

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

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Pre-Service Music

“O Blessed Spring” - setting by James Biery

HYMN: “Thine Be the Glory”



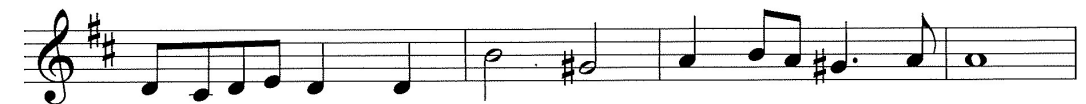
1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en, from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is nought with - out Thee; aid us in our strife.



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let His church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than conqu' - rors through Thy death - less love;



kept the fold - ed grave clothes where Thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death has lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to Thy home a - bove.



Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en con - qu'ring Son:



end - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus said, "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)

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"

verse 1 - women; verse 2 - men;
verse 3 - women (double verse; no refrain between); verse 4 - men

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, by the water of Holy Baptism You make us to live in Christ and He in us. As a branch connected to a living vine bears fruit, may the life of Jesus so dwell in us making us fruitful witnesses; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

First Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

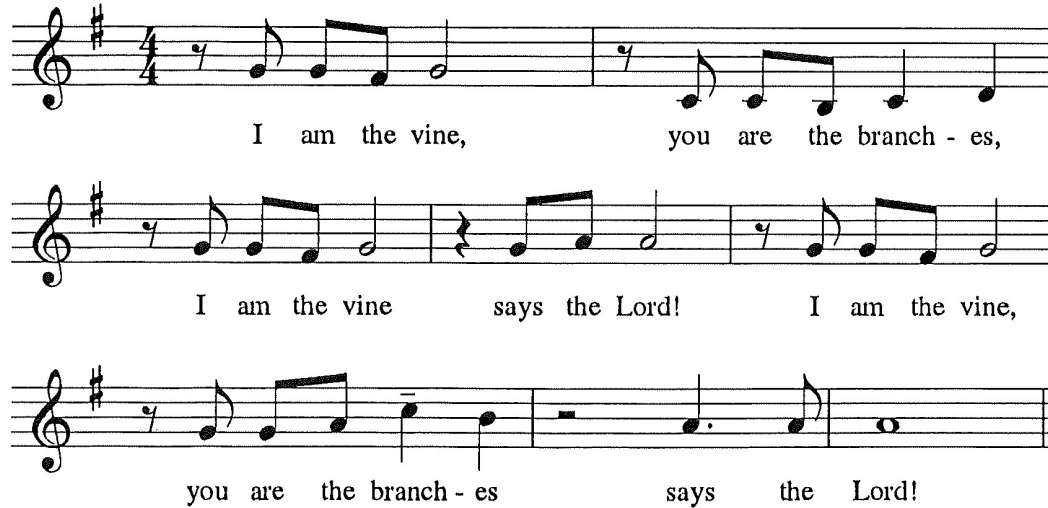
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE "You Are the Branches" - Michael Jothan

Choir: I am the vine, you are the branches,
I am the vine says the Lord!
I am the vine, you are the branches says the Lord!

Congregation and Choir: Refrain



I am the vine, you are the branch - es,
I am the vine says the Lord! I am the vine,
you are the branch - es says the Lord!

Choir: In my word I have spoken unto you,
in my word you are made clean!
In my word it shall be done for you.
Spread the news, spread the news in my name!

Congregation and Choir: Refrain

Choir: Abide in me, I in you,
all who abide in me shall glorify my name!
In my love you shall not wither,
you shall bear fruit and glorify my name!

Congregation and Choir: Sing Refrain twice

i The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You O Christ.

NICENE CREED (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Sunday Children's Lesson Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

HYMN: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" - *LSB #683*

i **SERMON:** Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the offertory we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +
(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS *LSB*, p. 178

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“O Blessed Spring” - LSB #595

“The Branch That Bends With Clustered Fruit”

The branch that bends with clustered fruit Still
 The spind - ly, twist - ed, tan - gled coil Of
 The prun - er's hook will gen - tly play Where
 O, God, who fills with rain and sun The

needs the prun - er's blade To keep it close to
 branch - es ov - er - grown Pro - duc - es noth - ing
 fruit - ful growth is seen But like an axe will
 grapes we press for wine, Cut off the growth our

vine and root Or else its strength will fade.
 from its toil But feeds it - self a - lone.
 slash a - way The emp - ty net of green.
 fears have spun And prune us to Your vine.

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” - LSB #631

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Amen

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
 He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: “Listen, God is Calling” - LSB #833

Leader ALL
 Lis - ten, lis - ten God is cal - ling Through the Word in - vit - ing,

1. 2.
 Of - fer - ing for give - ness, Com - fort and joy. joy.

Leader ALL
 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader ALL
 That He came to save us — And set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
 Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

Postlude “Jesus Lives! The Victory Won” - Paul Manz

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