



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

Aaron David Miller

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,

And of the † Son,

And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,...
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,...
in the name of the Father,
And of the † Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Blessed Spring

David Lasky

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all!
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God... Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now the Green Blade Rises

Mark Sedio

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

DIALOGUE

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Benjamin Culli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,...
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

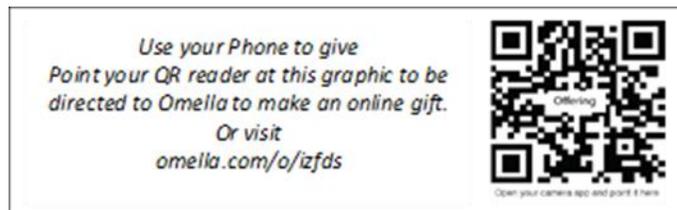
BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

J. Wayne Kerr

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In our prayers...

Special Prayers

Kathy, Holi, Mark, Barb, Cheryl, Rose, Carol, Jean, Debbie, Lydia, Matthew, Dominic, Jerry, Owen, Nick, Jeff, Joyce T, Carrie, Mike, Jan C, Brian, Graziano, Becca, John, Bob K, Janice, Jen, Terry, Elsie, Hailey, Angie, Logan, Ben, Tom, Shane, Shirley, Janet K, Kenzie, Mark, BJ, Nancy, Casey, John, Bev, Manny,

Current Prayers

For all impacted by violence

For peace, unity and healing within our country.

For the people of India and all countries battling covid to receive needed supplies and for healing.

General Prayers

For those who have lost loved ones and all who grieve.

For all first responders, caregivers, and medical personnel and those whom they care for.

For shut-ins and the elderly and all who are lonely.

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For their new president

For the people of Tanzania, who are battling COVID to receive needed help.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Whittier Students and Families

Whittier PTO is looking for volunteer help with their Saturday May 15 parking lot rummage sale with all proceeds going to student and staff classroom support. The sale rummage runs from 12-3 PM and cleanup from 3-4 PM. Sign up for the entire 4 hours, only the sale or cleanup. To sign up and for more information, contact Don French, 262-896-0225 or d-french@sbcglobal.net.

St. Luke's Apparel and Anniversary Apparel is now available!

The anniversary committee has put together a line of apparel bearing either the St. Luke's logo or the 100th anniversary logo. Both the items and an order form can be found in the April edition of The Epistle or on our website located at stlukeslutheran.org in the "Spotlight" section on the right side of the page. Order forms can also be found on the Welcome Center and at the Usher Station. After you have filled out the form, it can be placed in the offering box along with a check or cash to cover your order. All orders must be in to the office by May 7th.

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County Annual Fundraising Dinner

Healing Hearts will be hosting their annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, WI. This year features a Roaring 20s theme. Tickets are \$80 per person and include a full dinner and program. You can register on the website located at <http://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org/support/>. Healing Hearts of Waukesha County is a community-based organization whose mission is to serve and support grieving children and their families.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make regular phone calls and visits to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from one of our pastors, please call the church office at 262-542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information. Our pastors are also willing to do a virtual visit with you. While we acknowledge that a virtual visit isn't the same as an in-person visit, during this pandemic with numbers continuing to rise it is another way we can stay connected while staying safe.

This Week at St. Luke's

	<u>Sunday, May 2, 2021</u>		<u>Saturday, May 8, 2021</u>	
9:00 a.m.		Worship	5:00 p.m.	Worship
10:30 a.m.		Outdoor Worship		
11:30 a.m.		Executive Committee		<u>Sunday, May 9, 2021</u>
11:30 a.m.		Youth Group Movie Day	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	<u>Monday, May 3, 2021</u>		9:30 a.m.	Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
8:00 a.m.		Amigos	10:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship
6:45 p.m.		Al-Anon		
8:00 p.m.		Women's AA		
	<u>Tuesday, May 4, 2021</u>			
9:30 a.m.		Tuesday Book Club		
	<u>Wednesday, May 5, 2021</u>			
9:30 a.m.		Search Bible Study, virtual		
7:00 p.m.		NA		
7:00 p.m.		G.I.F.T., virtual		
	<u>Thursday, May 6, 2021</u>			
9:30 a.m.		Prayer Shawl		

Serving this Weekend:

	<u>5:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Presiding	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Bogie	Pastor Bogie
Preaching:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Lector:	Robbin Krueger	Kathy Fontaine	Pastor Bogie
Ushers:	Keith Jurkowski	Janet & Andy Slater	Kiran & Tim Kuhn
Organist:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner

