



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior

Introduction and Announcements

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 described 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.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Saints and Siblings in Christ: here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

People of God: here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Gathering Hymn

Every Morning is Easter Morning

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Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo, Lord, hel - lo, sun!
 2 Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel - dom gets heard.
 3 Yes - ter - day I was bored and lone - ly; but to - day look and see!

I am one of the Eas - ter Peo-ple! My new life has be - gun!
 Get it straight from the Eas - ter Peo-ple! God's in charge spread the word!
 I be-long to the Eas - ter Peo-ple! Life's ex - cit - ing to me! (to Coda)

Gathering

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!**

Morning Prayer

ELW p.298

L: O Lord, o - pen my lips, C: and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

C: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalmody

Al - le - lu - ia.

ELW p.299

L: Give glory to God, our light and our life. C: Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Canticle

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

1 Let us come be-fore God's
pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the
Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great
God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods. *Refrain*

2 In your hand are the
cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so
yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your
hands have mold - ed the dry land. *Refrain*

3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow
down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the
Lord is our God, and we are the peo - ple of God's
nas - ture and the sheep of God's hand. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

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. **Amen.**

Readings

Jenny Carey Dudderar

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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Psalm 22:25-31

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

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Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

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Gospel Acclamation

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**Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Gospel: John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Tanner Howard



1 The rice of life from heav - en came to
 2 True rice the hun - gry world has fed, the
 3 The rice of God for all is meant; no
 4 The liv - ing rice, for all a sign, came



bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's
 rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's
 one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom
 down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the



mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
 mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.
 God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.
 liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: God of Grace, C: Hear our prayer.

Peace

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, Alleluia! (x2)

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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!

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

All are welcome at God's table of grace. Today we will receive communion via intinction. At the usher's direction, come forward and receive the bread (gluten free wafers are available), then dip your wafer into the Red wine or the White grape juice. You may also come for a blessing – simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward.

Communion Music

Lamb of God

ELW p.191

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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Blessing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters!! We are still in need of Greeters.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex on the Kiosk for the whole year. The Greeters job will be: welcome people coming to church; make sure they have their name tags; if they are guests have them sign the book; give assistance to anyone not sure where to go; invite them for coffee after worship.

PrayGround: Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome and wanted in worship. We love having children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front of the sanctuary on the right side that is our designated PrayGround, where kids can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them while they are using the PrayGround, in case they need assistance.

Coins for the Community. We are still collecting coins every month. For April and May we will be collecting for the Welcome Corps program to help Amena and her family. Thank you in advance for your help. Harbor House ended up with \$43.69. One coin at a time makes a difference.

NEW Sunday Evening Worship: Want to come to worship, but can't make Sunday mornings? We're excited to start offering a Sunday night service just for you. A combination of worship service with an element of reflection, contemplation and mediation. It's a great way to start your week with a calming and peaceful service to quiet your mind and talk to God.

Please join us and come as you are. Evening Prayer Service
Every Sunday starting at 6:30 pm
Holy Trinity Chapel at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pictorial Directory – Have you signed up for pictures yet? The last day to sign up for pictures is May 12th. There are still a few times open on this date. The sign up sheet is on the Kiosk. Sandy Breitzmann has been calling people to see if they would like to sign up.

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Rev. Tanner Howard, Pastor (email – tanner@plcsuperior.org)

Pianist: Lorelei Holland Violinist: Eliza Wilson Organist: David Tryggestad

Choir Director: Curt Hanson

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Helpers for Today, April 28

Ushers – Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.; Greg Elonen, Elaine Arnovich,
Dean & Katherine McCall

Sound system– Tyler

Worship Asst. – Jenny Carey Dudderar

Altar Guild – Laura and Greg

Hospitality – Matt & Courtney Dietsche

Greeter – Eileen Ward

Helpers for next week, May 5

Ushers – Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.; Floyd Cochran, Clyde Johnson, Mary Matheson
and Joan Altman

Sound system– Fred

Worship Asst. – Colleen Elonen

Altar Guild – Rachel and Colleen

Hospitality – Barb Manion

Greeter – **Anyone??**

This week at a glance:

Monday –

4:00-5:00 piano lessons- Zach

Tuesday –

12:00-12:30; 2:30-3:30 p.m. violin lessons, Eliza

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5:30 Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 Praise Practice

Wednesday –

3:00-7:30 p.m. violin lessons, Eliza

3:00-4:00 piano lessons- Zach

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap (at Tap on Tower, 1106 Tower Ave.)

Thursday –

10:00 Bible Study today (at Pilgrim in the Chapel)

8:00-8:45 a.m., 6:15-6:45 p.m. violin lessons, Eliza

3:00-6:30 piano lessons-Zach

Friday –

4:00-6:45 p.m. violin lessons, Eliza

Next Sunday –

9:30 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

10:45-11:15 a.m. violin lessons, Eliza (youth room)

4:00 NA meeting

6:30 Evening Worship

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Then 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.) So 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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 silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As 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?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When 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. But 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So 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.

Love 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. There 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. We love because he first loved us. Those 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Please Read: Please stand for the Gospel as you are able

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Pastor Tanner

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 bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

”I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide 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. I 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My 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.**