

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



“I am
the
vine,
you are
the
branches.
Those
who
abide
in me
and I in
them
bear
much
fruit.”

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

P: Most merciful God,

All: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with your whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with

power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE *Spoken*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

O God, you give us your Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

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

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. HERE ENDS THE READING.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

All: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 15:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC & REFLECTION — *O Blessed Spring* **Organ Only/No Vocal** ELW #447
vss. 1 & 4

¹ *O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this lifegiving Tree.*

⁴ *Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
That word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.*

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION & APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME

P: Let us welcome new members - Gary and Dave.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share - join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS — SHARING THE PEACE — OFFERING OF GIFTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION — COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **All: Amen.**

HYMN: We Know That Christ Is Raised

vss. 1,2 & 4

ELW #447

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no
 2 We share the wa - ter in his sav - ing
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and
 more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
 death. Re - born, we share with him an
 grows as Christ's new bod - y takes on
 fear - ful hold, and our de - spair he turned to
 Eas - ter life. As liv - ing mem - bers of our
 flesh and blood. The un - i - verse re - stored and
 blaz - ing joy. Ha - - - le - lu - jah!
 Sav - ior Christ. Ha - - - le - lu - jah!
 whole will sing: Ha - - - le - lu - jah!

RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTORS: Julie Rogness ASSISTANT: Bill Lewis ORGANIST: Tammy Hanson

TECH CREW: Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer, Heidi Haugen

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY: Gary Jensen and Dave Kolstrud.

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CALENDAR

Sat/May 1	10 am	Lucas Internship Project-- @ First
Sun/May 2	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/May 2	10 am	Lucas Internship Project-- @ Vang
Sun/May 2	7 pm	AA
Tue/May 4	6:30 pm	Worship/Evangelism
Wed/May 5	6:30	Confirmation
Wed/May 5	7 pm	Lucas Internship Project-- @ Holden
Thu/May 6	7 pm	AA
Sat/May 8		Synod Assembly - virtual
Sun/May 9	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed

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Worship Bulletin



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