

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” ..... 147 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....pg 77 LBW

Prayer of the Day:

**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading ..... 1 John 4:1-11

Faith Seeds ..... Niki Pokornowski

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Alleluia ..... 138 LBW

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord  
The gates of heav’n are open.  
My Jesus rose triumphantly.  
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.  
Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious, Life is giving.  
He was dead, but now is living!**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... “**Glory to You, O Lord**”

Gospel ..... John 15:1-8

Response after the Gospel ..... “**Praise to You, Oh Christ**”

Sermon “The Perils and Promise of Pruning” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “Chief of Sinners though I Be” ..... 306 LBW

Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

The Distribution: “Lamb of God” ..... Page 92 LBW

Communion ..... 496, 222, 198 LBW

Benediction

Hymn .... “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” .... 143 LBW

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

## *“What Does This Mean?”*

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:  
John 15:1-8

- † How is God’s “pruning” a serious peril for Christians?
- † How is God’s “pruning” a great blessing for Christians?
- † What promise lies behind Jesus’ call to “abide” in him?
- † What do you see in your life that God might helpfully “prune” from you?

