

+ + + THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION + + +

CHIMES | PRELUDE | LIGHTING of CANDLES

GREETINGS & PRAYERS

Pastor: He is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

(Please rise)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 483 vs. 1-3 With High Delight Let Us Unite

INVOCATION

Pastor: We gather this day to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk,

People: **so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.**

Pastor: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: **look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.**

Pastor: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

People: **He remembers His covenant forever; the word He commanded for a thousand generations.**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: **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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC: Holy Forever - Sung by Grace Lutheran Choir

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+ + + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD + + +

The FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

[Philip uses the Scriptures to show Jesus to the Ethiopian.]

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian^[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he

invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁷ ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both 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 suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:1-11

[“...test the spirits to see whether they are from God...”]

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

The GOSPEL HYMN: Before the Throne of God Above

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:1-8 [“I am the vine; you are the branches.”]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: (sung) Glory To You, O Lord.

(Please be seated)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Bruce Kischnick, Senior Pastor

Theme: “Vine, Branches, Fruit” Text: John 15:1-8

+++ OUR RESPONSE TO HIS WORD +++

OFFERTORY: LSB 687 vs. 1 & 2 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

The RITE of CONFIRMATION: LSB p. 272

Asa Paul Swearingen Jason & Lindsay Swearingen	Philippians 4:12b-13
Kellen James Sisson Travis & Alleson Sisson	Hebrews 13:6
Madelyn Lou Selking Jason & Julie Selking	Psalms 16:7-8
Lukas William Reisenbichler Josh & Kristi Reisenbichler	Romans 8:31b-32
Landon Phillip Nierman Jason & Lindsey Nierman	Hebrews 12:1
Magdalena Jayne Nichols Matt & Tammy Nichols	Psalms 27:1
Knox Allen Moeller Allen & Vanessa Moeller	Joshua 1:9b
Heidi Elise Korner Knut & Hannah Korner	Hebrews 12:2
Breena James Johnson Joe Johnson & Brandy Johnson	Matthew 6:33
Amelia Marie Enlow Aaron & Emily Enlow	John 14:6

The PRAYERS of the CHURCH

+++ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +++

(Please Rise)

PREPARATION:

Pastor: In preparation to receive the Sacrament, let us make confession:

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?

People: I do so believe.

Pastor: Do you confess that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness?

People: I am a sinner in thought, word, and deed, and absolutely need God's forgiveness.

Pastor: Do you believe that your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake?

People: Yes, I believe that Jesus has paid for my sins and won for me forgiveness.

Pastor: Do you desire by God's grace to live according to his will?

People: Yes, such is my desire.

Pastor: Then let it be to you just as you have confessed. In the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The AGNUS DEI, LSB P. 198 *Lamb of God*

DISTRIBUTION

[We will participate in a continuous Communion. The Confirmands will commune together first. Watch for the direction of the ushers.]

LSB 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LSB 461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LSB 467 vs. 1-4 *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

LSB 480 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

The DISMISSAL BLESSING

COLLECT of THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 735 vs. 1, 2, 4 *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

RECEPTION for the CONFIRMANDS: (Fireside Room)

+++ SOLI DEO GLORIA +++