

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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OPENING HYMN *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”* **LSB 571**

+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION + **LSB 151**

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

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,.

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gather to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

+ INTROIT + **Ps. 145:1-2,8,10,21; antiphon: John 16:16**

Pastor: A little while and you will see me no longer;

Cong: and again a little while, and you will see me.

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King,

Cong.: and bless your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Every day I will bless you

Cong.: and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

Cong.: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

Cong: and all your saints shall bless you!

Pastor: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD

Cong: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Cong.: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.

+ KYRIE +

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE+ (sung) *“This is the Feast of Victory”*

LSB 155

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain:

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Refrain:

3. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain:

5. For the Lamb who was slain

Has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Final Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south^[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?”^[b] ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

1John 4:1-21

4 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. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** 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. **4** 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. **5** They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. **6** 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. **7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** 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. **10** 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. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** 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. **17** 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. **18** 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. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** 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^[a] love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God!

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+

LSB 156

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.*

Alleluia, alleluia

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** +

John 15:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

LSB 633

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 159

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 159

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.

Cong.: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

CREATE IN ME

LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up-hold me
with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER +

LSB 162

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen**

+THE BENEDICTION+

LSB 166

Cong.: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” **LSB 596**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



Rev. Patrick Poock
Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Mark Fluegge 28th
Louis Courtney 30th
Sandra Oliver 1st
Susan Hinrich 3rd
Sandra Piper 4th

Happy Anniversary

Dick & Barbara Russ 28th (62 yrs)
Dr. Krishan & Barbara Nayyar 29th
(48 yrs)
Norm & Rosanna Markel Bothun 2nd
(5 yrs)
Ken & Nancy Scheer 2nd (60 yrs)
Silas & Kate Poock 3rd (3 yrs)

Monday, April 29th

6:30 pm Grief Share

Wednesday, May 1st

3:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:30 pm Bible Study

Looking Ahead

May 6th Grief Share 6:30 pm
May 7th Board of Elders Mtg 9:00
am
May 8th Women of Faith 9:00 am
May 9th LWML Meeting 10:00 am
May 10th Movie Night 5:30 pm

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT
FAITH:**

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Coffee Bites