



♣ Sunday, April 28, 2024
 ♣ Fifth Sunday of Easter
 ♣ 8:30 am Traditional Service

## Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

# **Holy Communion**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup>& 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

#### **To Our Guests**

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

#### **Restrooms**

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by the LWML

## Prelude: "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" by Michael Burkhardt

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Please stand



- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- **C** to God my exceeding joy.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Christ is Risen. He is Risen, indeed; Alleluia. What joy in knowing that our Savior suffered, died, and rose for us. He did this to pay the price for our sins and set things right with the Father. Because of this payment we can stand confident and believe that our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Christ is Risen.
- **C** He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

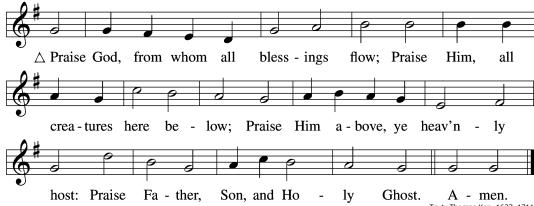
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
  - O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are 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.



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Please be seated

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

A It would be great if the Word of God moved all people in this way. The Eunuch hears the word and immediately asks to be baptized. He is moved in such a way by the Spirit of God that he does not even question, but in joy desires to be baptized, brought into the family of God. May God's word move you in such joy every day. The first reading is from Acts chapther 8:

<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.

33In 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?" <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 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

1 John 4:1-21

Is love a feeling or action? Here, John reminds us that love is both. Along with recognizing we are loved, we need to actively love God and our neighbor, for anyone that does not love, does not know God. Remember, God sent Jesus into this world so that we might live through Him, and in that life learn to love others. Through life in Christ, let us love as God calls us to love. The second reading is from first John chapter 4.

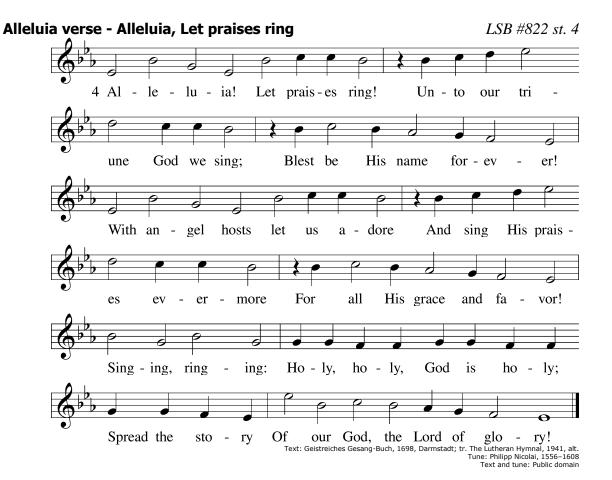
<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and 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. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

<sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We 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.

<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 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

What does it mean to throw something away? Similar to that, Jesus tells the people "if anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away." Those are harsh words. Yet, they are words we must hear. The truth is that if we trust in the Lord with all of our heart, then we will also abide in Him. Therefore, there is no need to worry about being thrown away. Abide in Jesus, trust in His promise, and recognize you are part of the vine. The Holy Gospel is from John chapter 15:

<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 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.

## **Apostles' Creed**

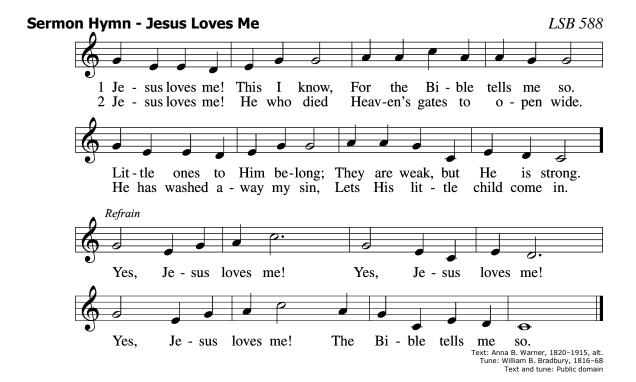
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

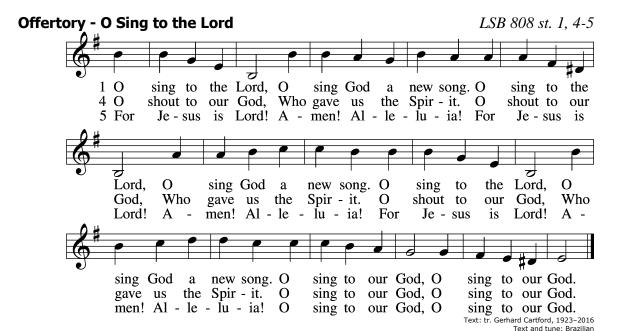
## Please be seated



Sermon

Trash, that is not good.

Offering: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Phil Lehenbauer



**Opening Versicles** 

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- **P** O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O 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.

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- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** let my cry come to You.
- **P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- **C** for You answer me.
- P Hide Your face from my sins,
- **C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P Cast me not away from Your presence,
- and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- **C** my lips will praise You.
- **P** For You have been my help,
- and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- **C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- **C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- **P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- **C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- **P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- **C** listen to my plea for grace.

## **Prayer of the Church**

- Priends 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.
- 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.

- E 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 those who are sick, hospitalized, lonely, depressed, struggling with any issue, and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

# **Prayer**

- **P** Let us pray together:
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

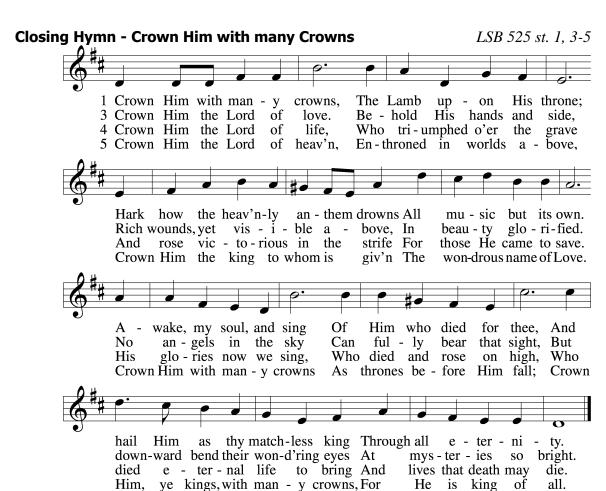
#### **Benediction**

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- 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.



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#### The Dismissal

- P Christ is Risen!
- C He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!
- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in D Major" by Henry Purcell

## **Acknowledgments**

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\$\psi 8:30 am − A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

\$\frac{1}{2}9:30 am - Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

**†10:30** am − Praise Service − A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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