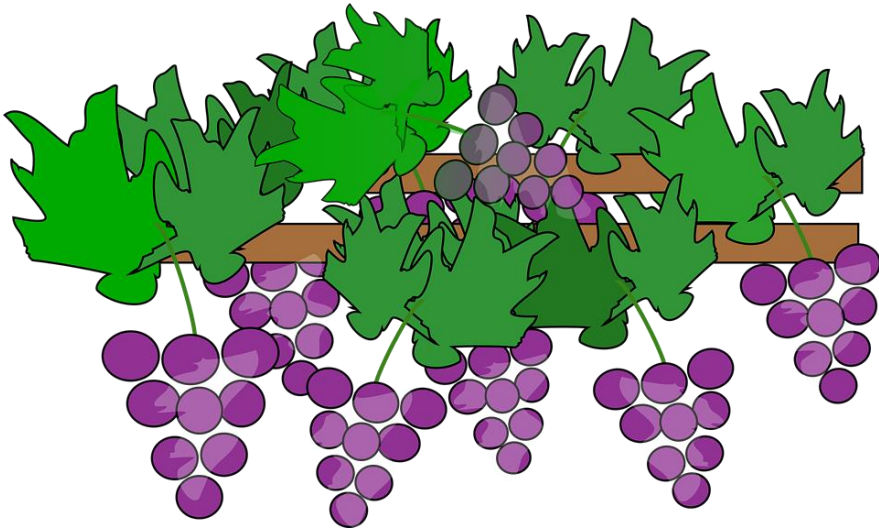


Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m. Service



Jesus said, "I am the vine, and you are the branches.
If you abide in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Service – Setting Four *LSB 203*

April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605 sts. 1-3

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

2



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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Stand

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

+ REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM +

Luther's Small Catechism, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

LSB 325

P My dear friends in Christ, what is Baptism?

C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.**

P Which is that Word of God?

C Christ our Lord says in Matthew 28:19, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

P What benefits does Baptism give?

C Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declares.

P Which are these words and promises of God?

C Christ our Lord says in Mark 16:16, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.”

P How can water do such great things?

C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us, that is our sinful nature, should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all

sins and evil desires, and that a new person should arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P Where is this written?

C **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six, “We were therefore buried with Him, through Baptism, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we, too may live a new life.”**

P Let us pray the Holy Spirit to drown our human nature, our sin, and all evil desire, and to bring a new person to new life in us:

C **Holy Spirit, in Holy Baptism you put God’s name – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – upon us and declared us children of God. Drown and put to death in us all sin and evil desire. Nurture us in true faith so that we would rise with Jesus and live holy and pleasing lives to the glory of your Holy name.**

P Friends in Christ, in Baptism you were drowned to sin and all evil desire and resurrected to new life with Christ. 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.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

LSB 204

Introit

Ps. 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon John 16:16

P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

C **I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.**

P Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

C **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

P C 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.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

LSB 948 sts. 1-5



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child and possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

26 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 worship 28 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

A He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-21

1 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. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

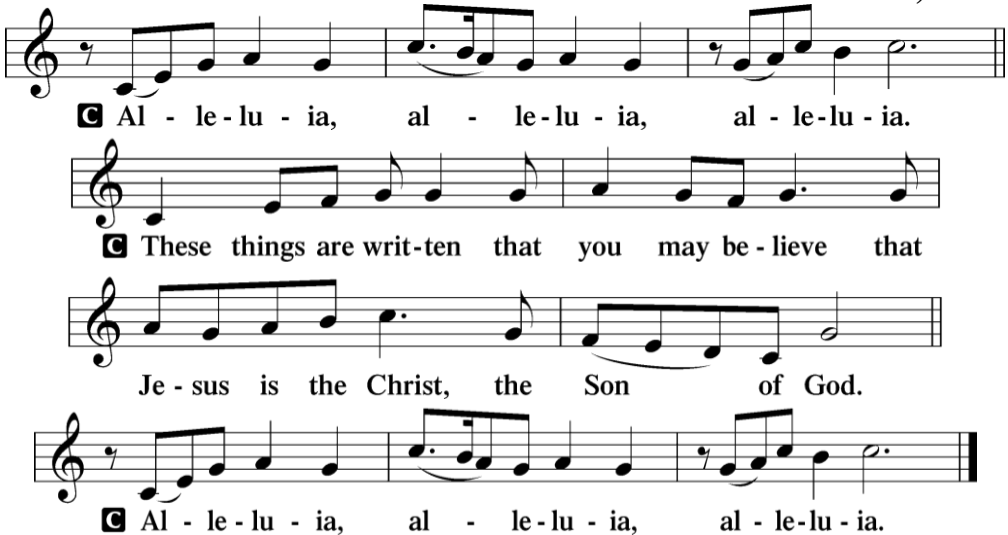
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31, LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a four-line piece. Each line consists of a treble clef staff with a 7/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is an Alleluia. The second line is the beginning of the verse. The third line is the end of the verse. The fourth line is another Alleluia.

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. 2 Every 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. 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

P G 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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” LSB 686 sts. 1-4



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Sermon

Pastor Jeffrey Sippy

“Jesus, The Vine, Makes Us Fruit-Bearing People”

Sermon Text

John 15:4-5

RECEPTION OF DONNA BATTLES AS MEMBER BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P Let us pray for the saints of God at Zion Lutheran Church, Bolivar, Missouri, and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Buffalo, Missouri, and for all of the baptized, and for all those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and for all people everywhere, each according to their needs:

P Lord God, Your only Son Jesus came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Renew in us your baptismal grace so that we would die and drown to our sin and rise again with Jesus to new life. Enliven us by Your Word and Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You are the vine dresser and Your Son, Jesus, is the true vine. Through Baptism, you have grafted us into Your Son, Jesus. Prune us and cut off all sin and evil desire in us. Grant us true faith, that Jesus abide in us, and we would abide in Jesus, and according to Your Word, we would bear fruit that glorifies Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, Savior of all people, in the water of Baptism You place Your name upon us, and You place our name in the Book of Life, and You fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Grant us new life and passion for You and Your Word. Stir us with enthusiasm and passion for Zion and Our Savior, and for the bride of Christ everywhere. Empower and enable to reach out to each other in meaningful and measurable ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You direct us to pray for all those in authority, and Your Word teaches us that there is no authority on earth except that which is established by You. Grant Your wisdom, grace, peace, and direction to President Biden and Governor Parson and all those in authority over us.

Guide us in true faith to be good citizens, to be models of respect, and to live quiet and peaceful lives as You command. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You hear and answer the prayers of all those in need. Hear our prayers for all those for whom our prayers are requested (_____). Grant divine healing when this is Your will. And sustain us by grace, and in true faith, when we face trials and difficulties. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have a divine will at Zion Lutheran Church and at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Humble us and deliver us from ourselves, our own preferences and desires, and the trappings of our own interests. Unite us in Your righteousness and holiness. Raise us up to be a bright light in our communities. Impress upon us that we are Your ambassadors and witnesses. Make us to be a bright light of grace in our communities and among those who are hurting and in need. Fill us with Your love to bring divine hope and peace and encouragement to others. Use us to Your glory, dear Father. Open our hearts and our eyes to the next person we meet. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, Lord Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!) Also, please find

the red attendance book and record your fellowship with us.

Offertory

LSB 955 st. 1

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

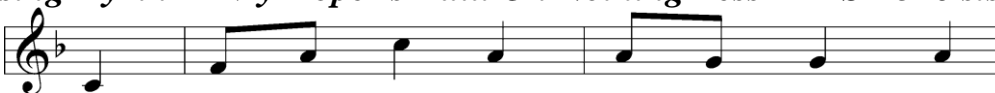
C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” *LSB 576 sts. 1-4*



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Announcements

If you have hurts on your heart, guilt or shame, or unresolved burden of past sin, Pastor Sippy will hear your confession on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in his office – or any other time and place you would like to arrange. No one should feel forced or compelled. This is a gift for those who desire it. It is confidential, and never mentioned again.

Postlude