

Gathering Music

Greeting

Announcements

Song “Shout to the Lord”

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness WOV pg. 10

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, captivate our wills and conform them to Christ Jesus, so that we may abide in you, even as you abide in us. Through this holy and mutual abiding, give us true joy in life and strengthen our faith, just as a vine gives life to its branches. Help us to grow in Christ so that we may bear rich fruit for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” WOV #674

First Reading Isaiah 56:3-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Acts 8:26-40

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Payton Eastman

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

The Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia LBW #138

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!

Gospel John 15:1-8

Sermon “Turning Dry Trees into Fruitful Branches ” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” WOV #675

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 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Faith Singers

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayers of the Church

The 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.

Benediction

Song ... "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" ... WOV #781

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

What Does This Mean?

1. Why might the Ethiopian eunuch have had Isaiah 56 in mind, even as he read Isaiah 53?
2. In light of those texts, what might have driven the eunuch's question to Philip?
3. How does Philip's witness to the eunuch tie into Jesus' words in John 15?
4. How do these three readings combine to proclaim God's promise to you?

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