

Services are projected on the screen. A limited number of printed bulletins and large print bulletins are available in the Narthex for those who may need one.

### **Todays Worship Service Hymns and Songs 8:00am**

#### **Divine Service Setting One pg 151**

(please use this paper as a book mark to keep track of where we are as we move through the hymnal)

**Prelude:** "Hallelujah" -solo, Shellie Ellis

**Hymn of Invocation:** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" 611 vs.1,2

**Hymn of the Day:** "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

(sung to the tune "What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

**Closing Hymn:** "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" 474 vs.1-3

### **Todays Worship Service Hymns and Songs 9:30am**

**Prelude:** "Hallelujah" -solo, Shellie Ellis

**Opening:** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" 611 vs.1,2

**Hymn of Praise:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" 469 vs. 1,5,6

**Hymn of the Day:** "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

(sung to the tune "What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

**Closing Hymn:** "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" 474 vs.1-3

### **Worship**

8:00 am Liturgical  
9:30 am "Come as you are"  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship en Español / English  
11:00 am Adult Zoom Bible Study

**Holy Communion - Please be sure to fill out an attendance card found in the pew rack in front of you.** Individual and common cup are both offered. Non-alcoholic wine is placed in the center of each tray. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, but not participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms across your chest at the communion rail.

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Today, May 2**

8:00 am Worship with communion in person  
9:30 am Worship with communion in person and Live Stream on FB  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship in Spanish / English  
11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom-see link in announcements)

### **Monday, May 3**

5-8 pm Basketball

### **Tuesday, May 4**

Sunrise Volunteer church maintenance  
8:30 am Dorcas  
5-8 pm Basketball

### **Wednesday, May 5**

6:00 pm Wrestling

### **Thursday, May 6**

5-8 pm Basketball  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### **Friday, May 7**

6:00 pm Wrestling  
7:00 pm Family Night (Pastor Cabrales)

### **Saturday, May 8**

### **Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day**

8:00 am Worship in person  
9:30 am Worship in person and Live Stream on FB  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship in Spanish / English  
11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom-see link in announcements)

## **Flower Donations**

**May 2** Jean Morriss in thanksgiving for 70 years of blessings

If you would like to donate flowers on any of the available Sundays, please call the church office to order them.

## **Office Hours**

Mon - Thu 8am - 4pm (closed noon-1pm for lunch) Fri 9:30am - 1:30pm

## **Attendance & Offerings**

April 25 8:00am - 43 9:30am - 42 11:00am (H) - 28

Budget & Mortgage: Monthly operating expenses: \$31,403.83

Weekly Needs \$7850.95 Received - \$3444

## **Staff**

Rev. Andrew Byars - Pastor pastorbyars@phxcoxmail.com

Rev. Ramon Cabrales - Associate Pastor preacherrc@hotmail.com

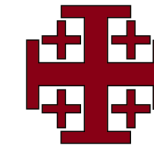
Maria del Carmen Cabrales - Deaconess

Duane Danner - Deacon

Chip Love - Organist

Kris Lindsay - Parish Administrator secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com

Beckie Ellis - Preschool Director preschool.apostles@phxcoxmail.com



## **APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL**

*The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

To Know Jesus and make Jesus Known

### **2021 Theme Verse**

"Tell the people of Israel to go forward" Exodus 14:15

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



## **Growing in Grace**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

**First Reading:** *Acts 8:26–40* (Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.)

**Epistle Reading:** *1 John 4:1–11* (An exhortation to lives of Christian love)

**Gospel Reading:** *John 15:1–8* (Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.)

**Sermon:** “Stay Connected” John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

## Sermon Notes:

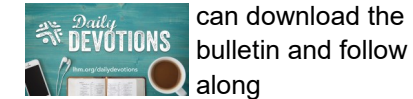
## Happenings



**Bible Study via Zoom**  
Sunday 11:00 am  
Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003003886>  
Meeting ID: 860 0300 3886  
Passcode: 1234

**Our prelude** this morning is “Hallelujah” sung by Shellie Ellis

**Did you know?** Our weekly service bulletin can be found on the church website, [apostles-az.org](http://apostles-az.org). If you watch the live stream service on Facebook or watch it later in the day on YouTube, you



can download the bulletin and follow along

For a **Daily Word from God**, go to [www.lhm.org/daily-devotions](http://www.lhm.org/daily-devotions) or download the LHM daily devotions mobile app. Pastor Byars also has daily (usually) devotions on the church Facebook page.



Thursdays 6:30 pm  
Via Zoom - email Mary Otte at [mbotte52779@gmail.com](mailto:mbotte52779@gmail.com) and an invitation with the link will be sent to you. A new study “ Monumental Mountaintops” begins May 6.

**Christian Greeting Cards** We have graduation and confirmation cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall. Only \$1 each. What a bargain!

A **New BASICS class** is forming. BASICS stands for Brief And Simple Instruction in Christianity and Service. If you are interested in a review of what we believe in as a church or in membership at Apostles Church, please contact the church office or Pastor Byars directly. The day of the week and time will be determined by the availability of those who wish to attend.



**Apostles Lutheran Church Preschool** now registering students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Pre-registrations through July 15 receive a \$25 credit. Please share this information with friends, family and neighbors. Call Beckie at 623-312-4831 for further information and to register.

**We Pray for** our families, friends, relatives, and others who are ill or recuperating from recent surgeries, crisis, or deaths of loved ones.

### HOME BOUND

Jim Bley      Janet Schleier      Shirley Nicely      Dianne Cola      Carol Bryant  
Hulda Stolz      Marlene Heinrich

Prayer requests can be made through the church office either by sending an email to [secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com](mailto:secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com) or calling 623-979-3497. These requests will then be forwarded on to all our members to include in their daily prayers.

The website for the Automated Giving Program is always open for new applications and changes. It is easy and confidential. If interested, please email me at [mbarfield1@q.com](mailto:mbarfield1@q.com) or call me at 623-334-1345 and I will be happy to assist you in signing up. With the Summer months ahead, this program makes it easy for vacationers to not interrupt their donations. You can also give online at [givelify.com](http://givelify.com). It's quick, easy and safe.