



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

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## *Easter 5*

*Sunday May 2, 2021*



*Welcome Back To Church*

**WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU**

# PREACHER & PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

## Prelude

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating – a new heaven and a new earth.

*People:* **The promise of joy and gladness for all people.**

*Pastor:* The promise of Eden restored, where every living creature lives in harmony.

*People:* **Promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who died to defeat evil, and rose to give us life.**

*Pastor:* So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us – new life – the life of the risen Christ.

*People:* **Alleluia! Amen!**

### GREETING

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* Let us pray:

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

### A reading from Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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 silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Lector:** *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**  
**Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the Lord,**  
**who rules o- | ver the nations. R**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,**  
**whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!" **R**

## Second Reading

### A reading from 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Lector:** *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Pastor:** *Alleluia. I am the vine, you | are the branches.\* Those who abide in me and I in them | bear much fruit. Alleluia. (John 15:5)*

## The Gospel Reading

### The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Lector:** *The Gospel of our Lord,*

**People:** *Glory to you, O Christ.*

## The Sermon ~ Pastor Martha Neff Stum

## The Apostles' Creed

**Pastor:** *God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### \*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** *Hear us, O God.*  
**People:** ***Your mercy is great.***

**Lector:** *In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your  
never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**People:** ***Amen.***

### \*Sharing of the Peace

**Pastor:** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**People:** ***And also with you.***

### \*Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** *Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have  
blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us,  
and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one  
who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*  
**People:** ***Amen.***

## **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*

**People:** ***And also with you.***

**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

## **\*Preface**

**Pastor:** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **Holy! Holy! Holy!** (Spoken)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven 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.***

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

**Pastor:** *You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;*

*broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**People:**     ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Pastor:**     *Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.*

**People:**     ***Amen.***

**Pastor:**     *Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.*

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:**     *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

## Communion Music

### \*Prayer after Communion

**Pastor:** *Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.*

**People:** ***Amen***

### \*Blessing

**Pastor:** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\mp$  give you peace.  
**Amen.***

### \*Dismissal

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

### Postlude

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



**Please add to your prayer list:**

Mert Ingvaldstad

Sonja Dunn

Gerry Meyer

Mary Neff

Joy Neverman

All those we hold dear in our hearts.

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15: 15:9-17

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