

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

WE PRAY: Eternal Father, Dresser of the Vine and branches, who supplies life through Your Son, the Vine, that we, the branches, might bear fruit, make our lives rich with fruit for the harvest by maintaining in us a right relationship with Christ and through careful pruning of the Old Adam in us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

LSB 633 vv1,5,7-8

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,

Newborn souls in You to be.

Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He

giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen. His right hand, and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

GLORIA PATRI

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

A: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

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.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer *is* silent, So He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to

stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because 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 of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we 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.

L: Here ends the Epistle

C: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

[Mark 1:15]

John 15:1-8

L: The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th chapter of St. John, beginning at the 1th verse.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

L: Here ends the Gospel.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED *(In Unison)*

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.

- 2 Laden branches freely bearing
 Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
 Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
 Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
 Christ our pattern and our goal,
 Teach us, as the years fly faster,
 Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
 May we grow till harvests cease;
 Till we taste, in life unending,
 Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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SERMON

“Abiding in the Divine Vine Jesus”

John 15:1-8

OFFERTORY *(In Unison)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Sung)*

TLH 441 vv1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYERS

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.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 20

God of Mercy, God of Grace

- 1 God of mercy, God of grace,
 Show the brightness of Thy face;
 Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
 Fill Thy Church with light divine,
 And Thy saving health extend
 Unto earth's remotest end.

- 2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
 Be by all that live adored;
 Let the nations shout and sing
 Glory to their Savior King,
 At Thy feet their tributes pay,
 And Thy holy will obey.

- 3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
 Earth shall then her fruits afford,
 God to man His blessing give,
 Man to God devoted live;
 All below and all above
 One in joy and light and love.

BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Make Gade

Organist: Bruce Sininger

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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO WORSHIP as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Living Savior Jesus! Our Epistle teaches us that the love of God is the substance of our faith and the active principle of our Christian life. We rejoice with John that the absolute evidence of God's love for us comes in the Good News of God sending His Son Jesus to live, die and rise again for us. Brought to faith by the love and mercy of God, Jesus now summons us today in our Gospel lesson to abide in God's love with Jesus and others and to bear fruit in our lives. Today the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament to deepen our faith in God's love for us, and to cause His love to be made known in our thoughts, words and deeds. God bless your reception of His precious, life-giving gifts this day!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathryn Knapp- as she graduates this next week from the University of Dayton, OH.

Lori Dane- who began her regimen of chemotherapy this past Monday.

David Hingst- who began daily radiation treatments on April 28th which will continue for four weeks.

For The Rev. Carl Hingst, nephew of Julie Hingst, who has accepted the call to be pastor of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Kokomo, Indiana.

Others also treated for cancer: Dick Burt, Bruce Dane, Jennifer Gade-Dickerson, Andrew Phlaum, Sheila Rice, Michael Fleck Joan Cardella and Vanessa Turnbow.

Those in Hospice Care: Hannah Beskange and Mitchell English. Those who are fighting the Covid-19 Virus.

PASTOR RISER AND OUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW believers at Living Hope Presbyterian Church, SCS, cordially invite any interested persons to a 6K walk/run for Water on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 8 AM at The Harbor, 24010 Harper Avenue, SCS. Why 6K? Because that is the average distance that people in our developing world need to walk for water every single day. For information, register at worldvision6k.org. Each registration provides water for someone in the developing world. Early registrations are helpful as World Vision will send the shirt and bib directly to each participant.

LWML- Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at 9:30 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cavalier/Mack Avenues in SCS. Fellowship, worship, and guest speakers will comprise the Program for the rally, as well as the election of officers. All women of CTK are welcomed and encouraged to come and join in the Mission Work of the LWML.

SPRING CLEAN UP

It is time to schedule a Saturday in May to clean up the church grounds. This year we will assemble at CTK on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Please consider donating a few hours of your time for this project.

The following items are useful to help our crew of volunteers with the yard work: a rake, a pail for weeds and debris, yard waste bags, gloves, pruners, a weed pulling tool, a leaf blower with an extension cord or anything else you think will be useful. Along with cleaning up leaves and debris, we prepare the grounds for the planting of our annual flowers. Please call, text or email Noel Paavola if you can assist in this endeavor at paavs@att.net or 313-520-0396. At this time, because of COVID-19, we will not be able to serve beverages or snacks.

ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTING IN TREE AND LANDSCAPE BEDS

For those of you planning ahead, **annual flower planting day** at CTK will be Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. continuing until all flowers are planted. If you cannot make it at 5:00 p.m., come as soon as you are available. If it rains, we will plant on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Questions: paavs@att.net or 313-520-0396.

LIFE THOUGHTS

“We pray in our services for ‘the race of man’ not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We’ve past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 5/9:

"Seriously?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30

A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at www.lhm.org.

ALTAR GUILD Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Virginia Liebaert, Beverly Zimmermann, and Ellen Nelson.



ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:

8:15 Worship Service: 22

Communion: 21

10:45 Worship Service: 52

Communion: 48

Monday Service: 10

Communion: 9

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 6, Wednesday 7



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APRIL 2021 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS			
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Week #	2021		2020
1	\$	15,509	\$ 10,549
2		5,910	1,835
3		4,752	13,778
4		4,815	14,728
Month-to-Date Total	\$	30,986	\$ 40,890
Yearly Total	\$	112,263	\$ 106,803

1-1-1 Missions Update		
	Month	YTD
	\$ 497	\$ 929