



I am the vine;  
you are  
the branches.  
John 15:5

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 2, 2021

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA**

**“Purpose:** We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.”

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## Announcements

### † Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

**Cong.:** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Cong.:** Amen.

**Psalm: 22:25-31** (*read responsively*)

<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

### \* Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

### \* Song

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

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### \* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer:* **C: Amen.**

### First Reading:

L: A reading from Acts 8:26-40  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading:

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

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel:**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Rotation Faith Formation**

*Pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School.*

*Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Burkhardt

**\* Song**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

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**\* Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the People**

*Each petition ends with these words:*

L: ...let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.*

**Offering**

*“And Can It Be”*

arr. Ingram

Bell Choir

*(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)*

\* **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

\* **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**

*All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

**Continuous Communion Distribution**

*Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6 ft. distance in the aisle. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.*

\* **Blessing**

*Response after the blessing: C: Amen.*

\* **Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\* **Benediction**

*Response: C: Amen.*

\* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.  
Thanks be to God.**

\* **Postlude**

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\* Stand if you are able

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**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God by a friend.

**BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Rosalind Adams by Karen McDermitt and family.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

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**MAY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

- Radio – May 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – May 23 & 30 two vases each (\$20 per vase)
- Communion Bread & Wine – May 16 & 30 (\$12)
- Bulletin – May 16, 23 & 30 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – May 16, 23 & 30 (\$10)

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *“Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.”* – **Psalm 22:30**

Who first told you the good news about Jesus? Chances are it was a beloved elder, either a family member or pillar of the church. We receive the wisdom of our ancestors, and then we take on the mantle of responsibility and good stewardship to pass that good news along to future generations.

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# Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

# Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



**GERANIUM ORDERS FOR PENTECOST** are now being taken. You have the opportunity to purchase a geranium to keep for yourself or donate back to St. Paul's to be planted outside on the church grounds. Order forms are available on the counter by the pulpit entrance and are due in the church office by Sunday, May 9.

	<b><u>May 2</u></b>	<b><u>May 9</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Dave Maus Tom Miller	Peg Sennett Jon Shaw
<b>Sound System:</b>	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Altar:</b>	Team 1	Team 1

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

*(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)*

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come.)

<b>SUN., MAY 2</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Daily Disciples (Zoom)
<b>MON., MAY 3</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>TUES., MAY 4</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>WED., MAY 5</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	All Committee Night
<b>THURS., MAY 6</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	4:00 pm	Music & Motion
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
<b>SAT., MAY 8</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Boy Scouts)
<b>SUN., MAY 9</b>		Mother's Day
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Daily Disciples (Zoom)