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✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠
✠ Confirmation Sunday ✠
May 2, 2021—8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*”, as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament, not to participate yet in the eating and drinking, but to receive a blessing from the Pastor. God bless your sharing in this wonderful Gift.

Welcome: The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ’s vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Altar Flowers

This morning’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mike and Denise Klaus in celebration of Denise’s birthday and by Ralph and Ellen Newman in celebration of their 63rd anniversary and Ralph’s 89th birthday.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communion Procedure: Individually packaged wafers and wine/grape juice is available in the narthex as you come in. Take one of each with you to your seat. When it is time for Holy Communion, you will stay in your seat and take the body and blood when Pastor indicates.



Parking Lot: Listen in your car on FM 93.7

Prelude

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11

P The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C in those who hope in His steadfast love.

P Taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
C **In wisdom have You made them all.**

P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
C **may the LORD rejoice in His works.**

Confession and Absolution

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.

C **Amen.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WOVS 770



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. (Fine)



I was there when you were but a child, with a
 If you find some - one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

Text: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: WATERLIFE, John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

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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.

Second 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.

Choir Anthem (10:45) "How Beautiful"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 975



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Sermon

Abide

Offering

During this time of crises we have put the following methods in place for you to contribute your offerings: <https://gloriadeihudson.org/donate.html>. An offering plate is provided near the church entry for those who prefer to leave their offering there. We continue to encourage Simply Giving and online giving.

✠ Rite of Confirmation ✠

Confirmation Address

DCE: When Baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your parents and Baptismal sponsors promised to faithfully bring you to worship the Triune God, to teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You have been instructed in Baptism & the real presence of Holy Communion of the Lutheran Church. You have been taught the church year and accounts of the Holy Bible. You have been an active communicant member in the Holy Christian Church. Now today, you have the opportunity to confess your faith publicly.

Confirmands: We thank God for giving us faithful parents who are fulfilling their promises made at our Baptisms.

P Jesus says, "Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven." So be bold and courageous, set your hearts on Jesus, and answer the questions I ask you in the name of the Lord.

Confirmation Questions

P Do you this day acknowledge in the presence of God and this congregation that you have received God's gifts of faith, forgiveness, and salvation through your Baptism?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and Congregation: Yes,

**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
thence 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**

P Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments are God's inspired Word?

Confirmands: I do.

P Do you hold to the teachings of the Lutheran Church, as you have learned them through the Small Catechism? And do you believe they are faithful, true and consistent with the Bible's teachings?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to God's Word, and to remain true to God in faith, word and deed, even until you die?

Confirmands: I do by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this faith and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P God be praised for His work in your life through Baptism and His Word! You have confessed your faith in Jesus, and Jesus acknowledges you as one of His own. Your sins are forgiven! Remain in God's Word. Receive His body and blood in Holy Communion. And may He who has begun a good work in you bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands: Amen.

Confirmation Blessing & Laying on of Hands

P "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

— II Timothy 1:6

Pastor speaks a blessing on each confirmand individually & Bob Brantsch says their confirmation verse as he delivers their confirmation certificate.

Welcome

DCE: Through Baptism, instruction, and participation in the life of the church, God has made these young people active participants of the faith we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you as Confirmed members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Holy Christian church, and the communion of saints. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

DCE: Let us pray.

C **Creator God, thank You for these young people who stand before us now.**

DCE: Thank You for these parents and family members that support and love them.

C **As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Jesus, and their trust in the guidance by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

DCE: Fill them with a holy desire to live as Your people, and help them find their place in our mission:

C **Gathering People to Christ, Building Believers in Christ, Serving the World as Christ.**

DCE: Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

A Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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

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."

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."

Proclamation of Christ

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:26

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

—Revelation 22:20

The Peace

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

G And also with you.

Communion Distribution

P The body of Christ given for you.

Open the container and eat the wafer.

P The blood of Christ shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

Open the container with the wine/grape juice and drink it. Please replace the lid so the wine doesn't drip out.

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant that we ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

G Amen.

Blessing

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.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Postlude

Confirmation Class 2021



8:15

Benjamin Anthony Beucler

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. – John 11:25-26

Alec William Brodbeck

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

Adam Christopher Halford

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. – Jeremiah 29:11

Peter Bailey Watkins

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. – Galatians 3:26-27

10:45

Andrew Robert Brantsch

I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. – John 15:5

Eva Danielle Hatchett

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

Liam James Huston

Surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. – Matthew 28:20

Devin Lynn Jagger

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

Lucy Christine Tritten

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. – Psalm 118:1

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