



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

Join the 10:00am livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings of our past services on our YouTube channel.



Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

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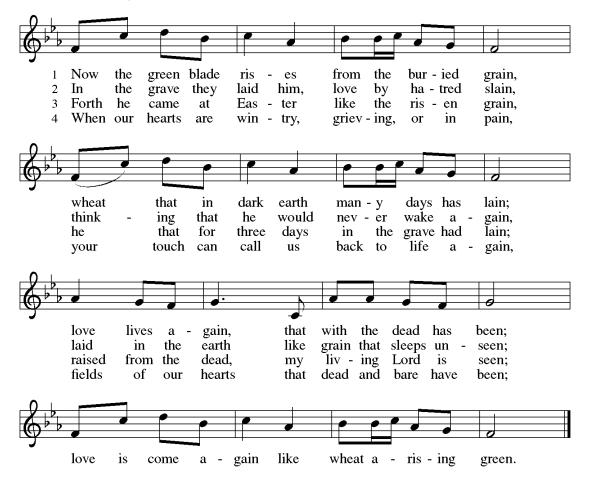
Prelude

Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

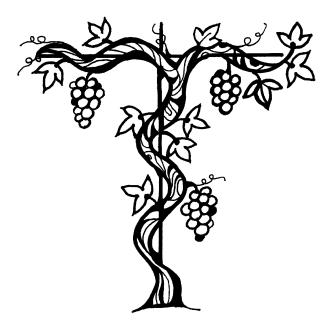
ELW #379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"



P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**



Hymn of Praise

W&P #170 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"



First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside 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 silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-¹ fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- [|] tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people [|] yet unborn, saying to them, "The [|] LORD has acted!"

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.

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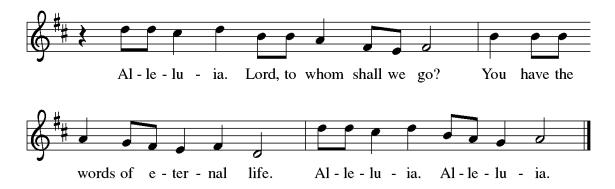
1 John 4:7-21

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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

[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."

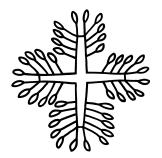
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat Acclamation)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day



Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

- A: Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Sandy, Lucas, Pastor Teffu, Raymond, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.

The Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering



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Offertory Hymn

W&P #150 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

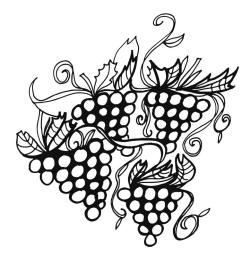
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

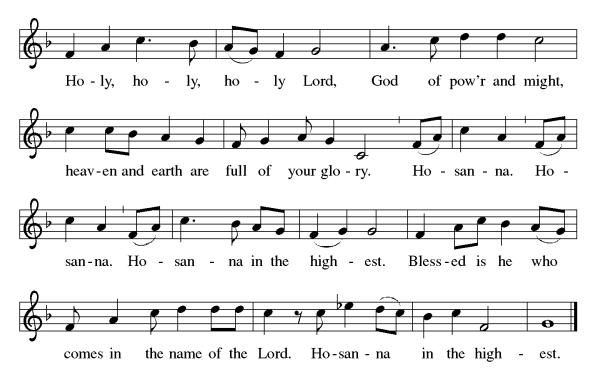
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times...... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus



- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- P: 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 for the remembrance of me.
- P: 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.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.





- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C: Our Father in heaven,
 - hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.



Communion Hymn



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Communion Hymn con't ELW 3493 "Taste and See" O. 2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with To - geth-er let us me. • 3 • 0 θ the Lord, who an - swered praise God's name. called all I Refrain 3-• θ from all my trou-bles I was set free. me; Lord, You'll want for 3 Wor-ship the all you peo-ple. · 3 θ θ ð noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is Refrain - 3 -Г 0 θ Ο put all our good; in God we need trust.

Post Communion Blessing

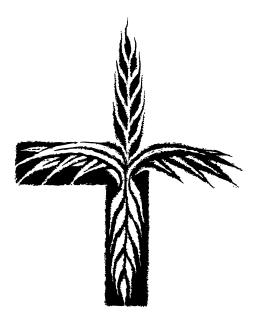
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.





Announcements

Blessing

- P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
 Almighty God, Father, ⊕ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Dismissal

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacons: Jennifer Phillips & Christina Formeller
Lectors: Marne Turner & Linda Storbeck
Greeter: Betsy Ries
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Important Dates to note:

- April 28th: Council meeting at 11:15am in gym
- May 4th: Migrant Resource Fair (see pg. 25 for how to volunteer!)
- May 5th: Stewardship Fellowship Hour following worship
- May 12th: 'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm: Mother's Day celebration

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Calling for Volunteers! May 4th 10am-1pm at 3300 N Whipple

Please join us for a **Concordia Place Family Volunteer** event supporting our Migrant Services program.

Our first ever Migrant Community Resource Fair will be held at Concordia on Whipple and we need your help! The day's activities include food, activities, and a free children's performance by the <u>MadHatters Theatrical Literacy</u> <u>Program</u>. Volunteers will staff tables to share community resources, food, and/or a simple children's craft activity and games. We welcome all volunteers; please let us know if you speak Spanish when signing up!

Contact Kiki Collias to sign up—information on page 25!

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Save the Date

Join us for the Resource Fair for New Arrivals



Saturday May 4th

10am to 1pm

Concordia Place 3300 N. Whipple Ave. Chicago, IL 60618

- Resource Organizations - Children's Entertainment - Refreshments

To volunteer or for more information please contact Kiki Collias at kcollias@concordiaplace.org

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Hymn of Praise

Opening Hymn

Gospel Acclamation

Hymn of the Day

ELW #368 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt. Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

Offertory Hymn

W&P #150 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Sanctus

Communion Hymn

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34 Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr. Text and music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Closing Hymn

ELW #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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"Alleluia" Setting 3

"This is the Feast" Setting 3

ELW #493 "Taste and See"

Setting 3

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