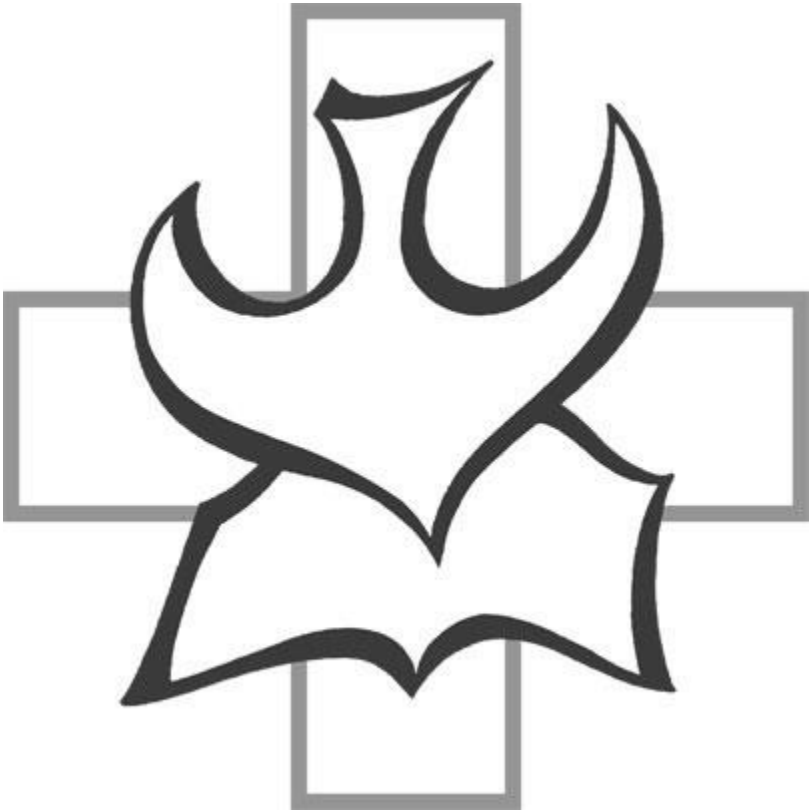


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service

Invocation for the Easter Season

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song

Awesome in this Place

Billington

Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE

As I come in - to Your pres - ence,
past the gates of praise, in - to Your sanc - tu - ar -
y till we're stand - ing face to face; I
look up - on Your coun - te - nance, I see the
full - ness of Your grace, and I can

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on - ly bow down _____ and say. _____ "You are -

CHORUS

awe - some in ___ this place, ___ Might - y God, ___ You are

awe - some in ___ this place, ___ Ab - ba Fa - ther; ___ You are

wor - thy of ___ all praise, ___ to You our lives ___ we raise, -

- You are awe - some in ___ this place, ___ Might - y ___ God." ___

Prayer of Confession

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the dead. Yet we face defeat in our sin every day.
- C** **We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to love You with all our heart and soul and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** We cannot do this on our own. We need the power of Your forgiveness.
- C** **Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.

C **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.**

P Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished! The victory is won! 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.

C **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 150

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

**⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

The Power of the Cross

Townend, Getty

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Verse 4, Chorus



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of ___ sin.
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His ___ head.
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am ___ free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of ___ wood. 1, 2, 3. This the pow'r of the
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. 4. This the pow'r of the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry ___ cry.
 won through Your self - less ___ love!



cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 cross. Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath. We stand for-giv-en at ___ the cross. cross.
 cost. We stand for-giv-en at ___ the cross.

Prayer

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And 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 ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And 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?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And 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. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, 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. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and 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. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We 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.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In 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. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide

in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**



Sermon Song

Lord, I Thirst for You

Sadler

Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Verse

Lord, I thirst for You. I long to be in Your pres
 F/C C F Am7 B♭ Dsus Dm
 - ence; My soul will wait on You, Fa - ther,
 Gm7 F2/A B♭ Dsus
 draw me near - er, draw me near - er to the
 Gm7 B♭/C C F C/E
 beau - ty of Your ho - li - ness. I will
 Dm7 Am7
 wait for You, Al - might - y God, in the
 Gm7 F2/A B♭2 C Dm7
 beau - ty of Your ho - li - ness; I will wor - ship You, Al -
 Am7 Gm7 B♭/C C F
 might - y God, in the beau - ty of Your ho - li - ness.

Sermon

"Who Will Guide Me?"

Acts 8:26-40

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
G **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together:
- G** **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.

Blessing

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **Amen.**



Song

The Spirit Of The Lord

Funk

Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus

CHORUS

F Dm7 Gm7 C
 The Spir-it of the Lord is great and might - y, the
 F Dm7 Gm7 B \flat /C F Dm7
 Spir-it of the Lord is my vic - to - ry; The Spir-it of the Lord is
 Gm7 B \flat /C C Gm7 B \flat /C F B \flat /C
 great and might-y, great and might - y in me. The
 F Dm7 Gm7 C
 Spir- it of the Lord is great and might - y, the
 F Dm7 Gm7 B \flat /C F Dm7
 Spir-it of the Lord is my vic - to - ry; The Spir-it of the Lord is
 Gm7 B \flat /C C Gm7 B \flat /C F Fine
 great and might - y, great and might - y in me.

VERSE

B \flat C F 2 /A B \flat F/A
 Great - er is He that is in me than
 In the name of Je - sus
 Gm7 B \flat /C C F
 he that is in the world;
 I can do an - y - thing; By the

1. B^b C F^2/A Dm



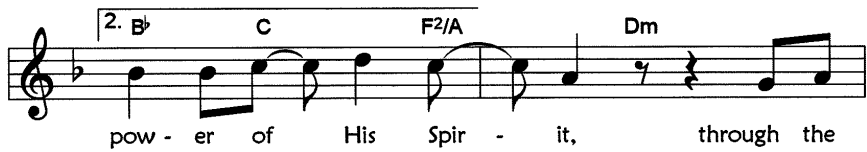
I am more than a conqueror by the

Gm Gm/F E^b B^b/D B^b/C



power of His Word, of His Word. The

2. B^b C F^2/A Dm

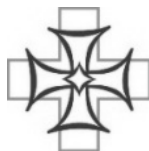


power of His Spirit, through the

Gm Gm/F E^b B^b/D B^b/C D.S. al Fine



One who strength-ens me. strength-ens me. The



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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 May 2021

Readings

Acts 8:26–40

1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)

John 15:1–8

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending *“his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him”* (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, *“he has given us of his Spirit,”* so that we also believe and confess *“that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.”* In this way, we *“abide in him and he in us,”* and we *“love one another”* (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of *“the good news about Jesus”* to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when *“they came to some water,”* the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into *“the true vine,”* Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He *“bears much fruit”* in us (John 15:3–5).



Readings

Acts 10:34–48

1 John 5:1–8

John 15:9–17

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who *"are witnesses of all that he did."* He was anointed by God *"with the Holy Spirit and with power,"* and *"he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,"* and so He was with those whom He sent *"to preach to the people"* (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are *"baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,"* so that *"everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name"* (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with *"the water and the blood"* in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our *"joy may be full."* For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to *"go and bear fruit"* in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

