

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. John American Lutheran Church + Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE VINE!

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" (*John 15.6*).

As we journey together through each year, may we grow braver in taking the risks that inspire true community in our hearts. As we hear God's Word today, may God give us the confidence to take the steps that create reliance on each other and kind support for all people.

GATHERING + word + meal + sending

GATHERING MUSIC Jacob Huber (*Saturday*)
Sarah Jo Jorgensen (8:30 a.m.), Jane Kurth (10:30 a.m.)

INVOCATION

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L Living God:

C We confess before you and one another our futile ways, our pursuit of perishable things, our own part in crucifying the Lord Jesus. Forgive us, O God; renew the face of the earth; and give us the assurance that you have rescued us from the power of sin and made us alive in the Spirit forever. Amen.

L Christ suffered for sins once for all in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Hymnal)

No. 367 (*Red*)

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

GREETING

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A silence is kept.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A silence is kept.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A silence is kept.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A silence is kept.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE
Hymnal)

No. 362 (*Red*)

"At the Lamb's High Fest We Sing"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Lord Jesus, Lord of the living, author of everlasting life, pioneer into a whole new world, enable us to lift our eyes beyond the limits of this life and its circumstances, to look up, to catch a vision of a resurrected new world that

you are birthing into being. Then, give us the courage and the faith to be citizens of that world. Amen.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

Gathering + **WORD** + meal + sending

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8.26-40
Psalm 22.25-31
1 John 4.7-21

HYMN OF THE WORD

Hymnal)

No. 884 (*Red*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GOSPEL

John 15.1-8

SERMON

Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY (8:30 a.m.)

No. 576 (*Red Hymnal)*

"We All Are One in Mission"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jacob Huber (*Saturday*)
Jane Kurth (*10:30 a.m.*)

gathering + word + **MEAL** + sending

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, the Leader will say, "Hear us, O God." Please respond by saying, "Your mercy is great."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to offer thanks and praise.

L In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new

covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. Amen.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

L Mighty and compassionate God:

C You have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our Risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

gathering word meal **SENDING**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

L Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal)

No. 537 (*Red*

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

SILENT PRAYER & EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1.

Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

2.

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

3.

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life’s day that by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

4.

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing: “Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

1.

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side.
Alleluia!

2.

Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3.

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

4.

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

1.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We All Are One in Mission

1.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

2.

We all are called for service, to witness in God’s name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God’s surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

3.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

On Our Way Rejoicing

1.

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, harken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2.

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, harken to our praises, O blest God of love!