

Fifth Sunday of Easter 7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship April 28, 2024

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Our Mission Statement Make disciples, Serve selflessly, and Live faithfully



ALLELUIA

- P Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P In the name of the Father, and of the

H Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

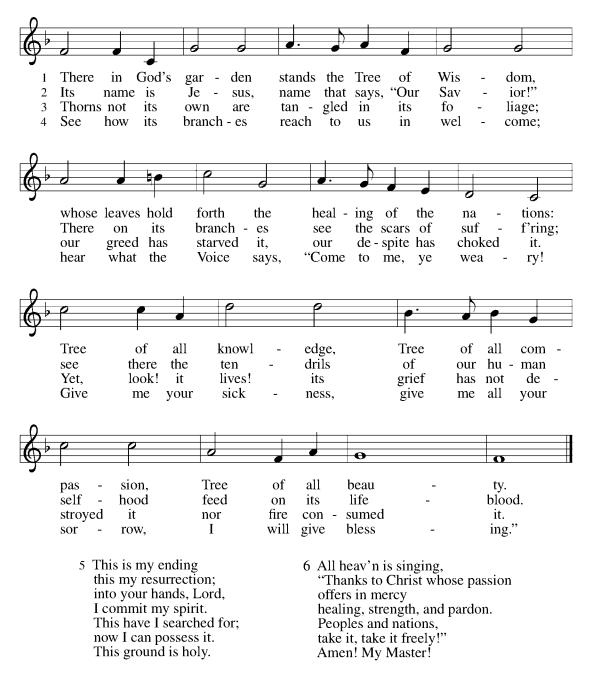
P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God.
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

There in God's Garden



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GREETING ELW p. 203

P 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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A Let us pray.

C 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.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON P. 6

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me a Song
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from Acts.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)
²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

Reader A reading from 1 John.

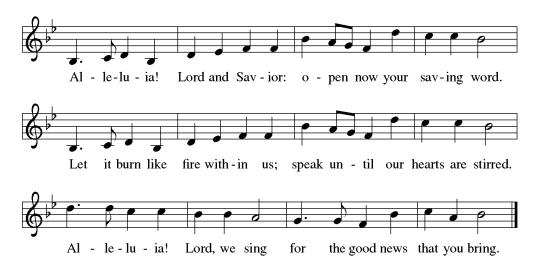
⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Joyful Branches

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Know That Christ Is Raised



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P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and John; for Kathy, Carol and Deb; for Jeanette, Pauline and; for June, Barb and Olivia and for the families of Lenore, Marlene, Don and Charlie; for the Call committee and for those on our long-term prayer list; and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...,. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE ELW p. 206

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 5

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OFFERING PRAYER

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P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ON P. 12

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE ELW p. 206

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

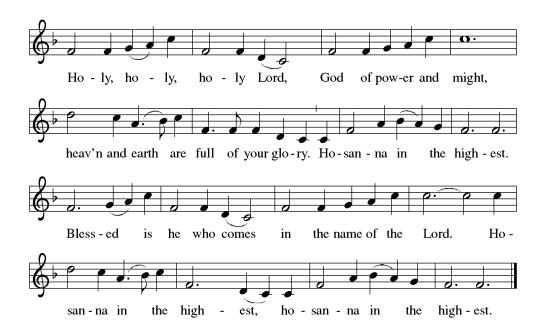
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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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

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P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

P Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C** Free

COMMUNION

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P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

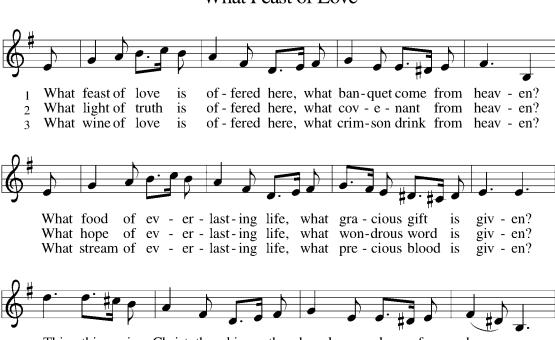
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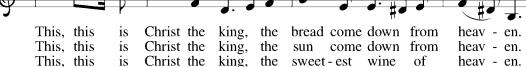


MEAL SONG 1

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What Feast of Love



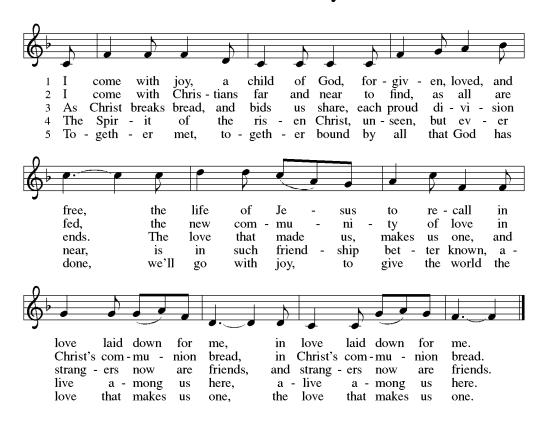




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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835
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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

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P Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick*, *homebound*, *and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 881

Let All Things Now Living



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company. BLESSING ELW p. 209

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, Traditional spiritual



The Altar Flowers are given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in remembrance of our parents and brother.

The Eternal Candle for the month of April is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

The Altar Guild Beverly Brockschmidt, Torrie Ann Campbell and Diane Buechner

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

Financial Support Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church.

Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update:

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator. Contact the office if interested.

SCRIP after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. You can purchase gift cards at our table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS</u> 10:05-10:50 am Teacher is Roger Raddatz. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

MONDAY "FAITH TALKS" Mondays, 10am-11:30 Join us. A newsworthy topic from *The Wired Word* curriculum will be the weekly focus of our adult education discussion. Bring your Bible. Last session May 6th.

<u>DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED</u> This is a paid part-time position with practice one evening a week and performance in the Sunday service 1-2 times a month. If interested, please contact the office at (941)-753-9365. www.livinglordf.org.

A STITCH AND A PRAYER Thanks to all who generously participated in our recent Spring Handicrafts raffle. \$760 was made and given toward a new church sign. Join us Friday mornings at 10:30 for fellowship and fun while working on quilting, knitting, and crocheting projects for our community. Instructions can be given. Monetary and material donations are always welcome. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl or prayer lap quilt, contact Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 or Marsha Holloway at (352)843-0353.

Are you on the Parish Life Team? Remember, we meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary Hall. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday May 5th!

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION The second Thursday of every month the LLL lunch bunch meet at 11:30 am. The next luncheon will be on Thursday *May 9, 2024 at Skillets on State Road 64*. This luncheon is open to <u>all</u> who wish to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Cubberly 941-773-3517.

<u>DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> Our annual Day Camp will be held from **June 10**th **-14**th right here at Living Lord. We have already secured Luther Springs Counselors to run the programming, but we need a chairperson to coordinate the event and volunteers to help with meals, crafts, registration, nursing, and security. Please contact the office if you can help. Day Camp Registration begins in April.

THE CALL COMMITTEE Please turn in your completed handout TODAY.



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