

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021

*As we continue with in-person Sunday worship, for the next few weeks the recorded service will be held in the West transept with the Altar placed in front of the Columbarium. This placement is a way to remind us of our joint worship with the Saints in light. As tradition holds the clergy would stand in front of the congregation (church militant) and before the Saints and choirs of heaven (church triumphant). It is a subtle, but beautiful reminder that we worship with the Saints always.*

**PRELUDE** Adagio from Symphony No. 5 | Charles-Marie Widor

## Gathering

**HYMN #367** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Word**

### **READING** *1 John 4:7-21*

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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY LBW #378** Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with  
2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he  
3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the  
4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his



prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.  
plant - ed here to bear the choic - est fruit for him.  
dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.  
win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your



branch, with your rich life in me.

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Music: GRANTON, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Meal**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **Sending**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE** Sketch in C Major | Robert Schumann

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## Serving today

Presiding	Pastor Brad Pohlman
Preaching	Vicar Leif Kratzke Nelson
Organist	Andrew Schaeffer
Cantor	Sandy Erickson

Altar flowers were given by Cris Enslin in memory of Jon Enslin.

Today we welcome new members (in absentia) Wesley Sonheim, UW graduate student, and Carol Reitz, sister of LM member Kathy Bradley.

### **Luther Memorial Church staff**

The Rev. Brad Pohlman, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. John Worzala Dumke, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Rebecca Ninke, Visitation Pastor  
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The Rev. Emily Tveite

### **Parroquia Santa Maria**

The Rev. Kirsten Worzala Dumke, Mission Pastor

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The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Synod Bishop

