

# Concordia Lutheran Church

May 2, 2021 9:15 a.m.

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

### Psalm 150

~Pastor will read the regular print verses; the congregation will read the bold print verses.

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!  
**Praise him for his mighty deeds;**  
**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!  
**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**  
**praise him with strings and pipe!**  
Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**  
**Praise the Lord!**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Praise to the Lord the Almighty The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him For He is your health and salvation  
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near Joining in glad adoration***

***Praise to the Lord Who over all things Is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?***

***Praise to the Lord Who has fearfully, wondrously made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.***

***Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!***

**Divine Service, Setting 1, pp. 151-153**

**This Is the Feast, p.155**

**Salutation & Collect of the Day, p. 156**

FIRST READING

**Acts 8:26-40** 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. 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 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 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.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 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?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 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. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choir

O Jesu, Blessed Lord, to Thee ~William Byrd

### EPISTLE READING

**1 John 4:1-11** 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. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 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. 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. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 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.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia, p. 156

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung)

### GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 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.** (sung)

Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite  
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue; This to Your praise, O Lord, be sung.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Come holy Light, Guide Divine, Now cause the Word of Life to shine;  
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.  
From every error keep us free, Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Come holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide; let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Sermon**

Acts 8 A Divine Appointment

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the Church**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

