

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 9:00 am



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"Preach. Teach. Reach."

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

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

P 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!

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

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

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



GATHERING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

(as published by Vineyard Music USA)

Words and Music by
Brian Doerksen

CHORUS



Come, now is the time to wor - ship. Come,



now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor-



Last time to ending.

ship. Come, just as you are be - fore your God.

VERSE



Come.

1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess You are God.

2. Will ing - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives,



One day ev - 'ry knee will bow.

Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains

will - ing - ly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind



for those who glad - ly choose You now.

and strength, we glad - ly choose You now.____

ENDING



Come.

Come,

just as you are,

Come.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

C 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

R ²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



- R ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- R ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**
- R ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- C ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- R ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

- R ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
- R The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

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.

P Jesus said: ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan

Please rise.

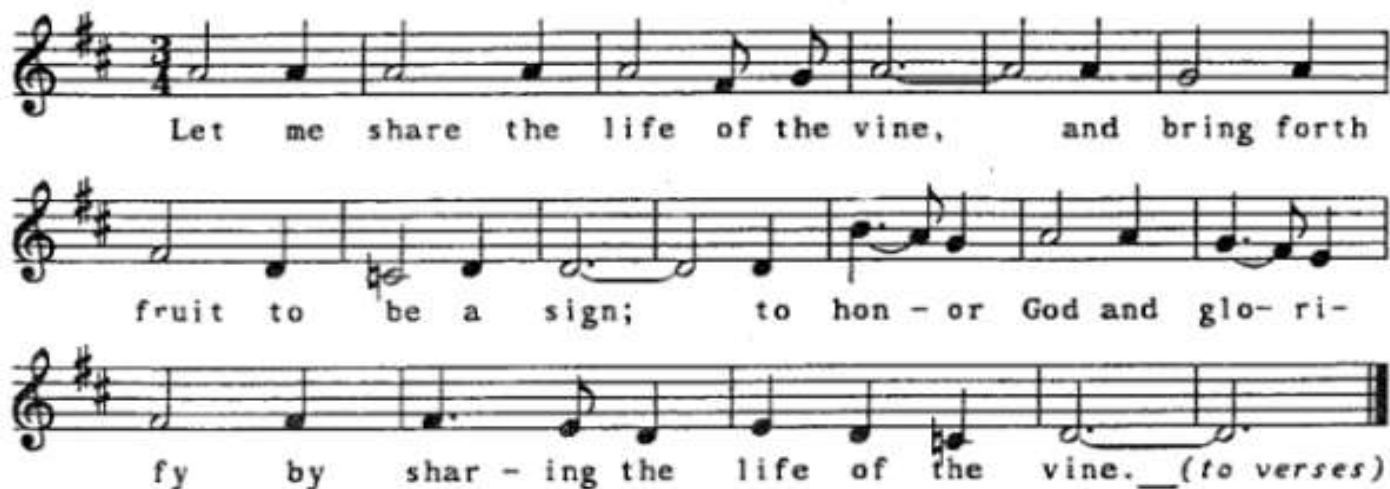


50. THE LIFE OF THE VINE

Based on John 15:1-16

Pr Jim Bean

REFRAIN



Let me share the life of the vine, and bring forth
fruit to be a sign; to hon - or God and glo - ri -
fy by shar - ing the life of the vine. (to verses)

VERSES 1-3



1. You are the vine, my Lord. A branch is all that I
2. No great-er love than this, Your life laid down for Your
3. This is all I could ask, To have your Word in my
am. _____ Graf- ted to Your self giv- ing tree, You've
friends. _____ This makes my joy com- plete, that
heart, _____ to live with you e - ter - nal- ly and
giv - en me a life that's free; a life that you have re-
You could be a friend to me and give me all that I
cho- sen be a fruit-ful tree, to share, my on - ly
stored. _____ (refrain)
ask. _____ (refrain)
task. _____ (refrain)

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THE NICENE CREED

C 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

R 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

R For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

R 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

R 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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 Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, Virginia Steward, June Chadwick, Martha Dallman, Marie McCoy, Jean Lothe, David Hanson, Peter Taylor, Carol Bean, Steve Chappell and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

Please rise.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow: praise him. all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

I Am The Vine

Chorus

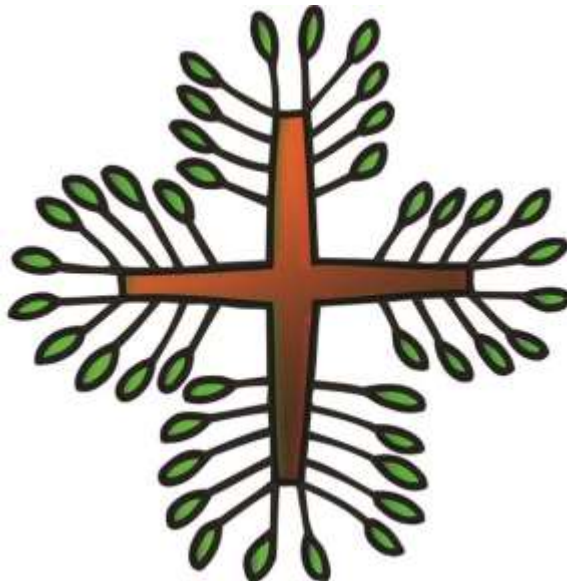
I am the Vine and you are the branches
Live in Me and you will never die
I am the Vine and my Father is the Keeper
Come to Me let the Spirit bring you life

Verse 1

To stretch its roots into the living stream
You will show no distress
In the heat of the drought
But still bear fruit and live

Verse 2

Like a tree planted by the living water
Come to Me all you heavy laden
My yoke is easy My burden is light
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle
And to God's mountain will fly



I Love You Lord

Words and Music by
Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
C **Amen.**

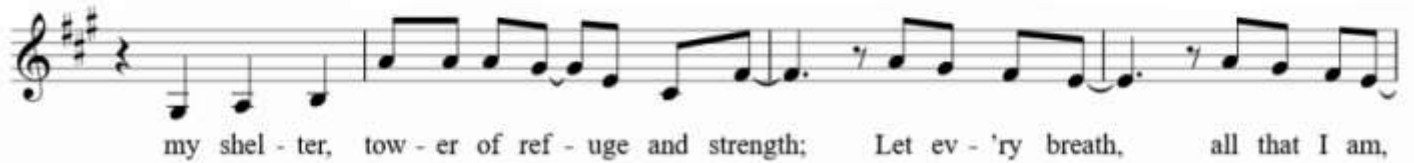
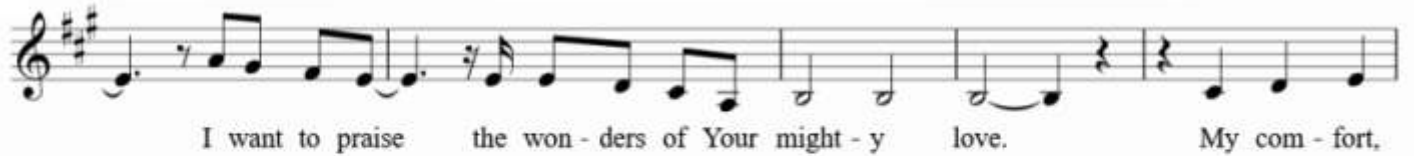
Shout To The Lord

(as published by Hillsong Music)

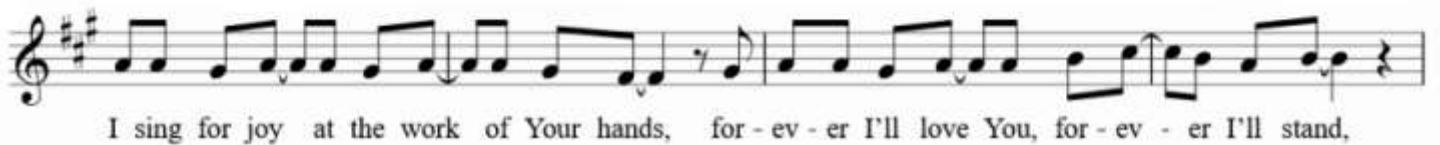
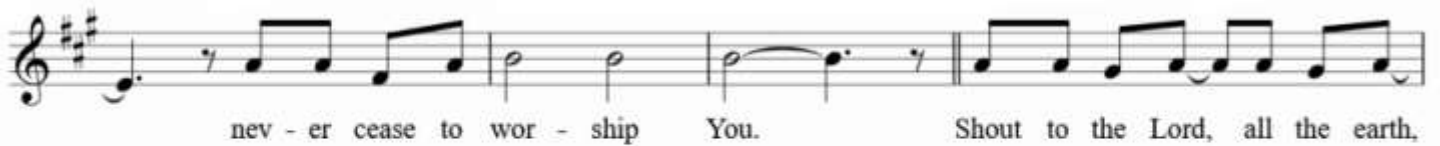
Words and Music by
Darlene Zschech

Sing Twice

VERSE



CHORUS



Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if
you are communing today.*

OUR STAFF

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

Martha Dallman (Mother Kathy Sandridge)

Peter Taylor (friend of Diane McFarlin)

Family and Friends of Rev. Nancy McClurg

Virginia Steward

Marie McCoy

June Chadwick

Sonja Nielsen

Jean Lothe

David Hanson

Carol Bean

Steve Chappell

Congregational Opportunities

BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday, at 1:00pm.

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am, no experience needed.

BAND PRACTICE: Every Monday at 10:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families.

YOUTH & KIDS

Sunday School: (ages 3 - grade 6) Children will start out in worship and be dismissed after the children's sermon.

CALL TO ACTION

April Food Pantry Focus: April focus is fats, oils and sweets. Such as jams/jellies, syrups, honey, mayo, salad dressings or sugar. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month



THIS WEEK AT BURKE

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| Wednesday, May 1 | Quilting, 9:00am | Bible Study, 1:00pm |
| Thursday, May 2 | | Teach Board, 6pm |
| Sunday, May 5 | Worship, 9:00am Sunday School, 9:00am | |

WORSHIP LEADERS

| | April 28 - 9:00am Service | May 5 - 9:00am Service |
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| Organist/Pianist | Susie Kittel Moore | Gloria Lundquist |
| Music Leaders | "The Band" | Chris Grefe Dave Wisner |
| Communion Assistant | Julie Clark | Sharon Hughes |
| Communion Prep | Jeannette Gehrke | Gloria Lundquist |
| Lay Reader | Julie Clark | Deb Brown |
| Usher Team | Karl and Shari Patzer | Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson |
| Coffee Hour | Potluck | |
| Counters | Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson | Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown Rose Haney |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Sunday 9:00am | Total | 41 |
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