

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am

PRELUDE

*“Largo”*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN UMH #378

*“Amazing Grace”  
(Verses 1-3)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;**

**now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

OPENING PRAYER

**Father, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself.” Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that Your arms open in welcome. Amen.**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

(Please sing *“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*)

OFFERTORY

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*“Meditation in E Minor”*

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

**Long-suffering God, we hear the words of the familiar parable and, at different times, see ourselves as either son. We have received—or demanded—blessings to which we were not entitled and squandered them in self-indulgent living. We have also looked out from our place of superiority and favor and have been indignant over your lavish dispensing of love and mercy. As we bring our gifts this day, we do so in**

**the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. We pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.**

HYMN TFWS #2197

*“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

\*SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

SERMON

**“Lost”**

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #378

*“Amazing Grace”  
(Verses 4-6)*

\*BENEDICTION

As the seasons change, so do we. We learn and grow and shed what has held us back, letting what needs to return to dust decay, so that the greenness of new life may flourish. God is restoring our hearts and making us new. God loves you, so much. Know the fullness of God’s steadfast love in your life. Let go of what has held you back and embrace the new life in Christ. Go forth, knowing you are forgiven, loved, and restored. **Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please Stand

**Bold type indicates congregational response.**

**UMH is from The United Methodist Hymnal**

**TFWS is from The Faith We Sing Hymnal**

**JOYS & CONCERNS: Tom & Lynn Anderson, Barb Carlson’s brother-in-law, John Klein, Ron Jacobsen, Ed Peterson, Audra Gruhlke, and Kurt Moeding.**

**Thank you from Donna Brobst:** I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the “honor” you gave me this past Sunday. It was much appreciated! Also, to “anonymous”- Thanks for the plant, I hope I can keep it alive. Thanks to all the “HELPERS” over the years. God Bless you all!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 28

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship Time
- 10:45 am Finance Committee Meeting
- 11:00 am Central De Vida Worship
- 4:00 pm **Family Fun Night**

### Monday, April 29

- Pastor's Sabbath
- 8am-12pm Office Hours
- 9:30 am Mat Loom Makers
- 4:00 pm H.U.G. Puppets

### Tuesday, April 30

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #544
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 1

- 5:30 pm Last Day of PK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christian Education
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Practice

### Sunday, May 5

#### **Confirmation/Communion Sunday**

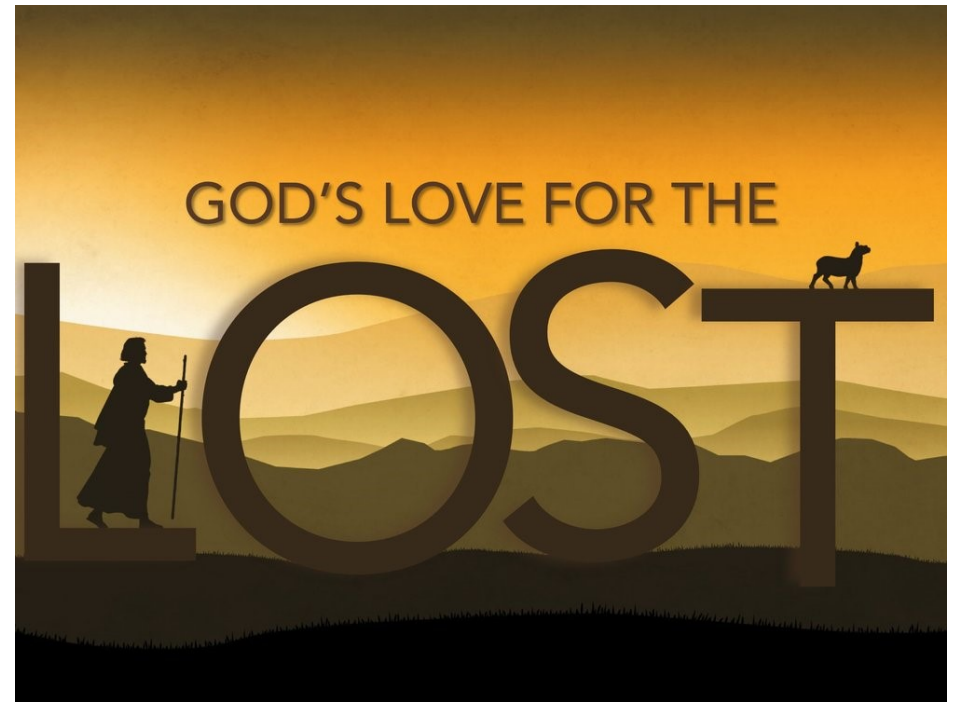
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- 11:00 am Central De Vida Worship

**Confirmation Sunday** is May 5<sup>th</sup>, please join us in honoring our confirmands. There will be baskets in Fellowship Hall on this day if you would like to bring a card for them: Bridget Chrestiansen, Alex Cole, Nicholas Cole, Alivia Crees, Marcus Finn, Aiden Hatland, Addison Hooge, Samson Mittrucker, Moriah Reineke, and Ella Soper.

**SENIOR SUNDAY** is May 12<sup>th</sup> and we will be honoring our high school graduates. Following worship there will be a reception in their honor with cake and ice cream. There will be baskets on the table in Fellowship Hall if you would like to bring a card for them: Andrew Bethune, Kiera Dalen, Carter Ingvall, Zoe Olesen, and Eli Ross.



# Estherville United Methodist Church



**Pastor Kathy Kluis**  
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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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**GREETERS FOR TODAY:**

Paul Fredrickson Donna Fredrickson  
Steve Lauritsen Joan Lauritsen

**GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Travis Grange Tammy Grange Carson Grange  
Carly Grange Dennis Ross Sharon Ross

**USHERS:**

Dean Tlam Judy Tlam Jon Bethune  
Tom Koons Sue Koons Curt Trenary

Membership to date 591

**The Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored anonymously. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast the following dates are available: May 26; July 7, 14, 21 & 28 and August 4 & 11. Call the office to reserve your date, the cost is \$65.

**Media Team Needed!** We are still looking for someone to train that would be responsible for Facebook streaming, running the sound system and managing the computer for visuals on the large screen. If you are interested in joining our media team, contact the office.

The Church is collecting plastic grocery bags of any color for **Midwest Missions** to make sleeping mats. **Please make sure to flatten the bags out before dropping them off.** There is a collection box for the grocery bags in the hallway by the library hall under the table.

**Anyone is welcome** to come weave on the loom while the church is open.

**Susanna Wesley** is selling **cookbooks for \$5.00** each. You may purchase them during church office hours or check with Mavis King.

**Family Fun Night** is today, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Join your kids for games, singing, storytelling, crafts, and a light supper. All children should be accompanied by parents or an adult over 18.

**Neighbors Meeting Neighbors Community Coffee** will be held from 1:30-3:00pm here at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month starting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This is come & go. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy coffee, a cold drink, treats and fellowship. No charge but items for the Emmet County Food Pantry will be appreciated. Enter through the parking lot door. "There's a place for you here."

## ***Wesley's Kitchen Free Meal***

***sponsored by the Outreach Committee***

May 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am-12:30 pm

**All are welcome to come & enjoy  
Shredded Pork, Potato, Dessert & Fellowship**  
If you would like to help with this event,  
please sign up in the Fellowship Hall  
or call the church office.

**National Day of Prayer** is on Thursday, May 2 at 12:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Everybody is welcome to join. Sponsored by EAMA.

The **Mobile Food Pantry** is Thursday, May 2 from 4-6pm at the Good News Estherville Church. Bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to carry your food. Free of charge!

Aspire in Estherville is hosting a **Community Mother's Day Tea** on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. They are looking for individuals to make bars, cake, or cookies to donate to this event. If you are willing to help, you may contact Gina at 712-922-9052. Community members welcome.

**The Christian Motorcyclist Association**, Spirit Riders Chapter, would like to extend an invitation to all motorcycle riders and friends in the area for a planned ride, May 4, 2024. We welcome all. We also ride on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, May through September. We meet at Casey's, 805 S Grand, Spencer, IA for a supper ride about 6:00 PM. Kickstands up at 6:30 PM. We ride for fun and fellowship, but most importantly to share the love of our savior Jesus Christ.