God.*

THE SUMMER SCHEDULE begins May 26. The late service will be at 9:45. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays of June, the second and fourth Sundays of July and August will be Lakeside at 9:45 (weather permitting).

SERVING THIS WEEK

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 TBD | 10:45 Eliana Sinkula

Anna Altar: Jennifer Carlson

Coffee: Gary and Reenie Blanchard

Counters: Annette Chamberlain & Muriel Janneke

Greeters: 8:00 Amy Wille & Joanne Lundgren

10:45 Lynette Hennings & Terry and Glenn Borkenhagen

Readers: 8:00 Ruby Moskop | 10:45 Cory Pederson

Organist/Pianist: 5:30 & 8:00 Dr. Jeff Burkart | 10:45 Praise Team

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 & 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Ari Smith | 10:45 Will Vette

Ushers: 5:30 Glenn Borkenhagen | 8:00 George Gifford & Dan Wille |

10:45 Mark Molkenbur

celebration

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

(Please include the following people in your prayers)

Those celebrating a birthday: 5/6 – Margaret Fett, 5/7 – Bob Dybdal, Kathryn Halbe, Chuck Sandstrom, 5/8 – Linda Johnston, Shirley Wenzel, 5/9 – Roy Vinkemeier, 5/11 – Celeste Gifford, Ruby Moskop

Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries: 5/5 – Richard Dittmann, Justis Kirchner, Jacob Wille, 5/6 – Roger Bacon, Beverly Hampel, John Majetich, Amy Wille, 5/7 – Nick Thommes, 5/9 – Richard Schrom, 5/10 – Simeon Carlson, Jean Green, 5/11 Jerry Boleen.

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary: 5/5 – Thomas and Sue Pihl, Gary and Doreen Blanchard, 5/7 – Mike Cathy Kuhl, 5/8 Arvid and Carol Baumgartner, 5/9 – Kevin and Dawn Berg

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 6

11:00am
6:30pm

Special Office Hours, 10-3pm

Lively Ladies [F8]
Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

11:00am
6:15pm
6:30pm
7:00pm
7:00pm

Special Office Hours, 10-3pm

Blood Drive [B-22 & K]
Endowment [F8] Zoom
Women's AA [upstairs]
Board of Education [F8]
Board of Stewardship [F8]

Wednesday, May 8

9:30am
9:30am
11:30am
11:30am

Office Hours return to 9-5

Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]
Women's Bible Study [B9]
Lunch with Jerry/Benefiting Preschool
Piano Duets [S]

Thursday, May 9

9:30-11:30am
1:00pm
7:00pm

Women's Bible Study [F8] and [B9]
Prayer Shawls [F8]
Adult Bible Study [F8]

Friday, May 10

Office Closed

Saturday, May 11

9:00am
10:00-Noon
11:00-Noon
5:30pm

Praise Team Practice
Grief Share [F8]
Al-Anon [2-5]
Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 12

8:00am
9:30am
10:45am

Worship with Communion
Education Hour
Praise Team Worship with Communion

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations. Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

For Those in Hospice: *Marie Kutzke* (Sandi Lundgren's mother)

Thanksgiving for Grayden (infant son of Shane and Rachel Whitehurst) who was born early on March 11th. He is home but still needs prayer.

God's healing: Danna Anderson, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Betty Frohrib, Jolene Patricelli, Jennifer Jewell, Merlin Holman, *Eric Frederick, Kathy Rust, Herb Frederick*

Those with on-going health issues: *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer: Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

Protection of our Armed Forces and their families: *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Wyatt Kassa*

For SST Missions and missionaries: *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | SST Medical Supply Ministry

Federal, State and local government and all those in positions of authority

