

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen

## BENEDICTION

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

C. Amen

Please sit

## CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB 632 (stanzas 1-2)

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 5:30 PM & 8:00 AM services. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

## PRE-SERVICE AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please fill out Friendship Pads)*

OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LSB 807 (stanzas 1-5)

Please stand

## INVOCATION

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

C. Amen

## CONFESSION

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

P. People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and on His behalf, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

**PSALM 150** *(spoken responsively)*

P. <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

C. <sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P. <sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C. <sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

P. <sup>5</sup>Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C. <sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

**AND TO THE SON**

**AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING;**

**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER.**

**AMEN.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST LESSON**

**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,

*(continued...)*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 glory forever and ever. Amen**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P. You are welcome to come to the Lord's Table.

C. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"What Is This Bread"**

*LSB 629 (stanzas 1-5)*

**"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

*LSB 633 (stanzas 1-8)*

*After the distribution—please stand*

**DISMISSAL**

P. The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting.

C. **Amen**

**HYMN “Jesus Is God’s Living Vine”** (stanzas 5-7)  
(Sung to the tune of “Thine Forever, God of Love” LSB 687)

5 In God’s love we all shall grow  
And to others we shall show,  
In the things we say and do,  
How Lord Jesus loves them too.

6 Jesus said, “My joy is yours!  
I’ll be with you through the years!  
Your joy will be full and free  
As you live and trust in Me!”

7 Δ Praise to God the Father sing;  
To Lord Jesus praises bring;  
Praises to the Spirit be!  
Praise the Holy Trinity!

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**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**Please stand**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

P. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen**

“See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

<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

**SECOND LESSON**

<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 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

on his way 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. This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

**1 John 4:7-21**

him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>By 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If 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. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-8**

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

**C. Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser. <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 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

*(continued...)*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Jesus Is God’s Living Vine”** (stanzas 1-4)  
*(Sung to the tune of “Thine Forever, God of Love” LSB 687)*

1 Jesus is God’s living vine;  
I am His and He is mine,  
For my sins were washed away  
On my bless’d baptismal day.

2 We’re connected to God’s vine  
Of Lord Jesus Christ divine!  
In Him we’re from sin set free  
For He died for you and me.

3 We are branches on God’s vine;  
We are part of God’s design.  
We can share God’s love with all  
Whether they are great or small.

4 As His branch we bear good fruit!  
We’re connected to the root  
Who from all God’s blessings run—  
Jesus, God’s most precious Son!

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

*(Text: John 15:1-2)*  
*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*