

Philip...preached the Gospel to all the towns  
Acts 8:40

*"Rise and Go!"*

***Good morning and welcome to worship!***

*Our theme in these weeks of Easter has been, "This Changes Everything!"*

*The Resurrection changes everything! In our first reading in Acts, the Lord told Philip to "Rise and Go Toward the South." On his way, Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch, an official in his government. Through Philip the church grew into Africa, and is still spreading today. Where will God lead us to spread the Gospel today?*

*Our sermon for today is titled, "Rise and Go!"*



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Sunday, May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Pre-Service Music*

*Michael Van Bemmelen*

*Welcome*

*Pastor Paul Appold*

*Opening Song*

*"King Of Kings"*

**In the darkness we were waiting - Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running - There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets - To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory - To a cradle in the dirt**

**(CHORUS) *Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings***

**To reveal the kingdom coming - And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation - You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering - You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation - Jesus for our sake You died**

**CHORUS**

**And the morning that You rose - All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good - For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs - And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come - To the Father are restored**

**And the Church of Christ was born - Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old - Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name - In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ - Who has resurrected me**

**CHORUS**

**(TAG) *Praise forever to the King of Kings***

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## *Invocation & Psalm of the Day*

*Psalm 150*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary

**C: Praise Him in His mighty heavens**

P: Praise Him for His mighty deeds

**C: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness**

P: Praise Him with trumpet sound;

**C: Praise Him with lute and harp!**

P: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

**C: Praise Him with strings and pipe!**

P: Praise Him with sounding cymbals

**C: Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals**

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**C: Praise the Lord!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

## *Time of Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to confess our sins to the Lord who is faithful to forgive us. We are also asked to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. Today, I would encourage you to seek the Lord and ask Him to search your hearts - in every corner and dark place, and invite Him to do a transforming work in you. He is faithful and kind and He loves you. Please join me now, as we confess together.

*(A time of quiet, prayerful reflection and prayer of confession  
beneath the cross to the Lord.)*

**C: Lord Jesus, You are far greater than the one who is in the world. You have overcome sin, death, and the grave. Forgive us for the sin in our lives of thought, word, and deed, both in the things we have done, and in the things left undone. Resurrect in us true life that only comes from You. Please send us Your Holy Spirit to freely extend forgiveness to others in our lives, in Jesus holy name we pray. Amen**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven and set free! You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen! He is the Vine, and we are His branches!**

## *Song of Praise*

*"Lord I Need You"*

**Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
And without You, I fall apart  
You're the one, that guides my heart**

**(CHORUS) *Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You***

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found, is where You are  
And where You are, Lord I am free  
Holiness, is Christ in me  
Where You are, Lord I am free  
Holiness, is Christ in me (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay**

**(END CHORUS) *Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You***

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## *Opening Prayer*

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, we are here to worship You, the True Vine, and the Giver of True Life. You are mighty in everything You do and have done and are going to do. Help us to take Your Word to heart, and then live changed lives for You. Please open our hearts and minds for the sake of Your kingdom.

**All:** In the name of Jesus we ask these things, Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

*The eunuch was reading the book of Isaiah in his chariot and caught Philip's attention. The Spirit prompted Philip to approach the man and moved in him to share the Gospel that led to the eunuch's conversion and baptism.*

R: The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the book of Acts, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>26</sup> 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. <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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 John 4:1-21

*There is a stark contrast between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the antichrist. One way to discern whether a spirit is from God is to look for love. Love is from God because God is love*

R: The Second Reading is from the book of 1st John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:

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. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Gospel*

*John 15:1-8*

*We as Christ followers cannot bear spiritual fruit on our own. It is the True Vine, Jesus, who is our source of life and causes us to produce good fruit for His glory. As long as we are remaining in the True Vine, we are connected to His Spirit who guides us, leads us, and produces good fruit in us.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> 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. <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 to You, O Christ.**

*Apostles' Creed*

**All: 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**



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## Sermon

## "Rise and Go!"

Acts 8:26-40

*(Please leave your offering in the plate near the entrance of the church.)*

*Thank you for your faith-filled offerings for the Lord's kingdom!*

## Offering Prayer & the Prayers of the Church

*(Response to the petitions)*

P: Lord in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## The 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 and ever. Amen.**

## *Blessing*

P: May God's perfect word revive your soul. May you "Rise and Go" and live for Him!

**C: To the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!**

## *Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

**All: Amen.**

## *Closing Song*

*"God So Loved"*

**Come all you weary - Come all you thirsty**

**Come to the well that never runs dry**

**Drink of the water**

**Come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners - Come find His mercy**

**Come to the table He will satisfy**

**Taste of His goodness**

**Find what you're looking for**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us*

*His one and only Son to save us*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

**Bring all your failures bring your addictions**

**Come lay them down at the foot of the cross**

**Jesus is waiting there with open arms**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us*

*His one and only Son to save us*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

**The power of hell forever defeated**

**Now it is well I'm walking in freedom**

**For God so loved God so loved the world**

**(BRIDGE) Praise God praise God**

**From whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him praise Him**

**For the wonders of His love (REPEAT)**

***For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to sa-ve  
For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever***

**The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world**

**Bring all your failures bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world**

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## ***Announcements***

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***“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” 1 John 4:11***

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**MEETINGS TO NOTE:** Elders - Monday, May 3 - 6:30 pm - Parlor  
Gals on a Mission - Tuesday, May 4 - 12:30 pm - Parlor  
WSLS School Board - Wednesday, May 5 - 6:00 pm - Parlor

## OUR REDEEMER

On Sunday, April 18th, Our Redeemer Lutheran on Apple Ave. voted to merge with our congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will begin meeting in May to discuss various considerations involving a merging of ministry and mission expectations of two congregations into one congregation. A leadership group from each congregation will meet to develop an empowering resolution that can be brought before both congregations in June. The goal of this group process will be to identify and clarify how the unified ministries of both congregations will go forward as one ministry that serves members and reaches into our community with the saving message of Jesus Christ. Please keep this process and meetings in your prayers.



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** *We rejoice with Tim Sorensen who celebrates his birthday today! We thank God for those who celebrate this week; Kylie Heimann, Dorothy Hilliard, Morgan Feenstra, Joni Huston, and Cheryl Sladick! Congratulations and many blessings to Al & Ginny Humphrey who celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary this week!*

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## UNITY TICKETS ON SALE

Unity Christian Music Festival plans to return to Heritage Landing August 11-14, 2021! The only option this year (through church) is to purchase a 3-day ticket for \$75 or family pass for \$325. Sign up in the narthex - the last day to place your order is Sunday, June 6.

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**LWML LAKESHORE ZONE SPRING RALLY** at Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall, May 15 from 9am-Noon. If you still wish to join, you **MUST SPEAK WITH BARB OR CARRIE TODAY**

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**MONTHLY MIRACLE DRIVE** For April & May we are collecting items for Orphan Grain Train: ♦Diapers, all sizes ♦New adult or children's underwear ♦Gently used and clean clothing and coats ♦Walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs. Please turn donations in 5/9!

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## LIFEWALK 2021 BOOT SCOOTIN' BABY

"Partner" with MPS as they raise funds, walk, and pray to support life!

Saturday, May 15, 9:30-11:30 <https://muskegonpregnancyservices.org/events>

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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** *"You Are Never Alone!"* A Bible Study focusing on the miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John. You may join us in person or on Zoom. We hope to see you there! [Meeting ID: 204 576 0929](#) [Passcode: Trinity](#)

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**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** *"Listening to the Language of the Bible."* Online only, Thursday from 7-8 pm. We are studying Biblical words & phrases in their original context in order to expand our understanding of God's direction and understanding for our living in Christ. Get the details by contacting Pastor Lassanske at [dennlass03@gmail.com](mailto:dennlass03@gmail.com)

## THOSE WHO SERVE

**Today - Sunday, May 2**

**Communion:** --  
**Prayer Leader:** Tim Sorensen  
**Reader:** Will Snyder  
**Ushers:** Tim Sorensen's Team  
**Door Opener:** Denny Cross  
**Hospitality:** Morianne Klimsza

**Next Sunday - May 9**

Tim Sorensen  
 Don Bogema  
 Tim Sorensen  
 Tim Koeppe's Team  
 Tom Jandt  
 Karen Pierce

### *Attendance & Contributions for April 2021*

<b>Attendance</b>			
<b>Church Attendance</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Sunday, April 18	83	30	15(drive in)
Sunday, April 25	82	32	80
<b>Bible Studies</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>JAM</b>
Thursday, April 15	N/A	10	
Sunday, April 18	18	1	0
Thursday, April 22	N/A	13	
Sunday, April 25	21	0	
<b>Contributions</b>			
<b>March Totals (General &amp; Building/Debt)</b>			
<b>Monthly Need</b>	\$27,200	<b>Monthly Total</b>	\$21,375
April 25, 2021		April Month-to-Date	
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Weekly Need</b>	\$5,600	<b>MTD Need</b>	\$22,400
Offerings	\$4,430	MTD Total	\$22,089
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>Building Fund</b>	
<b>Weekly Need</b>	\$1,200	<b>MTD Need</b>	\$4,800
Offerings	\$553	MTD Total	\$2,525
Total		Total	
<b>Weekly Need</b>	\$6,800	<b>MTD Need</b>	\$27,200
Offerings	\$4,983	MTD Total	\$24,614