

# Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Drive-In Worship ~ April 28, 2024 ~ 9:00am**  
*(Worshipping outside as weather permits)*

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## **WELCOME**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Look, 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. Look, 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.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



# GATHERING SONG: *Refiner's Fire*

Words and Music by  
Brian Doerksen



1. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — let me be as gold and  
2. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — cleanse me from with - in and



pre - cious sil - ver. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — let me be as gold,  
make me ho - ly. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — cleanse me from my sin,

§ **CHORUS**



pure — gold. Re - fin - er's — fire: — My heart's — one de - sire .  
deep with-in.



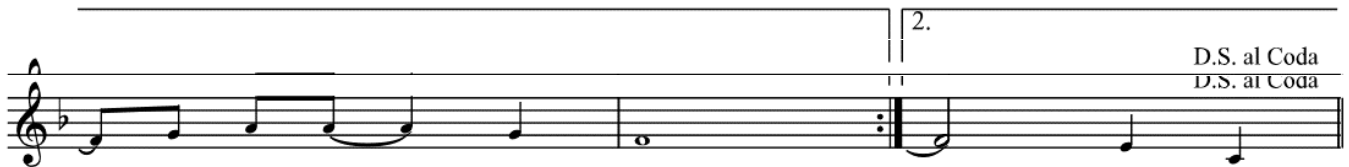
— is to be ho - ly, set — a - part for You, .



— Lord. I choose to be ho - ly, set — a - part for — You, .



— my Mas - ter; Read - y to — do — Your — will. —



D.S. al Coda  
D.S. al Coda



Read - y to — do — Your will. —

## **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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**

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.**

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

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives 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 do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <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 reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>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

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *Life in the Vine*

(see page 7)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams, and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*).

Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those sitting next to you with these or similar words: “Peace be with you.”*

## **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.**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing our people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come!

**Thanks be to God!**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.*

*\* In person you may come towards the pastors to receive the bread first, then wine.*

*\* If you're online you may use any bread or cracker, wine, or juice.*

*\*If others are with you, you may take turns sharing the bread and wine. Eat or give the bread, saying: "The body of Christ given for you." Drink or give the wine, saying: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

*\*You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *Cry of My Heart*

*(see page 8)*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



**Offering:** Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

*Consider using one of these options for consistent giving over the summer months:*

- 1) **QR Code** ([secure.myvanco.com](https://secure.myvanco.com)), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal service** to the church address.
- 3) Place offering in the **basket** as you enter for worship.

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## Serving Today

**Preacher:** Pastor Dave Skole, **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Keyser,

**Greeters:** Bruce & Julie Swanson, Fiona Schulz, **Reader:** Julie Swanson,

**Technical Support:** Josh Skole, Sean Rider, **Musicians:** Kim Mucha, Warren Burger, Angie Covington, Michael Edwards, Gerry Oefelein, Bill Pearman, Tom Schulz, Sue Huntington, Josh Skole.

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# Life in the Vine

Lyrics by  
Ken Bible

Music by  
Conrad Kocher



1. Fa ther, all Your be - ing flows full and free thro' Christ the Vine.  
2. Prune me, Fa - ther. Cut a - way ev - 'ry fruit - less stem from me.  
3. Flow un - hin - dered, Love di - vine, heav - en's rich and ho - ly Breath!



See how heav - en's won - ders grow! Wa - ter chang - es in - to wine. All Your full - ness  
Trim from what I do and say all that's less than I should be, all that dark - ens  
Fill my hands and heart and mind, shar - ing all His life and death! Ev - 'ry mo - ment,



flows with - in as I just a - bide in Him  
love's pure light, all that is not Je - sus Christ.  
truth and light! Ev - 'ry mo - ment, Je - sus Christ.

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# Cry of My Heart

## CHORUS 1a



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart



to be close \_ to \_ You. It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

## CHORUS 1a



all of the days \_ of my life. \_ It is the cry of my heart



to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close \_ to \_ You.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low all of the days \_ of my life. \_

## VERSE



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1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, \_ oh Lord, \_  
2. O - pen my eyes so I \_ can see \_ the



so I can walk in Your truth. \_ Teach me Your ho - ly ways, .  
won - der - ful things that You do. \_ O - pen my heart up more .



— oh Lord, and make me whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa! \_  
— and more and make it whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa! \_