

“Christ, Our Life”

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 + 8:30 am

Divine Service

(Setting One with Holy Communion)

(= please stand)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(left side column on page 151 in LSB)*

*** INTROIT** *(selected portions of Psalm 145)*

A: I will extol You, my God and King,

C: And bless Your name forever and ever.

A: Every day I will bless You

C: And praise Your name forever and ever.

A: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

C: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

C: And all Your saints shall bless You!

A: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

C: And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*** KYRIE** *(page 152-153 in LSB)*

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *(“This is the Feast” on page 155 in LSB)*

*** SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(chanted and sung as on page 156 in LSB)*

P: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40 *(with the response on page 156)*

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 4:1-11 *(with the response on page 156 on LSB)*

*** HOLY GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8 *(with sung responses as on page 156 in LSB)*

*** NICENE CREED** *(page 158 in LSB)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #595: “O Blessed Spring”

BIBLE MESSAGE: “Christ, Our Life: Our True Vine”

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Petitions conclude: “Lord, in Your mercy,” to which all respond: “Hear our prayer”).

*** OFFERTORY #955:** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

(during this time we have the Lavabo, i.e., hand washing, and then the altar preparation)

*** SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – PREFACE** *(chanted with sung responses as on page 160 in LSB)*

*** SANCTUS** *(sung as on page 161 in LSB)*

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(page 161 in LSB)*

*** THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *(left side column on page 162 in LSB)*

*** PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *(left side column on page 162 in LSB)*

*** LORD’S PRAYER** *(left side column on page 162-163 in LSB)*

*** PAX DOMINI** *(chanted as on page 163 in LSB)*

*** AGNUS DEI** *(sung as on page 163 in LSB)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn #691: “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

Choir Anthem: “God Hath Provided the Lamb” by Linda Almond

Hymn #680: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

*** THANKSGIVING** *(right side column on page 166 in LSB)*

*** BENEDICTION** *(on page 166 in LSB)*

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*** CLOSING HYMN #919:1-2** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

SERVING TODAY (4/28)

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Preaching & Assisting (A): Rev. Daniel Maske

Lay Ministers: Mel Schroeder, Dave Drzewiecki

Organist: Keith Eiser

Lector: Nonie Knight

Ushers: Don, Rich & Mike Crampton

Dave Drzewiecki

Greeters: Jan Jett, Nonie Knight

Children’s Message: Pastor Maske

NEXT WEEK (5/5)

Rev. Dan Maske

Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Mark Kahle, Zach Button

Keith Eiser

Brian Hall

Bill Burns, Steve Makowski

Kevin Munson, Roger Myers

Jan Jett, Nonie Knight

Pastor Naumann

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.²⁷ 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 worship²⁸ and was returning, seated in his

chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:1-11

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. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² 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. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.