

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 – 8:00 AM
Communion / Fifth Sunday of Easter
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CHIMES | PRELUDE | LIGHTING of CANDLES
GREETINGS & PRAYERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

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The Introit (spoken)

Pastor: A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*

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

Pastor: I will extol you, my | God and King,*

People: and bless your name forever and | ever.

Pastor: Every day I will | bless you*

People: and praise your name forever and | ever.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*

People: slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

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

People: and all your saints shall | bless you!

Pastor: My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*

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

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

People: and to the Holy | Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the be- | ginning,*

People: is now, and will be forever. | Amen. antiphon: John 16:16

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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.

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. ³² This 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. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As 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] ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When 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. ⁴⁰ Philip, 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.**

THE 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 stand)

GOSPEL HYMN: Before the Throne of God Above

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

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

People: Glory be to Thee, 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:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: Pastor Bruce Kischnick Theme: “Vine, Branches, Fruit” Text: John 15:1-8

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