

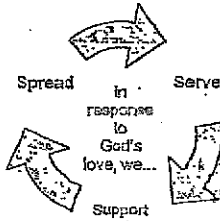
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship – 10:15 AM

AS WE GATHER – *In one of His several "I am" statements, Jesus says, "I am the vine. You are the branches." Inviting His hearers to a place of rest and refuge, He says, "Abide in Me." In the Epistle, John correlates confessing that Jesus is the Son of God with experiencing and coming to trust in the love God has for us. Abiding in Jesus means abiding in God's love. And God Himself abides in us. This relationship of abiding in Jesus, who Himself is love, was experienced by the Ethiopian eunuch when Philip told him the Good News about Jesus and the Ethiopian was baptized.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" by Christopher Loemker

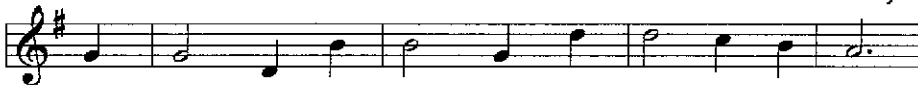
WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen

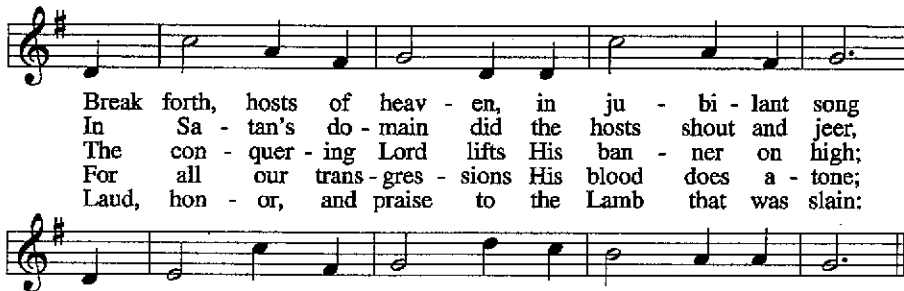


- 1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
- 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
- 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
- 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

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Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:

And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 150

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Praise the Lord!*
- C** **Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!**
- P** *Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*
- C** **Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!**
- P** *Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!*
- C** **Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!**
- P** *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*
- C** **Praise the Lord!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *God who is gracious and merciful:*
- C** **We confess that we are sinful by nature and have turned away from abiding in Your love. We have been enticed by our own desires and lured away from Your love by the spirits of this age. Yet, greater is Jesus who dwells in us by faith than the spirit of the Antichrist who is in the world. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins and bring us again to abide in Your love.**
- P** *God hears you and God loves you. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

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

- P** *A little while, and you will see me no longer;*
- C** **and again a little while, and you will see me.**
- P** *I will extol you, my God and King,*
- C** **and bless your name forever and ever.**
- P** *Every day I will bless you*
- C** **and praise your name forever and ever.**
- P** *The LORD is gracious and merciful,*
- C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C and again a little while, and you will see me.

KYRIE

P O Lord, who sent Philip with Good News about You for the Ethiopian eunuch,

C have mercy on us.

P O Christ, who are Yourself the full manifestation of the love of God for all people,

C have mercy on us.

P O Lord, who tenderly invites us to abide in You as You promise to abide in us,

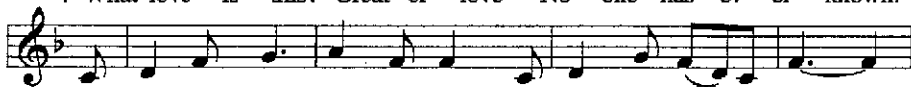
C have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

When I Behold Jesus Christ



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great-er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less-ness ex - plain.
On Gol-go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God—this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Acts 8:26–40

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1 John 4:1–11

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Rom. 6:9; John 14:23

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, The Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your

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A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es,
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5. Christ, the way that leads unailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.
6. Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection,
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration
 And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit
 And to You eternally. Amen

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SERMON

"A GOOD COMPLAINT"

Acts 8:26-40

- I. In our text, Philip explains the Bible to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- II. As God teaches us His Word, we are able to explain the Bible to others.

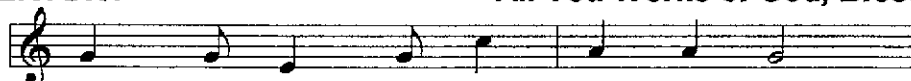
♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds"

♩ OFFERTORY

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:

Refrain



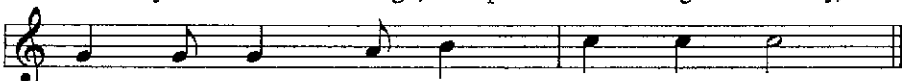
Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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| <p>5. Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6. Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☐ Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, You are greater than all and have been given the name that is above every name. Grant us discernment to test all spirits. Tune our hearts to listen to Your voice, and draw us away from the voices that clamor to deceive us according to the spirits of this age. Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ hear our prayer.

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- P** Good Shepherd, Your Word is true and Your love is greater than any power on earth. Fill with Your love Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Allen Anderson, our District President; Joe Murphy, our Circuit Visitor, and all those who speak in Your name to others. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious King, Your kingdom is greater than all, and Your rule is limitless and unbounded. Grant that the rulers of the kingdoms of this world would bow their knees to Your gracious reign, seeking only the knowledge of Your will and the power to carry it out. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Great Physician, Your healing power is greater than all the technology of human invention. Be at work for good through the vocations of all healthcare professionals, workers, and caregivers that those who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [including . . .], would know the nearness of Your presence and experience the joy that comes from abiding in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Hope of all the saints, You have purposed and prepared a future greater than we can imagine in Your creation of a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. Bring us together with all Your saints to experience Your love together gathered around the throne of the Lamb, who loves all people and gave Himself for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \dagger give you His peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Blessed Spring



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
4 As	win - ter	comes,	as	win - ters	must,	We	breathe
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Don Johnson]

POSTLUDE

“He’s Risen”

by Jeffrey Blersch

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

May 6: “Love One Another As I Have Loved You”; Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, Guest Speaker
 Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people. (John 15:9-17)