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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# 50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Vine and Branches. It's another picture of the intimate connection between a believer and the Lord Jesus. It is a fruitful connection to be attached to the One who died but rose again and lives forever! This Easter season we're considering fruit of the Resurrection in our lives and Jesus makes it crystal clear today - we need to be enlivened by Him, nourished and fed and empowered by Him. How that happens is no mystery: REMAIN in His powerful, life-giving Word. Dear Lord, make us fruitful to our blessing and Your glory!

*A personal prayer before worship*

*Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we come together before you in humble awe. You are the one True God, and there is none other like You. Come, we pray and bless our hearts and minds as we hear Your Word and receive Your gifts. Send Your Holy Spirit into our lives so that we may grow in love and grace, and that we may go forth into all the world, proclaiming Your Gospel in our words and deeds. Amen.*

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*  
*Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.* 

### Hymn 469 Welcome, Happy Morning

#### Invocation

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✝}$  and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19*

#### Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



### Song of Praise He Is Arisen! Glorious Word (#461)

He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
the gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
and Satan's arrows broken lie,  
destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
rising glorious,  
life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Be seated.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

Acts 4:32-37

*The Lord Jesus' life and love was powerfully at work in the branches connected to Him. The Church loved their Lord by loving His people. A oneness of spirit, created by the Holy Spirit, led to beautiful displays of care and giving.*

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's

grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the



*Refrain*



Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead!

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Holy Gospel**

***John 15:1-8***

*This lesson is the basis of the sermon.*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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.

“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. 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. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day | 595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing**

**Sermon** John 15:1-8 Stay right there!

*Please stand.*

**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,**

*Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4*

*Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3*

*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*

*Colossians 1:16*

*Romans 10:9*

*Matthew 16:16*

*John 3:16*

*John 1:1,8:12,17:22*

*Colossians 2:9*

*John 1:2*

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 truly 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.

John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23  
John 6:41; Luke 15:20  
Luke 1:34-35  
John 1:14  
Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18  
Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53  
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; My 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11  
Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38  
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6  
John 15:26  
Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14  
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21  
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4  
Psalm 106:4

*Be seated.*

## Prayer of the Church

Remain in us, O Lord, that we may remain in You and bring forth the fruits of Your love within us, that we who have known Your gracious favor may show forth Your love to one another. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remain in us, O Lord, that we may remain in You and live together within the power of Your love, forgiving one another as You have forgiven us, welcoming the stranger as You have welcomed us and proclaiming Your mercy to those not yet of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remain in us, O Lord, that we may remain in You and not be overcome by the fears and terrors of this world. Give to all our leaders wisdom, integrity of heart, a desire for true justice and a love of peace. Lord, in

Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Remain in us, O Lord, that we may remain in You and care for those in need, the hungry, the wounded in body and spirit, the grieving and those in the hour of death. May those who call upon You in their need know the fullness of Your healing grace in the day of their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

*Special intercessions may be inserted here*

Remain in us, O Lord, that we may remain in You and not fear to worship You in the beauty of holiness, with the works of our hands and with the resources You have entrusted to our care; receive our tithes and offerings as tokens of our faith and signs of our trust. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

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# THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



The Lord be with you.



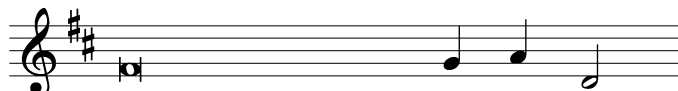
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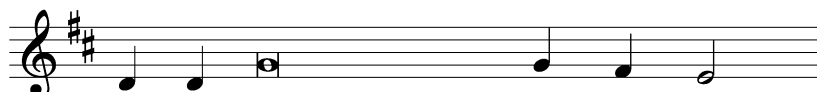
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
 heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks for everything your Son has done for our salvation.

Bless us as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

## 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 Words of Our Lord Jesus

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

***Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.***

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.*

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

**Hymn 454 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**  
**Hymn 578 Chief of Sinners, Though I Be**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

**Prayer and Blessing**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me**

*By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)*

**1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine,  
I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won,**

**and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released,  
I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**



*We thank the Lord for Amy Sehloff and her gifts used to serve us with music this morning!*

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The story is told of a sultan who awoke in the middle of the night and summoned his wizard. "Wizard," he said, "my sleep is troubled. Tell me: What is holding up the earth?"

"Majesty," replied the wizard, "the earth rests on the back of a giant elephant."

The sultan was satisfied and went back to his sleep. He then awoke in a cold sweat and summoned the wizard. "Wizard," he said, "what's holding up the elephant?"

The Wizard looked at him and said, "The elephant stands on the back of a giant turtle. And you can stop right there, Majesty. It's turtles all the way down."

Christians are those who have an opinion about what is it that upholds the world, "all the way down." We believe that, in the resurrection of Jesus, we got a glimpse of what is going on in the world and what upholds the whole cosmos. Or should I say, we have a strong conviction about who upholds the world?

When the sea roars and the mountains shake, we know something about the one who upholds the world, all the way down, and that knowledge gives us the courage to go on.

- William Willimon