

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Prelude

GOD GATHERS US

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

all verses



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
Text © John B. Geyer.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

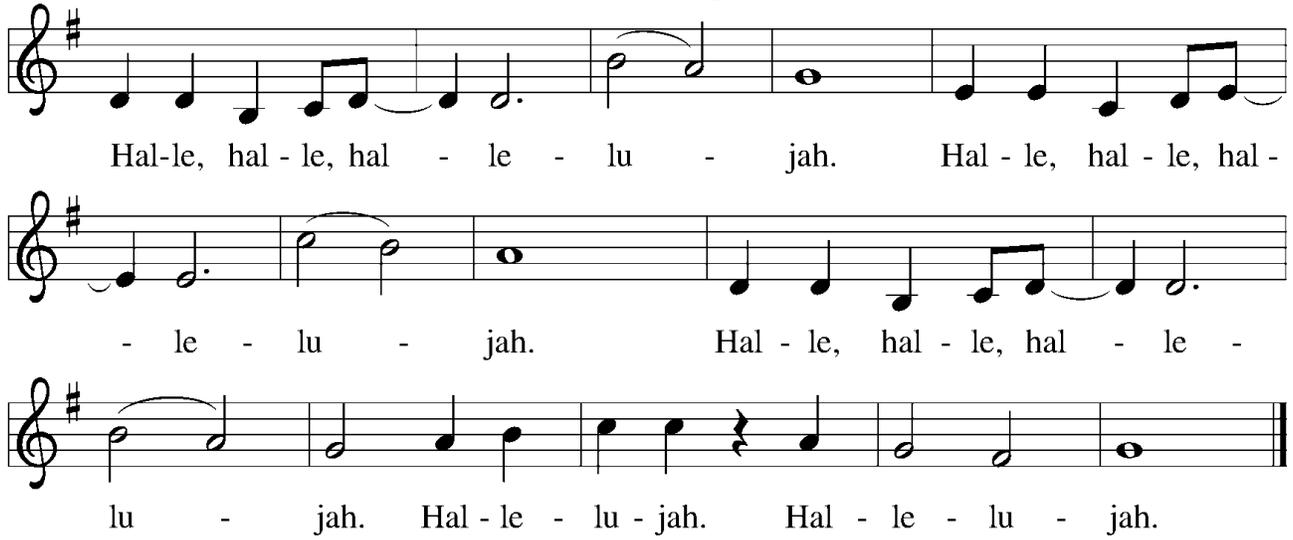
[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



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- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Sermon

see attached file

Hymn of the Day

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

all verses



- 1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
- 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
- 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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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 catholic 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.

Prayers

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, let us unite in Christ to pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with the words **"Make us one in you."**

A brief silence.

God of triune mystery, as you have formed your church to be one fruitful vine, strengthen our churches and our ecumenical connections with Christians across the street and around the globe. On this day we pray especially for Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Macholz and the Upstate NY Synod, our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia, The Presbyterian Church USA, and our congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O loving God: **Make us one in you.**

Nurture our missionaries and theologians, our seminaries, our Sunday schools, and all adult discussions of the faith.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O enlightening God: **Make us one in you.**

Lead all Christian communities to welcome people of each sexual identity, every skin color, and all national backgrounds.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O embracing God: **Make us one in you.**

As you created an earth with countless forms of plant and animal life, train us to honor and maintain the bountiful earth that you intend for us and future generations.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O creating God: **Make us one in you.**

As you call humankind to live in love with one another, bring peace to nations, to neighborhoods, and to homes. Protect the oppressed and the vulnerable in every land, show us the path to nonviolence in all things.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O reconciling God: **Make us one in you.**

As you have promised to hear the cries of all the needy, listen now to the countless people around the world who are suffering from sickness, from the coronavirus, from injustice, from abuse, from starvation. Hear our pleas for India. We pray especially for all named on our prayer list, along with those we name before you now...

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O healing God: **Make us one in you.**

We remember those who have died in the faith. As you have promised to bring your people into your strong and tender embrace, preserve us until we enter with all the saints into your everlasting mercy.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O eternal God: **Make us one in you.**

Into your hands, O living God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

verses 1 and 2



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

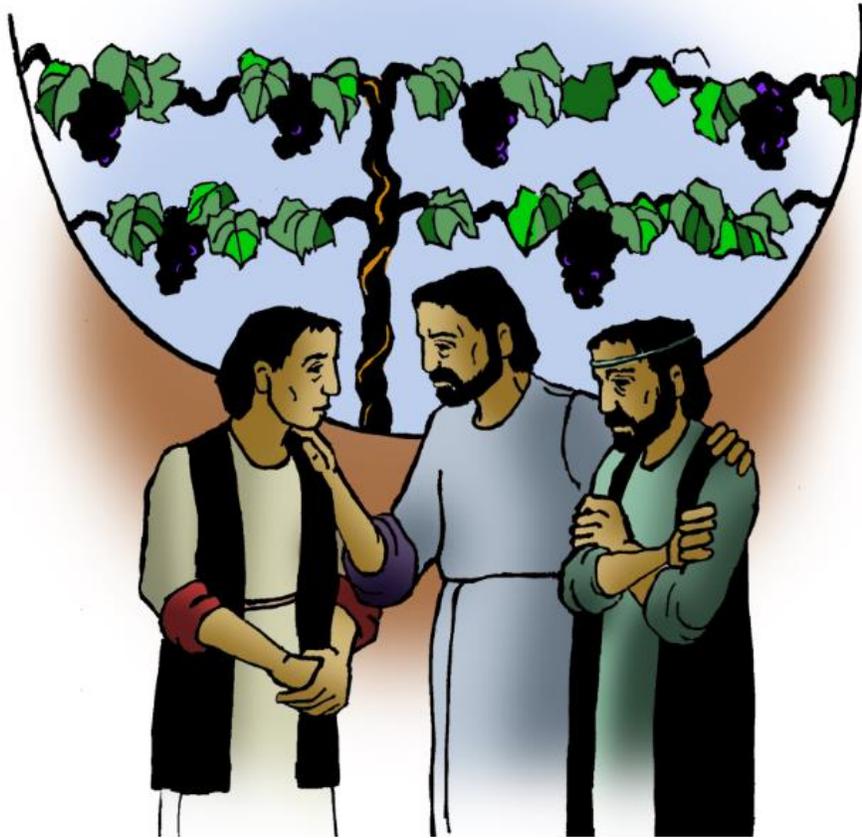
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Celebrations this week:

- Happy Birthday to *Monte Young* on May 3; *Dan Dobrovosky II* on May 5, *Helen Dobrovosky* on May 6, *Kennedy Landers* on May 7, *Colton Munson* and *Bill Settineri* on May 8.

News:

1. **8am Reflections Service** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** appears live on Facebook LIVE and is also posted on our website.
3. **Worship and Music Committee** meets Tuesday, May 4 at 1pm via ZOOM.
4. **Council** meets Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30pm via ZOOM.
5. *Paul and Julie Corbett* have a new home! Their **new address** is: 10 Kane Avenue Apt A3 Skaneateles, NY 13152.
6. Outreach – The word is out! People of Holy Trinity are out shopping for items for **Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits** and we are grateful! Once again, here is the list of items needed: **bath size bars of soap** in original wrapping; **toothbrush** in original packaging; **sturdy comb**; **metal nail clippers**. Buy one item, buy any number of one item (such as bars of soap) or buy one of each item listed for a complete kit. Hold onto them until May 23 when we will have a grand ingathering of the kit items as we worship together in church!! Thank you and keep shopping or call *Nancy Tiedemann* if you would like to donate money and the Outreach committee will do the shopping.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

7. Caring for each other in the best ways we can, the Council has made the unanimous decision to **re-enter the church building** on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Watch the bulletins for more details in the next two months. 8am Reflections will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.

8. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either drop off or mail in your offering. Thank you.
9. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatensynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Bruce MacLaren* (Janet Schwenke's cousin's husband); *Josh Wilson* (Joyce Trickett's son); *Dale Zabel*; *Gladys Eckhardt* (Wayne Eckhardt's mother); *John Arnold* (Pastor Paula's neighbor's father); *Polly Weeks* (Dawn Matijas-Czolowski's aunt); *Bob Frendak*; *Ed Egert* (Janet Dobrovosky's father)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: *Ferdie Jedik*; *Pastor Paul Herpich* (Pastor Paula's friend); *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy*; *Helen Dobrovosky*; *Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder*; *George Schwenke*; *Rick Powers*; *Rick Munson*; *Louise Zabel*; *Dawn Matijas-Czolowski*; *Marian Settineri*; *Georgia Peach* (Kathryn Carlson's friend); *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*, *Synod Bishop John S. Macholz*; *The Presbyterian Church USA*; and *Pastor Paula*, the *Council*, and *lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *George and Janet Schwenke*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Holy Trinity Council: Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan*, *Janet Schwenke*, *Tim Dobrovosky*, and *Pastor Paula*

