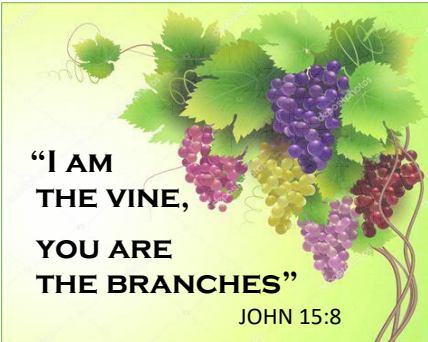


April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr B
Casual Worship Sunday



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Led by Tom Ersland*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus *No. 742*

- 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear— all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.**
- 2 **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged— take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 **Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Emmanuel-Aspelund Choir*

GREETING AND LITANY

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAISE SONG *vss. 1-3* *No. 377*

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

- 1 **Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**
- 2 **Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**
- 3 **Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

A READING FROM: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

God's love perfected in love for one another

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 205

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Savior o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Christ the vine

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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.

⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *PASTOR KRIS D.H. FERKIN*

SONG OF THE DAY No. 379

Now the Green Blade Rises

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

APOSTLES CREED

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

P: God of grace

C: (*Sung – Led by Tom Ersland*)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying No.752

**Lord, __listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, __listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

C: May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN No. 482

I Come with Joy

1 **I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

2 **I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

- 3 **As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**
- 4 **The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.**
- 5 **Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

C: Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Led by Tom Ersland

I Saw the Light

1 **I wandered so aimless my life filled with sin.
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

CHORUS: **I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

2 **Just like a blind man I wandered along.
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

CHORUS...

3 **I was a fool to wander and stray.
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

CHORUS...

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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ORGANIST—Tammy Hanson
COMMUNION SET-UP— Barsness
GREETERS—Barsness
COMMUNION SERVERS—Tanya & Michael Short, +?
COFFEE SERVERS—Rechtzigel
TECH CREW—Heidi Haugen, Barb Groth,
Steve Johnson, Holly Aldorfer.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Calendar - This Week

Sun 4/28	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee & FAITH+ LEAD Video* 10 AM Sunday School <i>SIGN UP TODAY FOR CAMEL ROLLS</i>
Mon 4/29	<i>Caramel Roll Orders DUE</i>
Wed 5/1	NO WED WORSHIP IN MAY 6:30 PM Confirmation
Thu 5/2	7 PM AA
Sun 5/5	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee & FAITH+ LEAD Video 11 AM to 2 PM -- Year End Sun/School Party at Flaherty's in Northfield. ALL ARE INVITED. Bowling, shoe rental & pizza included. 2-4 PM Open Hs- In the Church Basement - Come Celebrate Colleen Estrem's 90th Birthday

Calendar - Future Events

Sat 5/11	9 AM TO 1 PM WELCA Cannon Rvr Spring Conference at St. John's - Northfield. \$15 Lunch Included.
Sat 5/11	Southeastern MN Synod Assembly in Mankato
Sat 5/11	2 - 4 PM Pickup Caramel Roll Orders
Sun 5/12	9 AM MOTHER'S DAY and SENIOR RECOGNITION WORSHIP - - <i>Pickup caramel roll orders before 11 am</i>
Wed 5/15	7:30 AT VANG. BACCALAUREATE
Sat 5/18	9 AM - 12 NOON - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Mission Morning Invitational. All are invited for coffee, fellowship, & assembly of Mission Kits. For Kit Items needed - go to LWR.ORG
Sun 5/19	9 AM PENTECOST WORSHIP - Bring red geraniums and wear red. <i>*also, New Member Sunday</i>

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