



# Faith Lutheran Church

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## **Philip and the Ethiopian**

MAY 2, 2021 + 8:30 AM

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**PRELUDE**      *With High Delight Let Us Unite*      Michael Costello

## WELCOME

**\*OPENING HYMN**      ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN      *LSB 474*



1 Al - le - lu - ia!      Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way,      Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine,      We are the branch - es; Life in the



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,      Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread,      Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth,      Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## \*INVOCATION

### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection.*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY *LSB 469*



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**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. Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. There he met an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and was returning home, sitting in his chariot, reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked him, “Do you understand what you’re reading?” <sup>31</sup> The man replied, “How in the world can I, unless someone guides me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of scripture the man was reading was this:

“He was led like a sheep to slaughter,  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In humiliation justice was taken from him.

Who can describe his posterity?

For his life was taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> Then the eunuch said to Philip, “Please tell me, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> So Philip started speaking, and beginning with this scripture proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, there is water! What is to stop me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any more, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through the area, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA** ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS WOV 671/v. 4

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.  
God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
Life eternal for all who believe.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

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**\*HOLY GOSPEL** John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

15 “I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and are burned up. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is honored by this, that you bear much fruit and show that you are my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O BLESSED SPRING**

**LSB 595**



1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us  
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain  
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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**MESSAGE**

Pastor Ben

**\*A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

**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 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.

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

##### **Physical Needs:**

- **David Calman**, father of Kris Messner who just received a terminal cancer diagnosis

##### **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

- **Samantha Johnson**, friend of Marline Fitzpatrick, out of ICU and back home
- **Bev Spencer**, neighbor of Jane Sandgren, pancreatic cancer is in remission

##### **Deaths:**

- **Bill Messner**, (4/27) father of Jim Messner and Linda Aloï
- **Derek Neal**, friend and classmate of Nicholas Gallina
- **Matthew Sees**, grandson of Jane Sandgren's sister-in-law Joanne Albers
- **James Smith**, uncle of Al & Noreen Crouse's daughter-in-law, Colleen Crouse

##### **Ongoing prayers:**

- **For everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic**
- **For our leaders, caregivers, and frontline workers**
- **For our first responders and medical teams**
- **For the unemployed**
- **For those who don't have enough to eat**
- **For unity and peace in our world**
- **For our school systems**
- **For the vaccination process**

# MUSICAL OFFERING

*God is Calling Us*

Natalie Sleeth

*A recording of the Junior Choir from a previous service.*

## +SACRAMENT +

### \*PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good...evemore praising You and saying:

### \*SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### **\*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.**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*AGNUS DEI**



**☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the**



**world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **\*RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*CANTICLE**

**THANK THE LORD**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**\*POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED LSB 603**



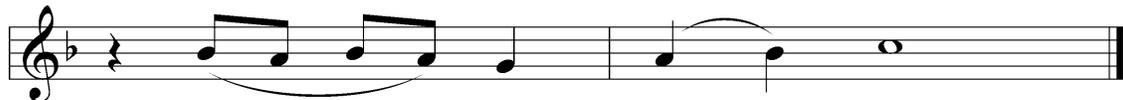
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re-born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**