

The Weekly 05.06.12

☞ **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:5 (NIV)

☞ **Jesus, The True Vine**

John 15:1-8

Pastor Marty Strohschein

☞ **Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17



☞ **For Reflection before Worship**

The soul often seeks rest and peace in transitory and worldly things, but finds them not. And why? Because the soul is of far more worth than all created things; it cannot therefore find the rest and peace it seeks in these meaner objects. All things of earth are fleeting and transitory; but the soul is immortal; how then can it find peace in these? All these are of the earth ... but our souls are of heavenly origin, how then could these satisfy its holy desires? In Christ alone it finds the peace it seeks (Matthew 11:29)

Johann Gerhard, Sacred Meditations

☞ **Welcome Guests! Here is what's going on at Living Water:**

- For general information, such as our nursery during the service and our communion practice, please see the back of the The Weekly.
- TODAY – Sunday morning Growth Hour after the worship service with classes for elementary, youth and adults as well as a nursery for children 0-4.
- May 13 – Mother's Day Family Pictures and Brunch! To express our appreciation for mom's on Mother's Day, we will have a photographer on hand to take family pictures at no cost to you. This is also the second Sunday of the month, but instead of our usual pot-luck, we will be offering a catered brunch (from Millstone Café) – free of charge! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the back of the gym. As a part of thanking God for this meal, if you are able please bring non-perishable food items to donate to our local food bank.
- May 27 - Each month on the 4th Sunday we offer a traditional Christian-Lutheran worship service. We will do our best to explain the meaning behind the service so that you can be spiritually enriched even if you aren't familiar with it.

- June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School! Learn more and register your children at our website, www.livingwateraz.org.

☞ **Understanding Jesus - Current Sermon Series.** Today we focus on John 15:1-8, where Jesus is called the true Vine.

☞ **Would you like to hear what help does God's Word gives for parents?** If so, you're invited to the adult Growth Hour class after the service today! Even if you are not a parent, we will talk about how to teach and pass on the Christian faith to someone else, so while our subject matter is specific to parenting it has broad application to your life as well. If you are a parent but your children are almost on their own, or are already on their own, please join us! Not only because parenting challenges don't end when kids move out, but because you've been in the trenches and can encourage parents who are where you have been. This class meets in the gym @ 10:30am and is led by Pastor Marty.

☞ **Growth Hour Classes Today after the Service (10:30am): The theme for Growth Hour this year (Fall 11 – Spring 12) is "Home Grown Faith".**

- Adult Class: Led by Pastor Marty on the book of Proverbs (meeting in the gym)
- Jr. & Sr. High Youth: (6-12th grade) Led by Kathy Choitz on the book of Proverbs (north classroom building)
- Promise Land: (K-5th grade) led by Amanda Strohschein (north classroom building)
- Nursery: (Preschool and under) led by rotating volunteers (north classroom building)

☞ **About Holy Communion:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as he says, not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table baptized Christians who trust his words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share our confession of faith, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. All who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or to remain where you are and use this as a time for reflection, song or prayer. Guests who have questions about communion are encouraged to speak with Pastor Marty.

4-29-12 Attendance: 43 Giving: \$2729

Set-up 5-13-12 7:15 am Tricka, Grabau, Tyler