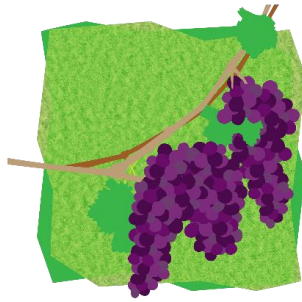


May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter



I 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.

John 15:5

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The Good News in Action

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 467



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **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.**

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.**

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

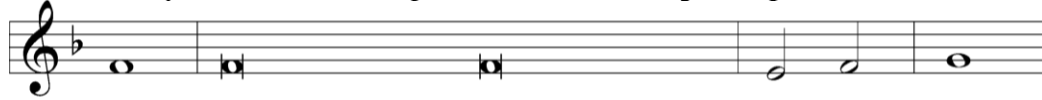


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

☞ 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:1–21

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. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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 on 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

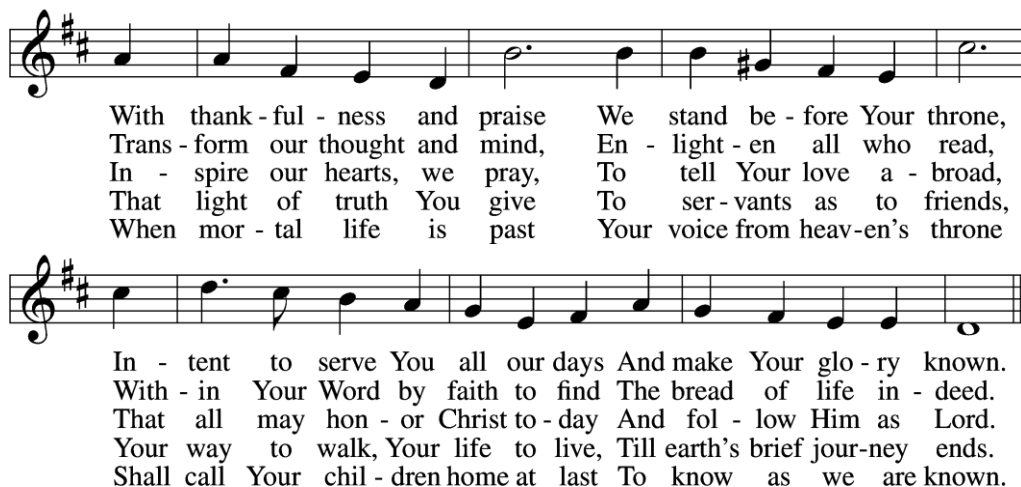
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- 1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
- 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
- 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
- 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
- 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne

In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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SERMON "The Good News in Action" Acts 8:26-40

OFFERTORY "Create in Me..." LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 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
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING *(The offering plate and generic offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. For electronic giving, please see "Resources" tab at the top of the home page on Trinity's website - - www.trinityaubne.org)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament

Guests and Members please read—What we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar

LORD'S SUPPER: God's Word teaches the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of The LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

Other communion information:

- **Baptismal blessing:** If you are **not** a communicant member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) (*that is, one who has been instructed in the faith, confirmed and is currently in good standing*) but have been baptized, we invite you to come forward during Communion to receive a Baptismal blessing from the pastor. We simply ask you to indicate such by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel/stand at the Communion rail.
- **Communion in the pews:** If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please contact an elder so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- **Gluten-Free Communion wafers** are available during the Lord's Supper if you have a dietary intolerance to gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, egg, soy, nut or corn. If you desire a gluten-free host during Communion, please notify Pastor or the head elder before the service and you will be served that in place of the regular communion wafer.
- **For anyone who is not able to drink alcohol**, near the middle of each tray, three individual cups will be located that have one drop of wine diluted with water. They will be recognized by their lighter color. If you have questions, please see pastor.

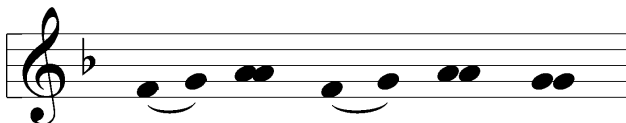
Communion Statement

Please read/review what we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar as printed in the bulletin. **In registering for communion today, I agree with the following statements.**

- + **I am** a sinner by nature and by what I say, do, and think.
- + **I am truly sorry for my sins**—the ways that I have disobeyed God and hurt others.
- + **I want** the Holy Spirit to enable me to turn away from my sinful ways, to follow Jesus in faith more consistently and to grow in loving and forgiving others as the Lord has first loved and forgiven me.
- + **I truly believe** that Jesus is my Savior—the only One who can rescue me from the eternal punishment I deserve because of my sin.
- + **I truly believe** Jesus' words, "This is my body... This is my blood..."—that He is bodily present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament giving Himself to me to eat and to drink to assure me that God fully forgives my sins.
- + **I agree** with what Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes, teaches and confesses.

Preface

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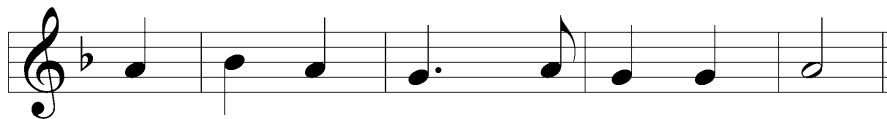
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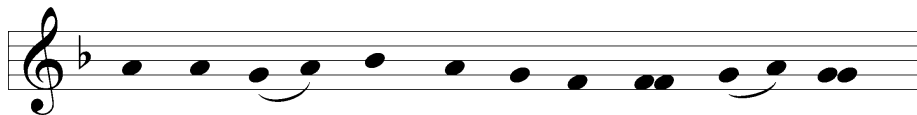
And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

P 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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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. **C Amen.**

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

Distribution Hymns

"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

LSB 616

1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed

proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's

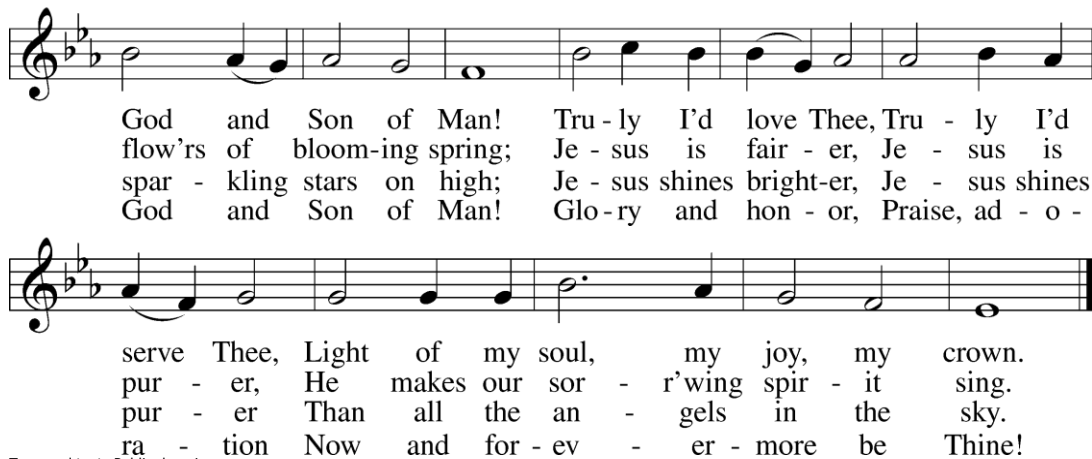
here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo-ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
 serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

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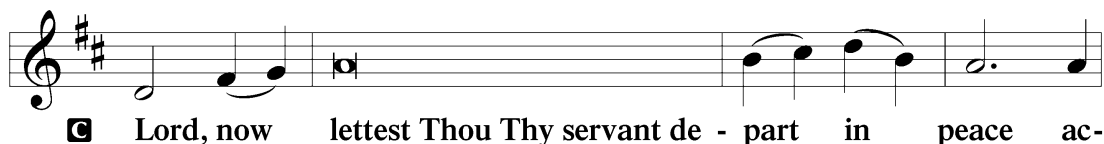


1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -
 pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath
 From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall
 scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

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 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.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✠ **Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill:** Suzy Lake (daughter of Glen Hogue and Rita Hogue), and all those in special need.
- ✠ **Our missionary:** Licensed Deacon Tulio Meza. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tulio with wisdom and all he needs as he works with others in the Comayaguela congregation to care for each other and bring the good news about Jesus to others in their area. Pray also that the Lord will raise up more people and congregations to provide prayer and financial support for Tulio.
- ✠ **Others in foreign missions:** Papua New Guinea: Martin & Marie Dicke; Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Puerto Rico: Rev. Charles & Deborah St-Onge & Family; Dominican Republic: Rev. Joel & Clarion Fritsche & Family, Bill & Nicole Lohmeyer & Family and Erin Mackenzie; Africa Radio Ministries: Rev. John & Kathy Duitsman; Mongolia: Rev. David & Rachel Baker & Family; Southeast Asia: Rev. Charles & Cheryl Ferry & Family; Spain: Rev. Adam & Christine Lehman & Family.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 5/2: Michael Curry; 5/5: Sadie Chaney; 5/6: Junia Fields

Baptisms: 5/2: Ella Ackley; 5/6: Amanda Fritz, Lori Parrish

Anniversaries: none this week

SUN – 5/2	MON – 5/3	TUE – 5/4	WED – 5/5	THU – 5/6	FRI – 5/7	SAT – 5/8	SUN – 5/9
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Board of Elders	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool			9:00 AM Worship

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:

Elder..... Mike Zaruba
Asst Elder..... Doug Lueders
Organist..... Sandy Wilson
Acolyte.....

Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:

Worship attendance 47
Sunday School attendance 7
Offering NA
(Weekly Budget \$4052.00)

Lessons for next Sunday: Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

Adult Bible Study: Today we'll watch the 2nd segment of a video entitled "Walther." It is about C.F.W. Walther, the first President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. He was a man who sacrificed his homeland, his health, nearly his life... for the freedom to speak freely, to believe freely, to live freely... for his church and the faith of those he loved... and for us who would come after. Please join us!

Sunday School 2020-2021: No Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 9. Classes will meet on May 16 and May 23.



ATTN All Members: Please check out the Trinity website for photos of Sunday School activities. Despite Covid-19 obstacles, we are conducting classes. www.trinityaubne.org.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org "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*


This week on KFuo.org, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite podcasts on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

Changes in Covid Procedures: At their meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Elders made two changes to our Covid procedures. 1. The use of masks has been changed from "strongly encouraged" to "encouraged." 2. All of the entrances to the church will be re-opened to enter and exit the building. These changes will begin immediately. Note: While the social distancing markers have been taken off the pews and the communion rail, please continue to observe social distancing when you are here for worship. Thanks!

Announcements May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thank you to:

 **Chantelle Wilke, Emily Crotty, Kay Bogle, Becky Lueders, Lori Parrish, Merri Johnson, Pat Maddox, Judith Ruskamp, Susan Johnston, Sandy Wilson, the Youth Group and Sarah Bogdanoff** for all their work in cleaning various parts of the church. It looks great!

Needs a New Home: FREE! Large, older style TV is available. It works, but does not have a remote. See it on the table in the Fellowship Hall. It needs to be removed by June 1st.

Please Check the Table in the Fellowship Hall: to reclaim your cookware left at church for previous events, and to check out *free items* being given away.

Church Cleaning: There are still tasks needing to be done. Please see the list on the refrigerator in the kitchen or contact Merri Johnson by phone, text or email at 402-274-7011, merrigs40@gmail.com. Thank you to those who have already helped.

Technology Assistance Needed: In our effort to begin live-streaming our worship services, some help is needed with technology. If you have experience and/or interest in helping to install/organize/run this, please contact Rich Scotter at 531-289-0736 or r.scotter@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Update on Eliminating Our Bank Loan Balance: At the Voters' meeting on April 19, Rich Tanderup, treasurer of the congregation, reported that the daycare loan balance is down to \$15,838.90 as of March 31st. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Thank you to everyone who has helped reduce this debt by giving gifts so far, whether through the Trinity Lutheran Foundation or the "Give Thanks/Give Back" program. We've already met our goal for this year of reducing the debt by \$10,000. Let's keep the momentum going and continue reducing this debt or eliminate it completely. Please make checks payable to the "Trinity Lutheran Foundation" and put "Debt Reduction" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hinrichs from the Board of Stewardship or Brad Johnson from the Foundation. Thanks again for your help with this effort!

St. John Lutheran in Beemer, NE and Zion Lutheran, rural Bancroft, NE and Peace Lutheran in Arbor Vitae, WI have extended calls to Pastor Rathjen to serve as their next Pastor. Please feel free to share any counsel you might have with Pastor. Please also keep Pastor Rathjen and his family in your prayers as he considers the call to serve those congregations. Thanks!



Preschool Life-Learning Project – See the poster in the narthex! The Preschool still needs new or gently used small toys (fit easily in a shopping bag), books, and fun items for the 'store' in the preschool. Our Preschoolers will spend "tickets" earned throughout the school year. *Donation box is in the Fellowship Hall.*

Thank you for supporting our little ones in the Trinity Preschool family!



"The Lord is My Refuge" Bible Verse of the Week:

John 15:5, *ESV*: I 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.