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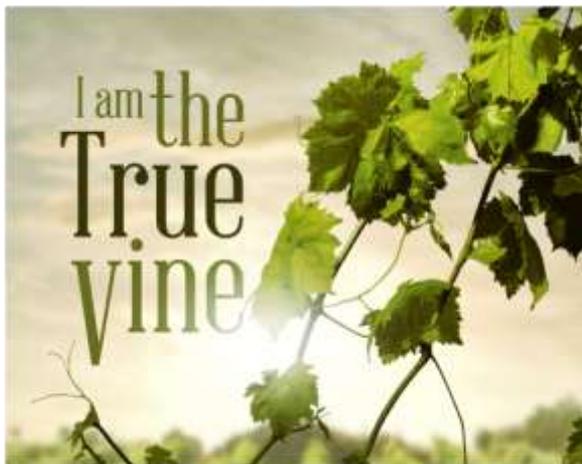
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*May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**John 15:1**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

*To listen to the service, please turn your radio to*

*FM 88.9*

*Thank you for joining our service today.*

## Gathering

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

**Prelude**

**Karen Niemeier**

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (water being poured)  
We thank you, risen Christ for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

**ELW #359**

### Word

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

**1st Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

**2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

**Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8**

P: Holy Gospel according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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 <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for what ever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup>My 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.**

## Message

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.

Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow

(“In Christ Called to Baptize” V4)

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## Hymn

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ELW #575

## Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

*Leader will lead the prayer.*

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Larry Huneke, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tesendorf, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, the Anthony Nelson family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Norma, Bonnie W, David Gray, works of Lutheran world Relief and those serving our country especially Kyle.*

## Sending

*God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### Blessing and Dismissal

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☐ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

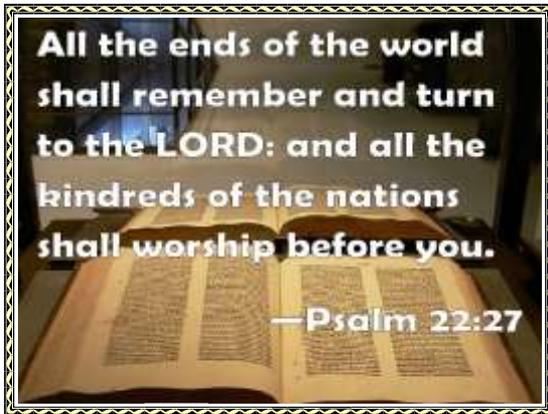
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

**“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”**

ELW #377

### Psalm 22:27



*Announcements  
Today, May 2nd at 10:30am  
Special Congregational Meeting.*

*Attendance April 18<sup>th</sup>  
In~person—15  
On~line 50*

*On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.*