

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

Fantasia (echo) Dorian, SwWV 275
Glory to God alone in the highest, SwWV 299

J.P. Sweelinck
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10:45

Greater

Lawrence, Carter, McGee
Pastor Penny

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship

LSB 911 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

1 Lord, this day we've come to worship; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Grace us with Your blessed presence; Blessed Savior, be our host.
Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Lord!
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3 May Your Word enrich our spirit, Give us strength to do Your will,
Show the kingdom we'll inherit, When at last our voice is still.
Refrain

5 Celebrate the resurrection In the church and sing His praise,
Till we come to true perfection: Serve the Lord through all our days
Refrain

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10:45

God So Loved
Here I Am to Worship
I Believe

Cash, Cash, Berghold et al.
Hughes
Smith, Wickham, Davenport

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19b*)

People: Amen.

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Pastor: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name!

(*adapt. from Ps. 150:1, 2, 6 & Ps 66:1, 2, 4*)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** The fulfillment of God's mighty, awesome deeds and excellent greatness is Christ crucified and risen for you. For this we should always praise our Father in heaven. Yet even as Christ followers, our words and actions do not always reflect this. We therefore approach His throne in humility to ask His forgiveness, certain of His mercy through Christ.

(*Silence for meditation on God's Word and personal confession*)

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: Almighty God, You have won salvation for us through Christ, yet we do not always abide in Him. Even having the message of the cross, we do not always trust You in times of calamity, nor praise You in times of comfort. Forgive us by Your mercy, and by Your Spirit keep us in the vine of Christ, that we may praise Your goodness at all times, and in all places, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Come all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for your soul. Because of Christ, He has not rejected your prayer, or removed His steadfast love from you, but has indeed forgiven you all your sins. As a called and

ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise*

LSB 946

1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vic'try won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. **(do not print or project)** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may abide in Christ and so love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FAITH STATEMENT VIDEO-Andrew Ponseti

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they

were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Acts 2:42 ...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

15 ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic

Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paula Weiss

SERMON HYMN

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

Abide - Revisited

Pastor Patton

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit Sowing

arr. H. Rohlig

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

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.

† THE BENEDICTION (God's Blessing)

CLOSING HYMN 8:15

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise! Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Refrain
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Refrain

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POSTLUDE

The Dance of the Lord, SwWV 319

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