

Announcements:

Congregation Life: ♥ May Birthdays ♥

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Malia Garcia, Sami Heimer
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout Phillips-Gogan
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Dennis Spargur
- May 6<sup>th</sup> Lauren Newell
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Sara Reed
- May 11 Curt Scott
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Rachael Mrozinsky
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Cherry, Debbie Kousoulos
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Janalyn Shultz
- May 22 Rachel Schoessler
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Corr
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Fred Hynek

Deacons: Cody Cupboard Items for May

For the month of May the Deacons kindly ask for these high priority items:

- Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Laundry Detergent
- Kleenex Tissue
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers (of any size)



**Administrative Assistant to the Pastor...**As we’re sure you noticed, our regular office administration person, Kelley Bushnell-Boe was out on maternity leave. She gave birth to Arthus Aurelius Boe on April 3rd. He weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces and brothers Zayden (6) and Grayson (5) are elated. (As is dad Jon). If you would like to send your congratulations to the Boe’s: 2908 Sheridan Avenue, Cody. (Pictured above: Greyson & baby brother Arty.)

Sunday School News

Adult Study of Proverbs  
Continues through Today May 21<sup>st</sup>

SEND OFF CELEBRATION

June 11<sup>th</sup> After Worship



To wish *Pat* and *Debbie* farewell as they begin their sabbatical leave.

Please bring a dish to share.  
Albertson’s chicken and beverages will be provided.



May 21st, 2023  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Please fill out attendance form  
and pass it along your row*

Praise Music

He is Exalted  
I Love To Tell the Story  
Reign in Me

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Sing to God: sing praises to God’s name.  
Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

**God is ruler over all creation.**

**God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all.  
Listen to hear God’s mighty voice.

**This sanctuary is filled with God’s presence.**

**Here we receive power and strength from God.**

Here we pray together for God’s guidance.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

**God draws us together as one people.**

**We can experience eternity in the midst of time.**

**Opening Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #260

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

**Reception of new Member:** David Jenkins

**Choir Anthem** “Jesus Messiah”

**Gifts in Actions Report: Buildings and Grounds-** Dave Kewitt

**Presentation of Offering**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Children’s Time**

**Scripture:** Psalm 62:1-8

**Second Hymn** “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” #379

**Gospel John 15**

**Sermon:** “Abide in Me”

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** “Abide With Me” #543

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

Ushers: Tracy & Kathy Wormald  
Music Director: Wendy Corr  
Music Accompanist & Choir Director: Tim Schoessler  
Message: Pat Montgomery

**Scripture**

**Psalm 62: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.  
<sup>2</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.  
<sup>3</sup> How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down—  
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?  
<sup>4</sup> Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place;  
they take delight in lies.  
With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.<sup>[b]</sup>  
<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.  
<sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.  
<sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.  
<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.

**Gospel**

**The Vine and the Branches**

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.  
<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**The World Hates the Disciples**

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master. ’If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. <sup>21</sup> They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

**The Work of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.