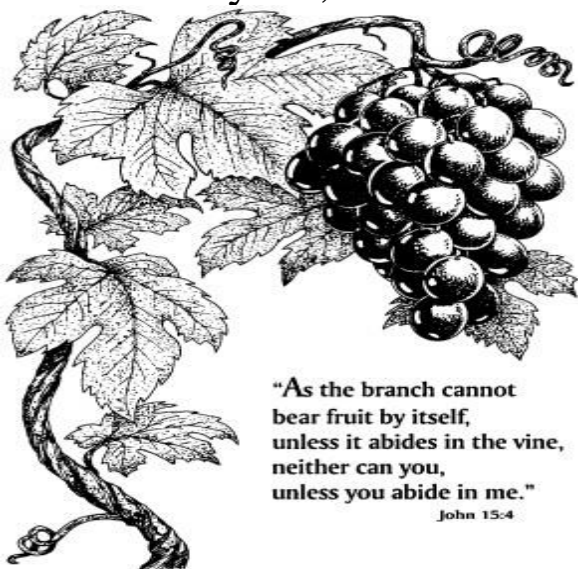


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021



**"As the branch cannot  
bear fruit by itself,  
unless it abides in the vine,  
neither can you,  
unless you abide in me."**

John 15:4



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**AS WE GATHER** He is risen indeed! Alleluia! It's that time of the year, at least in the northern hemisphere, when plants, seeds, or bulbs are placed into the ground, when last year's growth is replaced by new buds and branches, when green is a natural color instead of the color of money. All of this greenery and growth remind us of this week's Gospel reading from John and Jesus' words: "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. 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"

**Budget Update:**

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 15,993	\$ 64,816
Expenses:	<u>\$ 15,913</u>	<u>\$ 60,624</u>
Over/(under):	\$ 80	\$ 4,192

Operating Loan: \$ 20,470

Active Savings Funds:

Narthex Roof:	\$ 5,235
Air Conditioning:	\$ 3,825
Pew Cushions:	\$ 350
Tuckpointing:	\$ 111

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**THE LORD’S SUPPER** is the participation in the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, whose blessings are received through faith. This is a meal for those who comprehend the mystery of the Supper through instruction in God’s Word and who can then publicly confess their unity of faith with us at the altar. If you are not a member of one of our sister congregations, please speak with Pastor during the week before communing. We truly want you to receive the Sacrament to your benefit and God’s glory!



**Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

**LSB 848**

*(Sung to the Melody of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")*

**Confession and Absolution – LSB Page 203**

*Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

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

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*  
**and again a little while, and you will | see me.**  
 I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
**and bless your name forever and | ever.**  
 Every day I will | bless you\*  
**and praise your name forever and | ever.**  
 The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*

**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*

**and all your saints shall | bless you!**

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*

**and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

**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 little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*

**and again a little while, and you will | see me.**

## **Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation, Collect of the Day**

### **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>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.**

**Gradual**

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,**

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Epistle**

*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.**

*Stand - Alleluia and Verse – LSB Page 205*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:1–8*

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

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

<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.**

**Nicene Creed** – *LSB Page 206*

*Sit* - **Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing**

**LSB 691**

**Sermon** "*Living the Fruitful Life*" **John 15:5**

*Stand* – **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Our Father in heaven, You have grafted us into the true Vine, Jesus Christ, that we may have life.

**C** **Bless us and enable us to bear fruit for Your kingdom.**

**P** Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, You provide nurture and growth through the efforts of Your missionaries, pastors, and teachers.

**C** **Bless them with Your protection and strength, and give them joy in their ministry. Inspire us to support them with our labor and our gifts.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we pray that as You tend Your garden - the Church - You would restore those who are separated from the Vine.

**C Use us to reach out to them in Christian love and fellowship, that they may once again produce fruit.**

**P** We remember before You the leaders of our government and of the world.

**C Help them to seek fruits of justice and peace for all whom they serve.**

**P** Defeat the forces of terror that war against the innocent and protect those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

**C Protect and prosper all who serve our country in uniform and grant success to their mission.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for our Christ Lutheran day school, for teachers who instruct and nurture, and for students who learn and grow.

**C Guide all the teaching and the learning so that our children may be raised up to know and serve You in godly lives.**

**P** We pray for the sick, the suffering, and the bereaved, [especially \_\_\_\_]. Grant them faith and comfort, and heal them according to Your will in body and spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **Service of the Sacrament – LSB Page 208**

#### **Stand – Preface, Sanctus and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to eternal life.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini and Agnus Dei**

*Sit – Distribution - The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing; LSB 633**  
**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB 700**

*Stand - Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus and Benediction – LSB Page 211*

*Sit - Sent Forth by God's Blessing LSB 643*

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*Attendance last Sunday: 83*  
*Officiant: Rev. Wayne Schwanke*  
*Organist: Ila Robbert*  
*Flutist: Andrea Muench*  
*Elder: Bob Boelter*  
*Ushers:*  
*Altar Guild: Karen Tesch*

*For an emergency, please contact...Rev. Brian Beardsley*  
*#920-789-9252, [pastor252015@gmail.com](mailto:pastor252015@gmail.com)*

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**THIS WEEK:**

**SUNDAY-May 2**

8:45am Bible Study  
10:00am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

**MONDAY- May 3- Teacher Appreciation Week**

7:00pm Board of Elders meeting

**WEDNESDAY-May 5**

1:00pm Chapel  
School celebrating Cinco De Mayo

**Thursday- May 6**

9-11:30am 4K & KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY  
6:30pm Call Committee meeting @ Emmaus Lutheran Poy Sippi

**Saturday- May 8**

Flower Pickup as scheduled

**SUNDAY-May 9 Mother's Day Sunday**

8:45am Bible Study  
10:00am Worship Service

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!** Graduation Sunday is coming up at Christ Lutheran Church and School on Sunday, May 23rd. This year our 4K, Kindergarten, 1st Graders at Christ Lutheran School will be recognized for graduating this year. Also, we are asking that any High School or College age students of our congregation that are graduating would also join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation.

\*Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church's bulletin on May 23rd.

**Christ Lutheran School Seroogys chocolate bars:** the school still has about 300 chocolate bars to sell. If you would like to purchase anymore chocolate bars, please call the school/church office. Thank you-

**Lawn Mowers needed to mow the Church and school lawn** This is usually done on Wednesday mornings starting at 10:30am if you would like to volunteer your time, please call Jim Baehman at #920-538-1883. You do not need to make every Wednesday just come when you're available.

**Christ Lutheran School 4K & KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY:** Thursday, May 6 from 9-11:30am, see the flyer hanging up on the Narthex announcement board for more information. Please spread the word to family and friends.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** is looking for a couple new board members starting this fall, for the 2021-2022 school year. To be qualified you need to be a member of the congregation. Please talk with Kyle Tesch or Bobbie Leiskau if you're interested.

**Prayer List-** **Kenneth Koehler** (Hospice); **Tom Utecht** (healing); **Danielle** (healing & cancer) friend of Rene Dorsett; **Baby Marsha Ellen Rene Anderson** (continued healing) Granddaughter of Jerry & Rene Dorsett; **Fred Monroe** (healing) Rene Dorsett's father; **Tim Rohan** (cancer) Sonny Bauer's son in law; **Samuel Cartwright**; **Michael Felske** (Remission) Carrie Ann Rohm's Father; **Raymond Pagel** (healing & strength).

**In the Military:** **Emily Buchholtz**, Granddaughter of Marvin & Joan Buchholtz, deployed to Washington with the National Guard. **Kolden Baehman**, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

**Our Shut Ins:** **Mary Grambsch**, **Lisa Liepert**, **Stanley Behm**, **Lynnette Hannemann**, **Esther Nehring**, **Sam & Betty Cartwright**

**For those who mourn**—that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, especially, the Lund family as they mourn the recent death of Ron Lund (Jeremy & Ron Lund Jr.'s father). Amen

**Congratulations to our Christ Lutheran Confirmation Students!**

God's blessings to **Esther and Aiden** upon their journey with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior that was started on the day of their baptisms and has continued to their Confirmation which was last Sunday! Congratulations to them as they have confirmed their Christian faith that God gave to them in their baptism.