

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Linda Amstuz,
Libby Williams, and Nadine Fahrlander.

Happy Birthday to Delaine Maxon, Tony Ratka,
Gracia Fries, Jaime Sinsel, and Scott Maxon.

Happy Anniversary to Radford & JoAnn Hansen—59 years

Pastoral Prayer

“**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Let these gifts be expressions of love and true extensions of ourselves. Use them to spread love throughout the world. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music

“Redeemed”

Closing Song

“All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

Benediction

Go now, and love one another,
because love is from God.
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.
Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

5th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 2, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, share with us on either one.
2. From today, following the worship, refreshment at the fellowship hall will be offered. Also, if you would like to use a hymnal, please grab one, bring it in with you, and leave it in the pew when the service is over.
3. Next Sunday, May 9, we honor our high school graduates during worship.
4. The mission team will be selling Mother's Day Roses after worship today.
5. There will be the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, 7am–7pm at Minden Exchange Bank Community Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Peter.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,499. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: God is the True Vine.

P: And we are the branches.

L: Connected to God.

P: Connected to bear fruit!

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P: Or we wither away.

L: Connected to God.

P: Or useless!

L: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

P: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit! Amen!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come desiring to know true joy. We long to love and to be loved; to dare to hope again; to feel our hearts quicken with anticipation of truly living. Lead us in your ways of love, that we will bear the fruits of a life with you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Song "Live Like That"

Children's Message

Scriptures

Psalm 22:25-31 (NIV)

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
for dominion belongs to the Lord
and he rules over the nations.

Jodi Boudreau

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

John 15:1-8 (NIV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"I am the True Vine!"

by

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