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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021



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PRELUDE

"Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

Guenter Raphael

ANNOUNCMENTS



Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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.
- 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

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

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

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.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

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.

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.

Psalm 150 (chanted responsively by whole verses)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;*
praise him in his mighty | heavens!

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

Praise him with | trumpet sound;*
praise him with | lute and harp!

Praise him with tambou- | rine and dance;* praise him with | strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding | cymbals;*
praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!

Let 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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.

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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel-John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.



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."

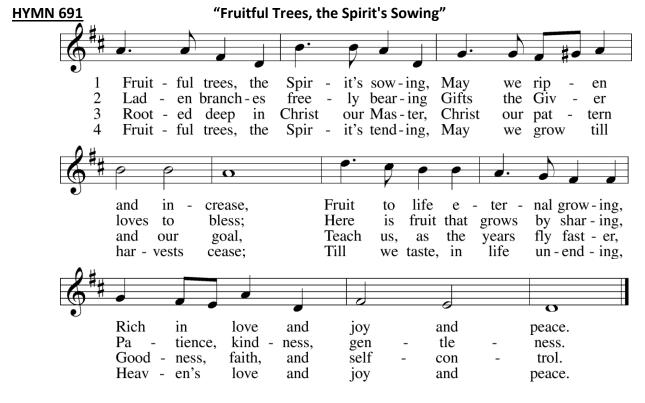


Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon

TITLE OF THE SERMON:

"Abiding in Christ the True Vine"

TEXT: John 15:1-8

DATE: 05/02/2021 LITURGICAL DAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Abiding in Christ the true vine

Intro: In today's text, our Lord refers to Himself as the true vine. When He uses this image, He is alluding to numerous Old Testament texts that refer to Israel-- God's covenant people-- as the Lord's vine or vineyard that He rescued from Egypt. As we read in Psalm 80:8-10, "You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches." In today's text, Jesus is teaching us that He is the true vine, the new and better Israel, in whom all the nations-- both Jew and Gentile--abide. In Christ, both Jew and Gentile are grafted onto the one vine. Jesus is the true vine who holds all things together and who gives life to the world. Apart from this true vine, we are cut off and will wither and die.

And we will see what this means for us as Christians:

- I. Jesus is the true vine of Israel (Jn 15:1-2).
- II. Abiding in Christ means abiding in His word, which unifies His Church (1 Jn 4:7; Jn 15:4-8; Gal 5:22-23; 1 John 3:23-24).
- III. Christ died and rose again so that we could abide in Him and He in us (Acts 8:32-33; 1 Jn 4:9-10; Isaiah 53:8, 10).

Conclusion: Jesus is the true vine of Israel, in whom we find life. Our Lord came into the world so that we could be saved. As the Scriptures say, "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His Son into the world, so that we might live through Him." By His death and resurrection, Jesus has grafted all who believe in Him into Himself as the true vine of Israel. Now, since we have been "born of God," through Jesus Christ, "we know God" as our triune Lord who loves us.

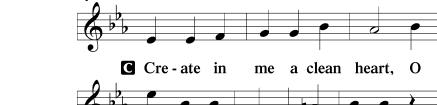
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

God,

and

re -

C Amen.



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Offertory

We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings to the church in one of four ways:

- 1. Place your offerings in the offering plates by the back doors of the sanctuary
 - 2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office
- 3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office

 You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.
 - 4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here

VOLUNTARY "Sostenuto" H. Goetz

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Prayer of the Church

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Chris Ladasau, Kandie Darmody, Don Riley, Jill Tarver,

Betty Brosowske, Lawanda Alexander, Grace Roley, Johnny Jones, Pastor John Schmidt, Joe Dawson

Other Needs as We Pray for:

- TLC Early Learning Center; LCMS U
 - > An End to the Coronavirus

Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Charles Gather, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin Ricardo Betanga, Keven Stevenson, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate

Birthdays

Cliff Brown	5/4
Misty Sendelbach	5/4
Mason Bayliss	5/5
Thomas Laffin	5/7

Anniversaries

Years

Thomas & Rebecca Lemke 5/3/2014

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Missions

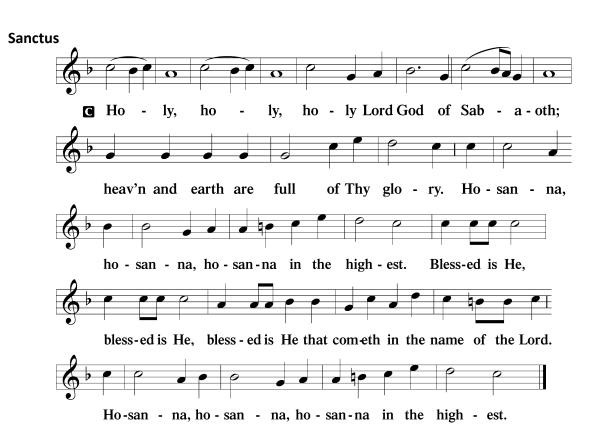
Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Ethiopia. Eric teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other church workers to serve in Ethiopia.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

- P 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.
- C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

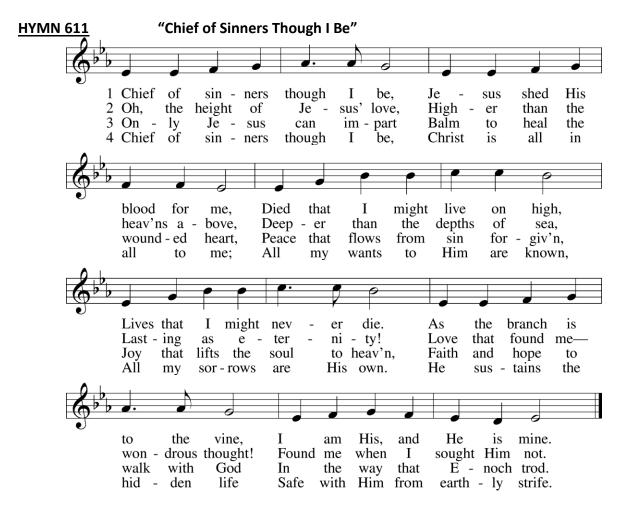
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

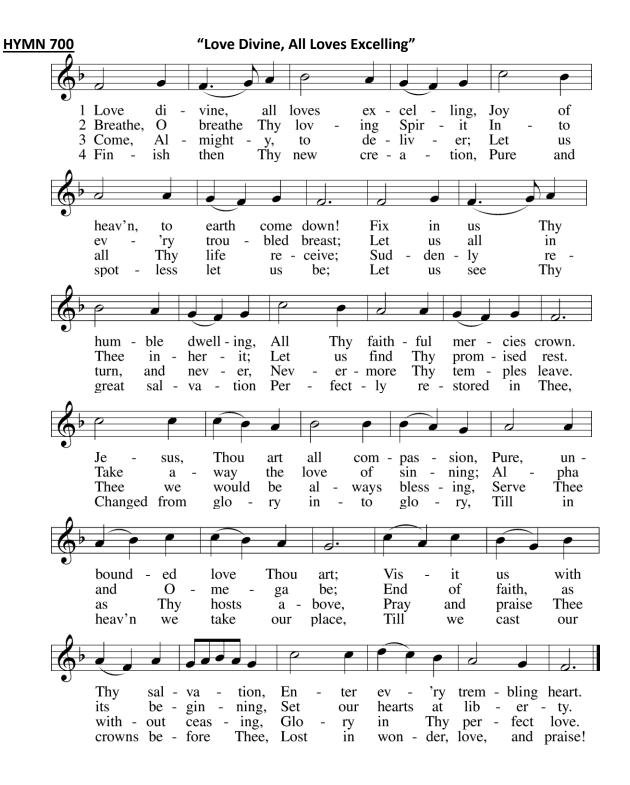
Amen.

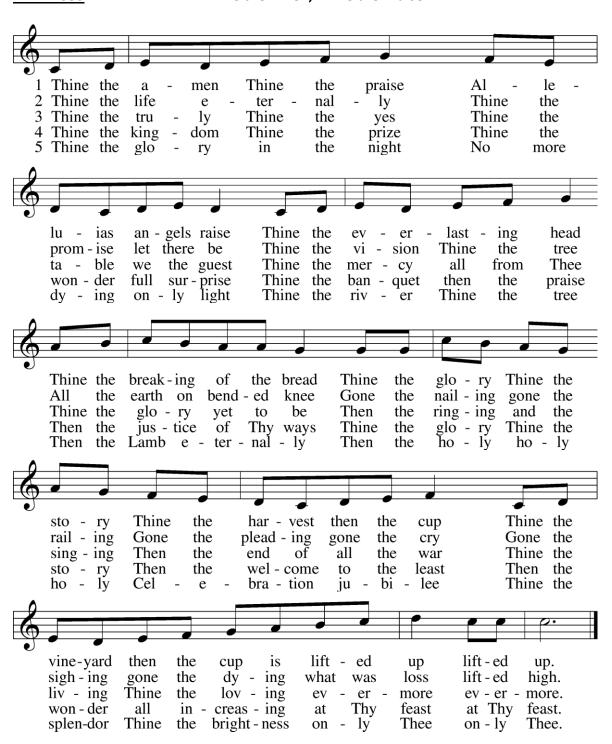
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

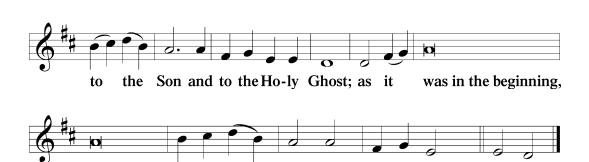




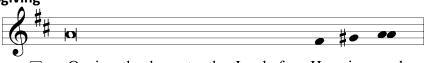
HYMN 601

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"





Thanksgiving



is now, and ev - er shall

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



- A Let us pray.
- A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

be, world without end.

A-men.



Salutation and Benedicamus

Thanks



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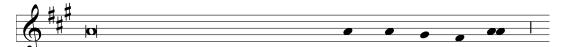
to

God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



HYMN 919

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



- 1 A bide, O dear est Je sus, A mong us with Your grace
- 2 A bide, O dear Re-deem er, A mong us with Your Word,
- 3 A bide with heav'n-ly bright ness A mong us, pre-cious Light;
- 4 A bide with rich est bless ings A mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we sin give place. to And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and af - ford. joy Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word. Let us

- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with Your love;

 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

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POSTLUDE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Bernard Reichel