

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

April 28, 2024 + 9:30 am

Christ the vine

Learn Live and Share God's Word

In baptism we are grafted into the vine of Christ

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them.*

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

arr. Rick Founds

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 378

“Now The Green Blade Rises”

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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GREETING

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST *(hymn)* ELW 880

“O God Beyond All Praising”

stanza 1

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;**

for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus
interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING OF MUSIC

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian diplomat Acts 8:26–40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

Luke writes:

An 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.

... Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:25–31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (22:27)

A I will sing of you in the great assembly,
make good my promise before your faithful.

C The poor shall eat all they want.

Seekers of God shall give praise.

“May your hearts live for ever!”

A All people shall remember and turn,
all races will bow to the Lord,
who holds dominion over nations.

**C The well-fed crowd kneel before God,
all destined to die bow low.**

A My soul lives for the Lord!

**C My children will serve,
will proclaim God to the future,
announcing to peoples yet unborn,
“God saves.”**

A All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Loving one another

1 John 4:7–21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Beloved, 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.

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.

... Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

tune: ELW 386

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus gave his life for us, Rose from death victorious.

I am the vine, draw life from me. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Christ the vine

John 15:1–8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says:

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses. ELW 386

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 449

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!**
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!**
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!**

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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.*

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C **Risen Christ, receive these gifts,
with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,
that our eyes may be opened
to see your presence among us,
and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.
Amen.**

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

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.**

P ... and join their unending hymn:

(setting 3, p. 144)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (1789)

**C Our Father who art 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting10; ELW page 208

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,
we pray.**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;

**eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,
we pray.**

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our
Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.

*They told what had happened on the road and
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

SENDING DIALOG

A We have heard the holy and saving gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.**

A We have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

C **We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation**

in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.

P Go out from this Easter assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

C Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 367

"Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound"

arr. A. D. Miller

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Karen Moeller, *assisting minister*

Rich Feist, *reader*

Mt Carmel youth, *crucifer, banners; bell tree*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Dave and Julie Larson, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson and Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Doug Jacobsen, *bus ministry*

Myrna Flatland, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Connie Wegner
in memory of Jim Wegner.

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can volunteer to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Blow leaves out of front lawn shrubs	Pastor C	this week
Spring cleaning day		Saturday, May 4, 9 am
Dramatized 1 st reading – 3 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, May 12 Ascension
FMSC Pack at the Park	Audrey Erickson	May 22, morning
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Annual budget team	Karen Moeller	new team established by cong. council
“Dust the wallpaper”	Steve: spring cleaning	pick a room, any room

WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

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Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



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