

The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:

Strength and healing Alison (friend of Charlotte), Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, Darrel, David, Dick, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fred, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Janie, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Mike, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Millie (friend of Alan & Judy), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

Serving Us Today

Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD

Assistants: Vicar Michael Stainbrook

Seminarians Jonathan Lackey (8:15) & Adam Tanney (10:45)

Altar Guild: Dawn Werk and Dawn Haldeman

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

LSB 697

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

- A** A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.
- A** I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- C** Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- A** The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- C** All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!
- A** My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Canticle "This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An 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. ²⁷And 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 ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And 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?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And 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. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (8:00) **CANTOR/CONGREGATION**

"Praise the Lord"

British Folksong Psalm 150, par

A Praise the Lord in His sanctuary, praise Him in the earth and skies.

Praise to God for His mighty deeds, all the wonders before our eyes!

C Refrain:



A Praise the Lord with the blast of the trumpet, praise Him with harp and strings.

Praise to God with dance and sound, with everything that sings!

C Refrain

A Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbals, drums beating loud and strong.

All that lives, sing praise to God, our righteousness and song!

C Refrain

A Praise to God, our heavenly Father; praise to His risen Son,

Praise to the Spirit of life and freedom. Sing alleluia!

C Refrain

Psalm (10:45) ADULT CHOIR "Hallelujah! Praise God in His Holy Temple" *setting by Kevin Hildebrand Psalm 150, par*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;

praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn;

praise him with the lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Epistle

1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, 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. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and 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. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We 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.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In 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. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:23b,c



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

C Alleluias

A We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Alleluias

A If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

C Alleluias

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every 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. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Holy Baptism - Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

Prayer of the Church

Offertory “What Shall I Render to the Lord?”

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament (Preface through Agnus Dei)

LSB 160ff.

Sit

Communion Hymn “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

Communion Hymn “We Know that Christ Is Raised”

LSB 603

Stand

Hymn of Thanksgiving “Thank the Lord”

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

Benediction

LSB 166

Closing Hymn “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

Seasonal Insight: White and gold paraments and vestments proclaim the victory of Christ along with the purity He delivers to us.

Vicarage Assignment: NAME has been assigned to serve as Village's next vicar, beginning in August. Let us keep him in prayer along with our current vicar, Michael Stainbrook.

Lilies: Thank you, again, to all who donated lilies for Easter. Anyone is welcomed to go into the kitchen to take a lily(ies) home. Hint: They can be planted outside now and will bloom next year.

VBS June 7-11: Time to think about VBS! Village VBS will take place June 7-11 from 9-12 each morning. Send your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to enjoy God's Wonder lab! We can always use volunteers in many areas to help make the week a success. Please consider helping with music, snacks, outdoor activities, photo taking, or being a helping hand in any way you feel comfortable. We have lots of ideas and can find just the right spot for you to serve. Keep posted for registration forms and contact Dawn Haldeman @ 309-357-0828 with any questions.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, MO, a smaller family church, is seeking a substitute pianist for Sunday worship and occasional mid-week worship, funerals, etc. This position may grow into a regular once-a-month Sunday worship accompanist and if desired, the possibility of choir accompanist at weekly practices and once-a-month Sunday worship performances. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgies and hymns would be helpful but not necessary. Salary is negotiable based on proficiency, education, and experience. If interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact the church office at 314-291-2395 or ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net

This week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite podcasts on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

Essential Exercise for the Christian Mind... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Roman Catholic Mariology, The Godly Practice of Leisure, The Word "Glory" in the Bible, Facebook's New Prayer Post Feature and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

John 15:2 – **“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.”** God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

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Sunday, May 2:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Monday, May 3:

5:00 PM Board of Ed
6:00 PM Board Meetings
7:15 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 4:

6:00 PM Lighthouse
7:00 PM Quarterlife

Wednesday, May 5:

4:00 PM Schola Cantorum
5:00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, May 6:

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, May 7:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 8

9:30 AM Katie Luther League

Sunday, May 9:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

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- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
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