

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

St. John 14:15-24

15. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.
17. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
18. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.
19. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
20. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
21. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."
22. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"
23. Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.
24. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me."

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## SERVING THE LORD

Liturgist: Sue Thumma  
Ushers: Curt & Beth Moe, Jim & Sally Brozzo  
Greeters: Verna Gould, Vicki Sharpe  
Counters: Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
Trustee for May: Sue Dexter (back-up Dave Sutton)  
Communion Stewards: Roger & Vicki Sharpe  
Lawn Mowing May 7-13: Bob Raymond  
Nursery Volunteer May 6: Brenda Boots

### *BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*

May 7 Kevin & Dawn Renwick 35 years  
May 7 Roy Renwick  
May 9 Dorothy Francis  
May 10 Haley Maynard  
May 11 Jodi Sasse  
May 12 Keith Bauerle



*Altar flowers are given by  
Luella Glesner in  
Memory of her parents  
Steve & Verna Wooley*

### **Sanford United Methodist Church**

*Check out what's happening on [www.sanfordumc.org](http://www.sanfordumc.org) and  
Pastor Cutting's Blog.*

#### **OUR STAFF**

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*The Order  
Of  
Divine Worship*

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 6, 2012*

*10:30 A.M.*

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PRELUDE  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* THE HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

\* THE ACT OF PRAISE

Come to God, who has loved us through Jesus Christ.  
Present yourselves to the Spirit who understands your  
need.

**God has heard our voices and heeded our cries.**

**We will call on God's name as long as we live.**

Come to prepare yourselves for the journey of faith.  
God sets before us a memorial feast.

**We will pay our vows to God at the table of Christ.**

**We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

Come to embrace the new covenant God offers.  
Eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

**We come to be washed and cleansed and healed.**

**God will equip us here to love one another.**

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**We have gathered, O God, in answer to your mandate  
that we love one another as you have loved us in  
Jesus of Nazareth. We gather as disciples awaiting a  
word of assurance and promise. We seek protection  
from all who insist on conformity to their narrow points  
of view. We seek empowerment at the table of remem-  
brance and celebration. We long to love as we have  
been loved, to serve as Christ has served among us, to  
live lives of thanksgiving that fulfill our vows to you  
and to one another. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

St. John 14:15-24

THE ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"In Remembrance of Me"

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this  
time)

THE RESPONSE "His Name Is Wonderful" No. 174

THE MESSAGE

The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting

"If You Love Me"

THE HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" No. 172

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in  
peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our faith as contained in the  
scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**Is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and will come again to judge the living and**

**the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

....And so, with your people on earth and all the  
company of heaven we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might. (Repeat)**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

....And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and  
thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in  
union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim  
the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will  
come again.**

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now  
and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**Uplifting the bread and cup**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Communion Hymns Nos. 277, 191, 170, 362)

\* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD No. 94

\* THE CLOSING HYMN "Marching to Zion" No. 733

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING