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# THE CONNECTION

April 28, 2024  
10:30am



**PRELUDE / WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

**WORSHIP SONG “This Is My Commandment”**

1 This is my commandment,  
That you love one another,  
That your joy may be full.  
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That your joy may be full.

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This is my commandment,  
That you love one another,  
That your joy may be full.

2 This is my commandment,  
That you trust one another...

3 This is my commandment,  
That you serve one another...

**(Please stand)**

*Text: John 15:11-12, Tune: unknown*

**INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup>An 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. <sup>27</sup>And 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And 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?"

*(continued...)*

<sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And 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

## **SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In 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. <sup>10</sup>In 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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No

**(Please stand)**

## **GOSPEL READING John 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every 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. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that

rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L. Here ends the first reading.

one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

L. Here ends the second reading.

bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**(Please sit)**

## **TITHES & OFFERING**

*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE SONG "I've Got the Joy" (stanzas 1-4)**

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart!  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart.  
Down in my heart to stay!

And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay!  
And it's a joy that needs revealing,  
So I just want to say:

2 I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart!  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay!

And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay!  
And it's a love that needs revealing,  
So I just want to say:

3 I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart!  
I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay!

And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay!  
And it's a peace that needs revealing,  
So I just want to say:

*(continued...)*

4 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,  
 Down in my heart, down in my heart!  
 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,  
 Down in my heart to stay!

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## **MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**“THE VINE, VINEDRESSER, AND THE FRUIT”**

*(Text: John 15:1-2)*

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**BAPTISM SONG “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LSB 601, sts. 1-2**

**BAPTISM OF Jaiden Rose Burkhart**

*Baptismal Liturgy, then...*

P. Finally, Jaiden, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God's name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.

**C. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

P. Let us pray.

P. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family. We thank You for bringing Jaiden to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround Jaiden with your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Jaiden from the temptations of this world and bless her to join us in the life of faith.

P. The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal.  
 The peace of Christ ☩ be with you.

**C. Amen.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS by Profession of Faith**

Jamie & Erin Brandt (children Ellie & Leo)

Nicholas & Jaiden Burkhart (child Colton)

Gage & Natasha Kranz

*Reception of New Members, then...*

P. Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

P. Let us pray.

P. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

*The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name.  
The rite concludes with the following blessing:*

P. The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C. Amen.**

*The new members return to their places.*

**SONG "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" LSB 865, sts. 1-4**

**(Please stand)**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

**CLOSING SONG “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803, sts. 1-2**

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

✝ To GOD Alone Be All Glory ✝

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## **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**



**A potluck will be held in honor of our newest members following the service. Please be sure to join us in welcoming these wonderful young families. Bring a dish to share and introduce yourself!**