



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Music: **Eddie Kim**

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

*Baptized and Set Free*

#453 v1-4

## THE STORY

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice! And be glad in it**

For Christ Is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

### GREETING

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

...Let us pray:

God of resurrection and life,

**we confess that we miss the mark.**

**We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.**

**You have given us daily bread,**

**And we have forgotten to give thanks,**

**You have shown us sunsets and beauty in nature,**

**and we have taken it for granted,**

**At times we have been doubting Thomas**

**Or Peter who denied you,**

**And you have remained steadfast.**

**In Jesus' name we pray to you;**

**Cover us in the waters of your Grace,**

**Forgive us, and bring us to the full life you desire,**

**That we may follow you, and bring life to those you love,**

**Through Jesus Christ, Risen to life,**

**For us and the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, redeemed, and sent to serve in newness of life.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**KYRIE**

*Kyrie Eleison "Lord, Have Mercy"*

*(see insert)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Resurrecting God,

**Just as we heard in the Gospel,**

**You are a part of us and we are a part of you. Help us to take your words to heart, about your presence with us, and your call to love our brothers and sisters. This is not always easy, so we ask for your wisdom, and grace.**

**In Jesus name we pray**

**Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

### Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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 silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Second Scripture Lesson

### 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In 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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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.

*Scripture continued onto following page*

<sup>17</sup>Love 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those 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. <sup>21</sup>The 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**

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**Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.  
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust, your, word...  
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 15: 1-8**

The holy Gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O LORD**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My 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 SERMON**

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Larry Jacobs, **Emily Holker**, John Hovre, **Russ Glomstad**, Carol Fratzke, **baby Wesley**,  
Pr. Miyamoto, **LaVonne Prudlick**

Respond to "*Lord in Your mercy*" with "*Hear our prayer*"

## OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN                    *"Create In Me A Clean Heart"*                    #186

## STORY OF COMMUNION

## LORD'S PRAYER SONG

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Let Us Break Bread Together*                    #471  
*Baptized in Water*                    #456  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                    #836  
*Instrumental music on the piano*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVITATION COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

SENDING HYMN                    *Wade in the Water*                    #459 v1-4

## SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. To share and live the good news!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

DOXOLOGY                    *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*                    #885

## POSTLUDE