

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 2, 2021*

*Confirmation Sunday*

*10:00 am*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (arr. Behnke) & Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (arr. Hobby)

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age. *Matthew 28:19-20*

**507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Chosen by Matthew Wilson**

*sts. 1-4*

- 1    Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
      Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
      Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
      God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2    Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
      Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
      Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
      Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3    Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
      Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
      Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
      Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4    Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
      All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
      Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
      God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**P**    In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    **Amen.**

**P**    Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**    Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**    **who made heaven and earth.**

**P**    I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**    **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P**    O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C**    **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P**    Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    **Amen.**

## 744 AMAZING GRACE - Chosen by Addisan Rottier

sts. 1–2

- 1   Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
      That saved a wretch like me!  
      I once was lost but now am found,  
      Was blind but now I see!
- 2   The Lord has promised good to me,  
      His Word my hope secures;  
      He will my shield and portion be  
      As long as life endures.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P**   The Lord be with you.
- C**   **And with thy spirit.**
- P**   Let us pray. 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.
- C**   **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>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.

- L**   This is the Word of the Lord.
- C**   **Thanks be to God.**

## 801 HOW GREAT THOU ART – Chosen by Evan Wanta

sts. 1, ref, 3

- 1   O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
      Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
      I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
      Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**
- Refrain**   Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
              How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
              Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
              How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

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## 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**DUET** I Am Not Alone (by Kari Jobe) *Heide Skarda and Addisan Rottier*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:1–8*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Chosen by Anna Westfall** *sts. 1, ref, 3–4*

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. **Refrain**

**Refrain** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

**SERMON** "The Flip Side of the Test" 1 John 4:1-11

## **727 ON EAGLES' WINGS - Chosen by Nicholas Boxrucker**

*sts. 1, ref, 4*

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain**
- Refrain** And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

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## **THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **665 BE STRONG IN THE LORD - Chosen by EJ Apfel**

*sts. 1, 3, 5*

- 1 Be strong in the Lord  
In armor of light,  
With helmet and sword,  
With shield for the fight;  
On prayer be dependent,  
Be belted and shod,  
In breastplate resplendent:  
The armor of God.
- 3 With eagerness shod  
Stand firm in your place,  
Or go forth for God  
With news of His grace;  
No foe shall disarm you  
Nor force you to yield,  
No arrow can harm you  
With faith as your shield.

5 So wield well your blade,  
Rejoice in its pow'rs,  
Fight on undismayed  
For Jesus is ours!  
Then in Him victorious  
Your armor lay down,  
To praise, ever glorious,  
His cross and His crown.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICAMUS

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**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - Chosen by RJ Behrens

sts. ref-6

**Refrain** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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## POSTLUDE Hornpipe (Handel)

# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27; Luke 11:37-54

Monday: Leviticus 21:1-24; Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday: Leviticus 23:1-22; Luke 12:13-34

Wednesday: Leviticus 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53

Thursday: Leviticus 24:1-23; Luke 12:54-13:17

Friday: Leviticus 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35

Saturday: Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44; Luke 14:1-24

## *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Roger, health issues

Steve, hospitalized with Covid

Larry, heart issues

Del, health issues

Jerry's sister, Pat, recovery

Jack, ongoing health issues

Dave, recovery

Rachel, recovery

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Larry, health issues

Tony, hospice

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

Confirmands: EJ, RJ, Nicholas, Addisan, Evan, Anna, Matthew

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Julie, pancreatic cancer

Patrick, health issues

Marilyn, hospitalized

Lauren's mother

Shirley, hospitalized

The children in the sledding accident

Berklee

Jim, Parkinson's

Tom, cancer

Ken, health

**Our Savior Families:** Paul, Amanda, Clarence & Brunhilde, Chuck & Lois, Deborah & Family, Thomas & Grace

**Hymn of the Week** "My Hope is built on Nothing Less" LSB 575

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**