



# I AM The Vine

*March 26, 2025*

**Welcome to Our  
Community Lenten Worship Service  
at St. Thomas Church**

**The "I AM" Series**

*This evening's host is Host Church –  
Phil Thomas, Pastor*

# **Welcome to Our Service**

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

*Stand in Your Love*

*In Christ Alone*

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**“I AM the Vine”**

~ John 15:1-11 ~

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*Living Hope*

**Benediction**

# “I AM the Vine”

*The Gardner fosters healthy production in our lives; our job is to stay connected to the Vine. John 15:1-11*

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” - Galatians 5:22-23

Why would Jesus use the vine as one of His last object lessons before the cross? Jesus was pointing to the very source of production in our lives and the process that will bring about the fruit we so desperately long for.

The process of production:

- Be lifted up. (John 15:1-2a)
  - Matthew 14:20
  - Matthew 27:32
  - If you are down in the dirt, let God pick you up.
  - No fruit to some fruit.
- Welcome pruning. (John 15:2b)
  - Like a vine, left to ourselves, we will favor new growth over more grapes.
  - See Bruce Wilkinson’s book Secrets of the Vine.
  - If we are asking God for abundance in our lives, we are asking Him to get out the shears. (Hebrews 12:3-11)
  - Some fruit to more fruit.
- Stay connected. (John 15:3-8)
  - Take note of how many times you find the word “remain” or “abide.”
  - In a desire for greater production, we tend towards doing more, yet Jesus commands us to stay connected.
  - Mark 13:14-15; Acts 4:13
  - More fruit to much fruit.

“I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” (John 15:11)

# Community Lenten Service Schedule

## **“I AM the Light of the World”**

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Presented by Rev. Fred Diehl

*Evening hosted by North Heidelberg Church*

## **“I AM the Good Shepherd”**

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Presented by Rev. Scott Shay

*Evening hosted by St. Thomas Church*

# Host Church Upcoming Services

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

Good Friday Service, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 am

Easter Breakfast, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 am

Easter Service, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am

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