



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Services

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Christ!

We rejoice that you have joined us this morning!!

When I am converted by the Gospel, the Holy Spirit is present. He takes me as clay and makes of me a new creature, which is endowed with a different mind, heart, and thoughts, that is, with a true knowledge of God and a sincere trust in His grace.- Martin Luther - Sermon on John 15.

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The love of Christ is evidenced in the way we live our lives. Nothing good can be done apart from God. It is the Spirit of God that leads us into opportunities to share this love, as is evidenced by the way in which Philip was led to meet the Ethiopian eunuch and explain the Good News to him. It is God's desire that all people would come to know him and be a part of the true vine that is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRELUDE "Lord of Love Unfailing "

Arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

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*** BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

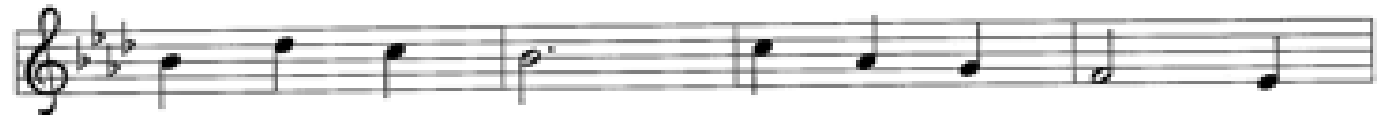
C **Amen.**



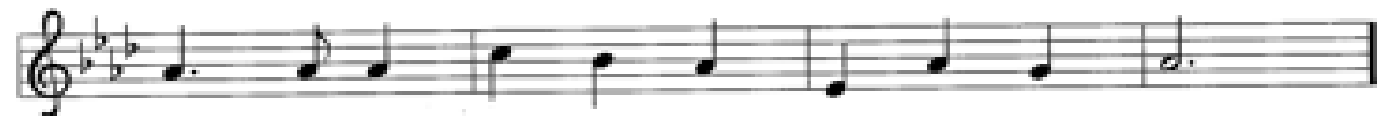
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Tram - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



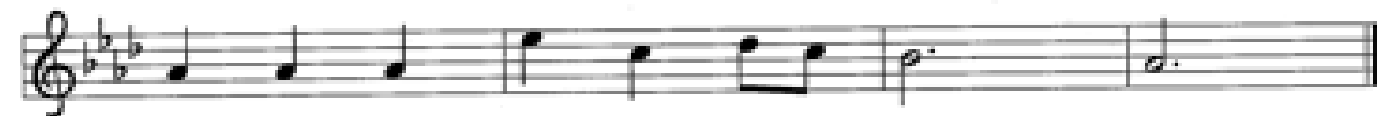
Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise,
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

*SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

ANTHEM 10:30am - *"Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"*
Words/Music Lanny Wolfe; Arr. by Jack Schrader

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

First Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts

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.

Lesson Response

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his | holy temple;*
praise him in the firmament | of his power.

²**Praise him for his | mighty acts;***
praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.

³Praise him with the blast | of the ram's horn;*
praise him with | lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise him with tim- | brel and dance;***
praise him with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals;*
praise him with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything | that has breath***
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 John 4:1-11 [12-21]

A reading from 1 John

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.]

***Lesson Response**

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***VERSE**

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: **Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:1-8

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



¹{Jesus said,} "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me 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 The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 315 - "Lov Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry.

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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***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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

*THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray... (The assisting minister ends each petition with “*Set our minds on heavenly things.*” The congregation responds with “*Fill us with your joy.*”)
- P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.** (*Worshippers, please respect the social-distancing preferences of those who remain seated during the sharing of the peace.*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:00 am – “Prayer” by Rebecca Rowland

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:30am – “God Delights in You” – Monica Brown
Faith Kerchner - Solo

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**


*GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:

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.

*AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P This is the feast of victory for our God! Christ is Risen!

C **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ is truly present within our gathering, and the taking of bread and wine is for forgiveness, life and salvation. On behalf of Christ, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ to join us in His Holy Supper. Children who have not made their first communion may be brought forward to the Altar for a blessing. If you are allergic to bread or wine, you may fully participate by taking either one or the other. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and white grape juice are offered in prefilled cups.

Anyone not able to come forward to partake please notify an usher and Pastor will come to commune you.



1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweethour of prayer! that calls me from a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweethour of prayer! the joys I feel, the
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweethour of prayer! thy wings shall my_ pe-



world of care, and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my
 bliss I share of those whose anx ious spi - rits burn with strong de-
 ti - tion bear to him whose truth and faith-ful-ness en-gage the



wants and wish-es known. In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my
 sires_ for thy re - turn! With such I has-ten to the place where
 wait - ing soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, be-



soul has of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the
 God my Sa - vior shows his face, and glad - ly take my
 lieve his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my



temp - ter's snare by thy re - turn, _ sweet hour of prayer!
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, _ sweet hour of prayer!
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, _ sweet hour of prayer!

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Father of life, we give you thanks for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the wine of sacrificial love of your Son, the Risen Christ. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your faithful people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

*DISMISSAL HYMN

LBW 221 - "Send Forth From God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave,
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall
your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Extinguish Candles

***DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace and share the Good News!
- C **Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE**

“Come, Ye, You Faithful”

“Raise the Strain (Arr: Thomas Keesecker)

Worship Servers	April 28, 2024		May 5, 2024	
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Minister	Jason Swartley	Jason Swartley	Greg Kincaid	Eli Fesler
Lector	Kevin Kincaid	Eric Brown	Michelle Elliott	Micah Keller
Ushers	Rich Lepley Nancy Frankenfield	Ken Black Jerry Bruns	Elliott Family	Charles Boyle Dick Himler
Greeters	Carole Harmon	Irvin Family	Janet Reinbrecht	Dee Titus
Acolytes		Ella Bechard		Susan & Jane Beaverson
Altar Guild *Bread Maker	Monika Rahn	Carolyn Irvin Dona Colberg Dawn Urffer	Carole Harmon	Dee Titus
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Lessons for May 5, 2024 6th Sunday after Easter	First Lesson Psalm Second Lesson Gospel Lesson	Acts 10:34-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-8 John 15:9-17
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