

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 29, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ..... LSB 700

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

*P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.*

**C: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.**

*P: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.*

**C: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!*

**C: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.*

**KYRIE, GLORIA, and COLLECT** ..... page 204

**FIRST READING** Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now 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. <sup>33</sup> In 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>37</sup> <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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 John 4:1-11*

<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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**



**These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that**



**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 15:1-8*

<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.**

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**HYMN** “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” ..... *LSB* 697

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” ..... *LSB* 625

**NUNC DIMITTIS** ..... page 211

**HYMN** “Love in Christ is Strong and Living” ..... *LSB* 706

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (4/29/18 – 5/6/18)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Spring Voters’ Meeting, 10:30am

**Tuesday:** Salad Supper, 5:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending April 22, 2018)**

General & Building Funds: \$14,964.96; Blessings: \$36.25; Road Sign: \$165.00; Undesignated Memorial: \$100.00

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 131

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**SPRING VOTERS MEETING** takes place this Sunday, April 29, at 10:30am, (following the fellowship time.)

**LADIES' GUILD SALAD SUPPER:** This Tuesday, May 1, beginning at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. Dave Ackerman will share memories of his recent trip to Israel. Sign up on the Ladies' Guild bulletin board or let Judy Saeger know if you are planning to attend.

Thank you to all who helped with the **SPRING CLEANUP DAY** on Saturday!

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to assist at the 2018 LCMS North Wisconsin District Convention. Pastor John Stransky, St. John, Easton, is the coordinator and would love to hear from you. The convention begins at 1:30 PM on Sunday, June 3 and will be completed by 5:00 PM Monday June 4. Volunteers will assist the district staff with various functions including registration and greeting. If you are available to help, please call Pastor John directly at 715-870-1700.

**APRIL HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** are going to The Open Door. Items needed are coffee, creamer, and sugar.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"When we see the unborn ... vulnerable, helpless, destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*