



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Calvary Lutheran Church
May 2, 2021

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised



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.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Today we celebrate the Risen Lord, who has power over our sins, the evil of the world, and even death itself. Together, let us seek the forgiveness made possible by Jesus' own death and resurrection that we might be made new.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)

P: O God of mercy and love,

C: **we confess that we are enslaved by sin and need you to free us. 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 neighbor as ourselves. We ask on this day, that for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, you would have mercy on us. Resurrect us O God, and bring about new life in ourselves, in our community and in the world. C: Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims on this day, "Do not be afraid!" It is My joy to pronounce to you now that in the name and by the stead of Our own Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, (+) and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Middaugh

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

The first reading is from Acts the eighth chapter.

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." **27** So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, **28** and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." **30** Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. **31** "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was

reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **33** In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" **35** Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. **36** As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized? " **38** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. **40** Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

I Will Praise You Lord – Michel Guimont

I will praise you, Lord, in the as -
sem - bly of your peo - ple.

My vows I will pay before those who
fear God.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
Those who seek the LORD shall praise the
LORD.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to
the LORD,
all families of the nations shall bow down
in awe.
They shall bow down in awe, all the

mighty of the earth,
all who must die and go down to the
dust. R.

My soul shall live for God and my
children too shall serve.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations
yet to come;
declare to those unborn, the faithfulness
of God.
“These things the LORD has done.” R.

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SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

The Second Reading is from 1 John chapter four.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **13** This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. **16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us

this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and face the Celebrant)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel is from Saint John, the fifteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words

remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Beloved Community

Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



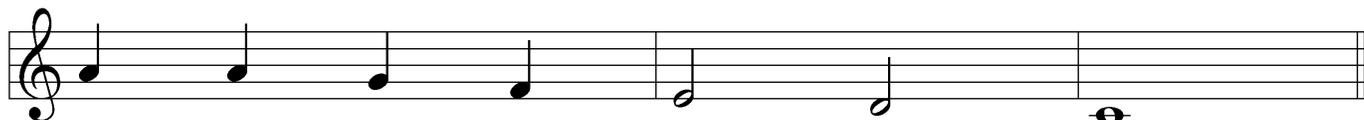
1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with
2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he
3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the
4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his



prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
plant - ed here to bear the choic - est fruit for him.
dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.
win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your



branch, with your rich life in me.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: GRANTON, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. P: Lift up your hearts.

C: And also with you. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord: for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin. Who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim. We praise your name and join their unending hymn

SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P: O Holy God, we give you thanks that on this day we have seen the resurrected face of our savior and redeemer Jesus the Christ. Through all generations you have sustained your people with new life.

To chaos of the flood you gave a sign of promise
To the barrenness Abraham and Sarah you gave a child
In Egypt you heard Israel cry and liberated them
In the wilderness you upheld their life through daily bread
In exile you promised your people hope of new pathways
And in Jesus you revealed the depth of your forgiving love

O Merciful Father, you are faithful, let us sing with new hearts to the Glory of your holy and eternal name.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat! This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

To us your people, in slavery, in exile, in the wilderness we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

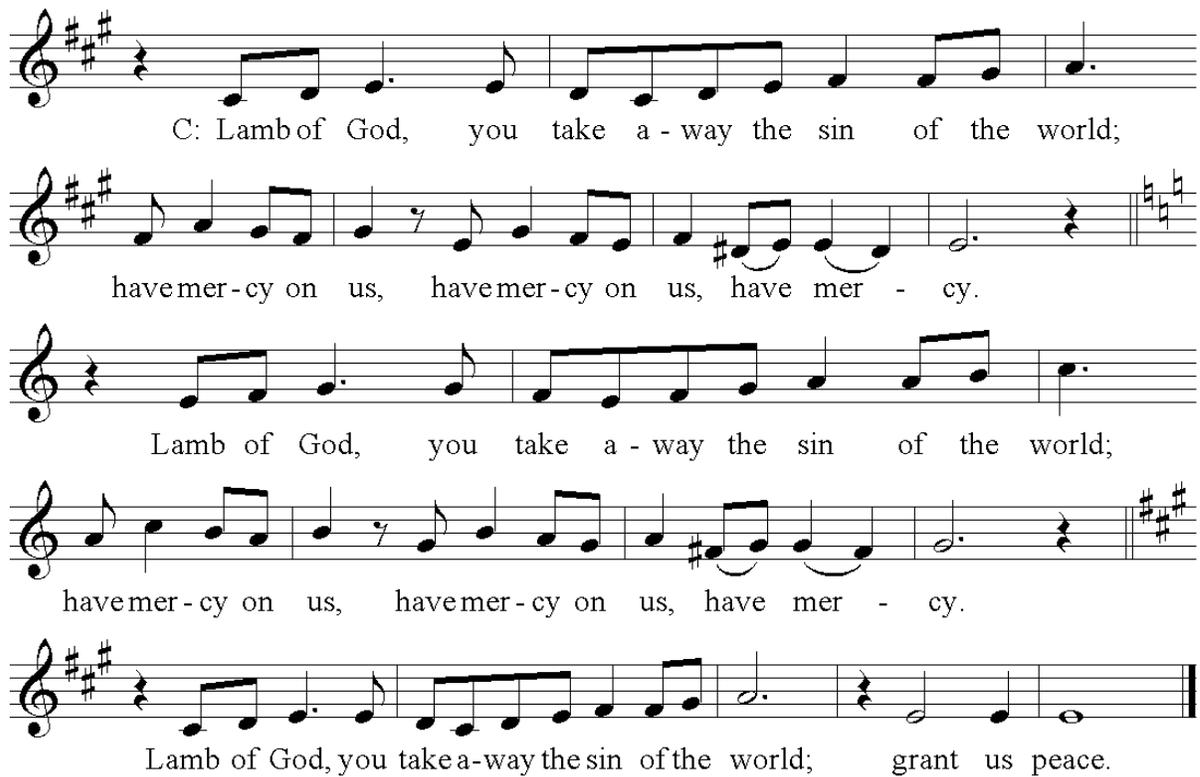
Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Come, receive this free gift of forgiveness and love poured out for you by our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE DISMISSAL

P: May the truly present Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

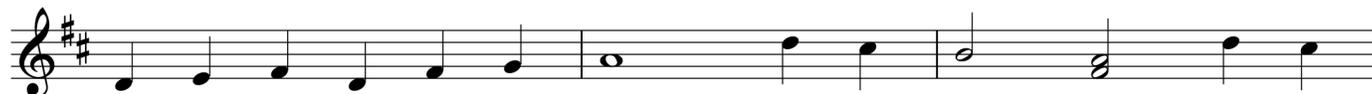
C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There -
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer through your



liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re -
liv - ing!" Now still he comes to give us life And
tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That



peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has
by his pres - ence stills all strife. Christ ha
by our lives we tru - ly say: "Christ has



tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" *Al - le -*
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

P: The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Reverend Michael Middaugh

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Brian Priebe

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Flute

Keturah Kiehl

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