



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Certain Hope Bears Fruit

May 2, 2021





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Worship at 8am and
10:30am

Bible Class at 9:15am

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Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!"**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **"Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life."**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside of your worship folder to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women's and men's restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

We often say that the resurrection of Jesus has more impact on your life than just on Easter Sunday. We'll certainly see that truth emphasized in worship today, as God's Word reminds us that our certain hope in the resurrection of Jesus has certain results in the way we live our lives. Because "the Vine" lives, then we the branches who are attached to the Vine will produce fruit. But what exactly does that fruit look like in our lives? And how can we better produce good fruit? It's all about keeping and strengthening our connection to the Vine!



The Season of Easter

The Easter season is 50 days long and consists of 8 Sundays: from Easter to Pentecost. The season of Easter is the oldest season in the church year, referred to as early as the 3rd century. The Sundays of Easter remind us that Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. Instead, it is a continued celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and the victory over Satan, and the certain hope that that gives us, not just on Easter Sunday, but in every day of our lives! No matter how uncertain the times might feel. Christ is risen indeed! And that changes everything.



Join us next Sunday, May 9th for a special Mother's Day celebration of all godly women!

DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

Christian Worship 158



1 I am con - tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
2 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
3 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
4 I am con - tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for
from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to



me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -

die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 ex - ul - ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 joyce for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. I've failed to prioritize my connection to you, and therefore, at times I've failed to produce the good fruit that I should. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
 on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus

Christian Worship 265 vs. 1-4

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *To final refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:11-15

The fruit of Lydia's faith

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

Christian Worship p. 91

Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain



SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:18-24

Love is the fruit of faith

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts,

and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Vine and the branches

M: The Gospel, according to St. John, chapter 15.

C: 

Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



CONFESSION OF FAITH


The 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness

Christian Worship 342



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness A
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; His
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, And
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, For

vine - yard grows with prom - ise green, The
 vine with love he plant - ed here To
 though we feel the dress - er's knife, We
 him sup - ply his win - er - y With

plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
 bear the choic - est fruit for him.
 are the ob - jects of his care.
 fruit from which true joys de - rive.

5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be:

Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner

Text: John 15:1-8

No Vine, No Fruit

SERMON RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY

To help prevent the spread of germs, we won't be passing the offering plates to collect our thank offerings to God. Please place your offering in one of the offering plates located on the table in the back of the sanctuary as you exit this morning. Victory can also receive offerings electronically through our secure website:

victorylutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab in the upper right hand corner. You can access that site on your smartphone using a QR code reader to scan the box to the right. We'd also ask that you would fill out a Connection Card, found inside your worship folder, and drop it into the offering plate as you exit this morning.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Sanctus

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

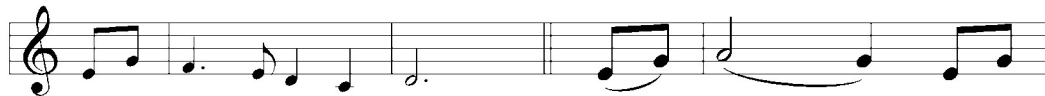
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

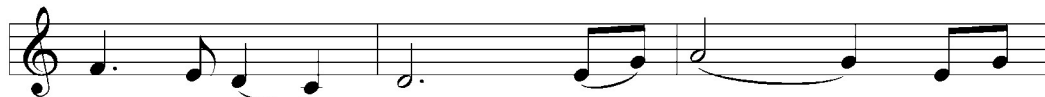
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of



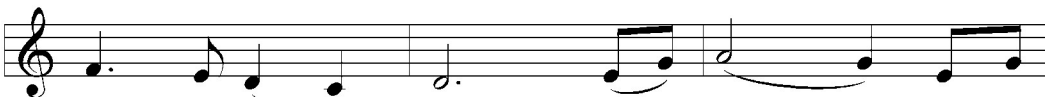
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



DISTRIBUTION

Guests please note: Scripture teaches that when Christians partake of the Lord's Supper together, they are expressing their unity of faith. Through this act they are confessing that they agree on all the teachings of Scripture. We do not wish to put our guests in the position of making such a confession without knowing our teachings. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to receive communion at this time. If you desire communion fellowship with us, please speak to our pastor. We are eager to help anyone take this step.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Christian Worship 310 vs. 1-8



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain

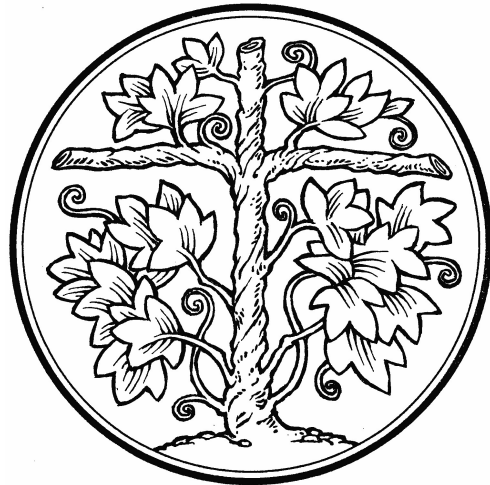
a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.

bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.
Refrain



THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

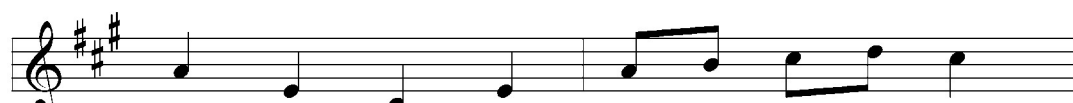
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.


CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is With Me


Christian Worship Supplement 761




1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death,
 2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine,
 3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.



That as he was raised by God's glo - ry,
 Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,
 I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.



We might walk in life made new by grace.
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him:
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,



Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing
 One who loved me so— gave him - self for

Refrain

him.
God.
me.

Christ is with me

ev - 'ry - where I go. Nev - er to

leave me, this I know.

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Organist.....Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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Parents' Preview for May 9

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service next week!

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb vs 1 (Hymn 432)

I am Jesus' little lamb; Ever glad at heart I am,
 For my shepherd gentle guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me,
 Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.



MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

This is in the: ☐ Old Testament ☐ New Testament



What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

☐ Yes
☐ No



Communion?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

Sermon Notes



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