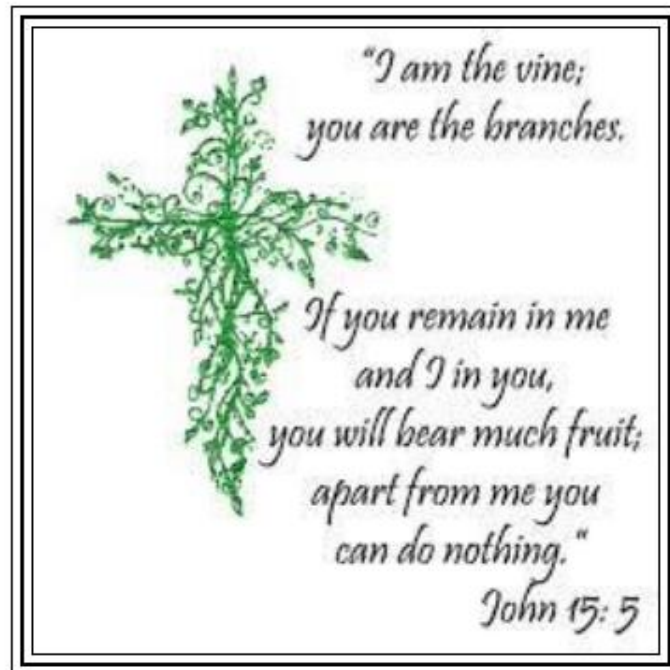


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

Participants this week:

Presiding & preaching: The Rev. Gary Bertsch  
Assistant: David Kienbaum                      Reader: Cathy McLemore  
Visual Technician: Sara Villarreal              Music: Mark Pierce

## ***HOLY COMMUNION***

(Please stand as you are able.)

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C:** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:*** p. 94-96 ELW

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, . . . . **C: Amen**

**P:** Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have . . . . Amen**

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in . . . . **C: Amen**

♪ ***GATHERING SONG:*** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* 377 ELW

### ***GREETING***

**A:** 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***

**P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy**

**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

♪ ***HYMN OF PRAISE:*** *This is the Day!* 121 Master Chorus Book

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**A** Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.

Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

**FIRST READING:** Acts 8: 26-40 (NIV)

**PSALM:** Psalm 22:25-31

**REFRAIN:** "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD."

**SECOND READING:** I John 4:7-21 (NIV)

**GOSPEL:**

(Please stand as you are able.)

♪ **Acclamation:** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah 172 ELW

*Gospel Announcement:* John 15:1-8 (NIV)

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Reading:*

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

♪ **Acclamation:** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah 172 ELW

(Please be seated.)

**SERMON**

Rev. Gary Bertsch

(Please stand as you are able.)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* 765 WOV

**NICENE CREED:** pg. 104 ELW

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** pg. 105 ELW

**P:** With the whole people of God in . . . Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

**THE PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. pg. 106 ELW

(Please be seated.)

♪ **OFFERING HYMN:** *Open Our Eyes* 61 Master Chorus Book

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.*

*Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

**OFFERING PRAYER:** pg. 107 ELW (Please stand as you are able.)  
A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you . . . . C: **Amen**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING:** (to be spoken) p. 107 ELW  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord:** (to be spoken) p. 108 ELW  
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord . . .

♪ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (to be sung by the congregation)  
**COMMUNION**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** p. 114 ELW  
A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, . . . C: **Amen**

♪ **BLESSING:** *May the Lord Ever Bless You* p. 251 LLC  
*May the Lord ever bless you and keep you. May the face of the Lord shine on you, and may the Lord enlighten you with unfailing love and mercy.*  
*May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, give you peace. Amen.*

♪ **SENDING HYMN:** *On Our Way Rejoicing* 537 ELW

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL:**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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**Church Calendar:**

Today – We thank Pastor Gary for leading our service. Bible Study follows the service.  
Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. - Service of the Word with Marianne Gould.  
Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother's Day! - 9 a.m.- Holy Communion Service with Rev. Gary Bertsch. Bible Study follows.

**Synod Assembly Offering Envelopes** are available today. Please consider making a donation and returning the envelope by Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Synod Assembly is May 5<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi. Glenn & Victoria Porritt will be attending as our voting delegates. "Miss Nina" will be attending as a visitor. Also, see the sign-up sheet for disaster kit donation items to be collected.

**Let us pray for:**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Susan J. Briner, our pastors, seminarians, missions, ELCA Congregations in San Antonio, Joys of Heaven Learning Center, sick people, Daniel Altmeyer, Margie Hassold, Liz Kienbaum, Gloria Miller, Kimberly & Flynn Porritt, and world peace.