

"ABIDE"

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8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

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FOCUS The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

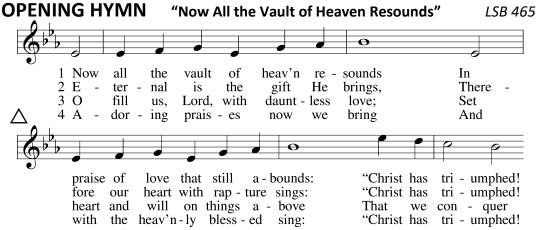
WELCOME

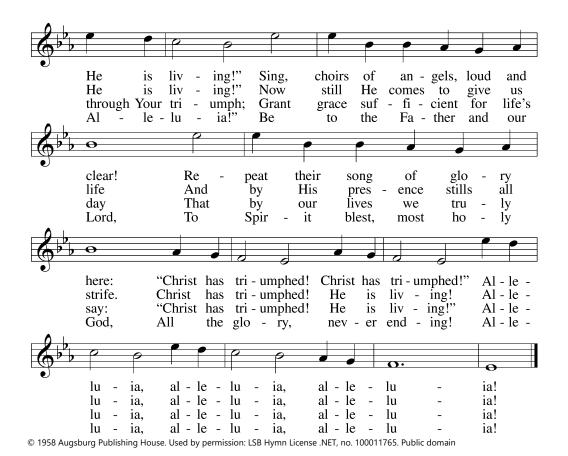
INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

RITE of BLESSING: FRONT STEPS





OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11

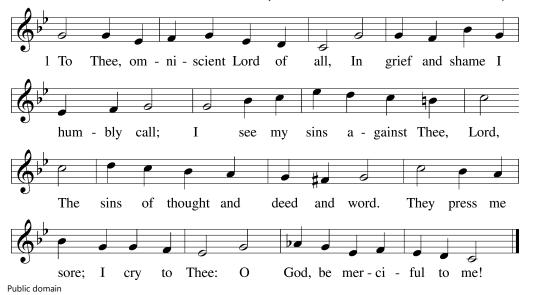
- The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
- in those who hope in His steadfast love.
- **I** Taste and see that the LORD is good!
- Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- L O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
- In wisdom have You made them all.
- May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
- may the LORD rejoice in His works.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 4:20: John 15:5

As penitent people, we come humbly before God, confessing our sins to Him and imploring His forgiveness.

HYMN of CONFESSION "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All" LSB 613, v.1



- Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." Whoever abides by faith in Him receives forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the name 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.





SALUTATION and **PRAYER** of the DAY

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Risen and ascended Lord, You are the vine, and we are the branches. Apart from You there is no life. By Baptism, You have grafted us into Your gracious life. Cause Your Word to abide in us and make us fruitful to the glory of Your Father, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Baptism

9:30am

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

APOSTLES' CREED (AII)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)

Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Service of the Word

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

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, gueen 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 charjot," 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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world;

therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

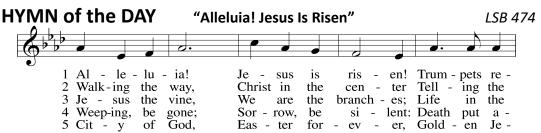
HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1-8

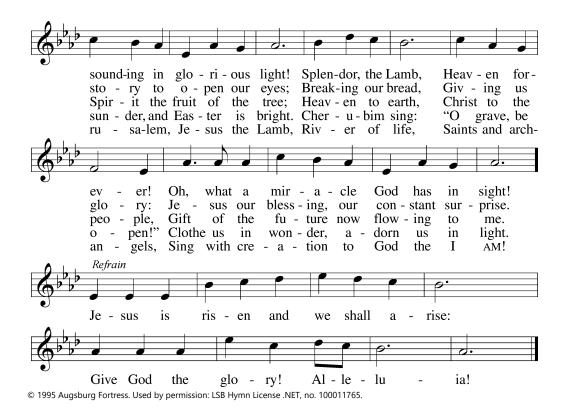
- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said] "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."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN





SERMON "Abide" Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

CONFESSION of FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and it's meaning from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

- As we celebrate the risen Christ this Easter season, we now speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- [I believe in] Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- L What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

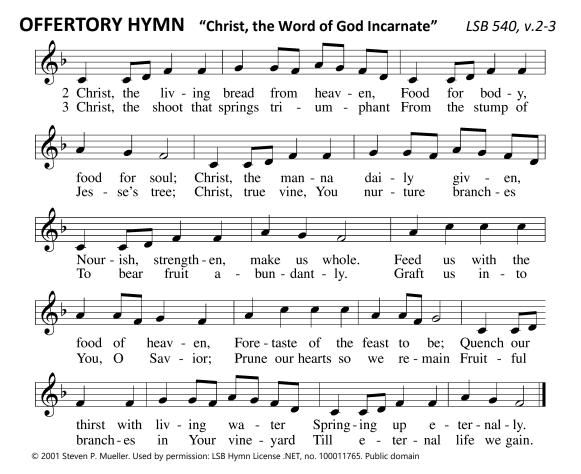
Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



Service of the Sacrament

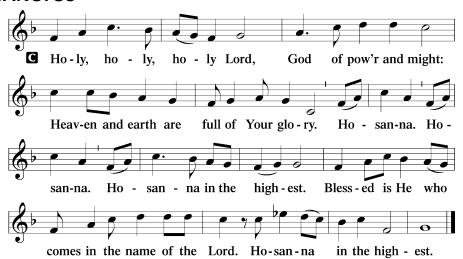
PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **L** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy, we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to call upon You with all boldness and confidence. Gathered at Your Table, grant that we receive Your body and blood, fully trusting in Your promises that are fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Unite us to Christ the Vine that we live as fruitful branches and finally grant us a foretaste of the feast to come. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- Remembering Your mercy, O Lord, and how our Savior suffered upon the cross, died the death that was ours to die, rose to bestow upon us the life that death cannot overcome, ascended to the glory of the Father's right hand, and sent forth the Spirit to lead us into faith, we pray You to bring to conclusion all that our Savior began and deliver us to that everlasting life and light in heaven forevermore. Hear us as we pray with one voice the prayer He has taught us:

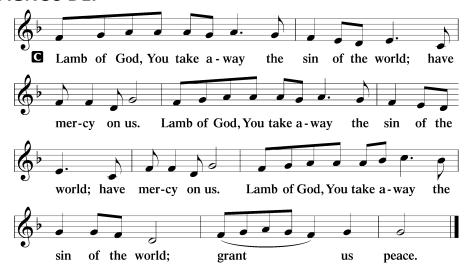
The LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

- **I** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700 LSB 680

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same and help us to rejoice in Your mercies that we grow daily as fruitful branches of Christ the Vine. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
- Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Darwall's 148th"

arr. Callahan

PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor

LITURGIST: Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor ORGANIST: Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music

INSTRUMENTS: Glenn Marquardt—trumpet; Rebekah Hoehne—flute; Ellie Hoehne,

Jodi Hoehne, Rebekah Hoehne—percussion

ELDERS: 8am—Chad Schwantes, Raun Egner; 9:30am—Michael Hase

ACOLYTES: 8am—Zeb Prahl; 9:30am—Sophia Blaser

TECH: 8am— ; 9:30am—

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY— 8am & 9:30am Sunday BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY— 5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

- WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the
 month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of
 the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to
 speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. Gluten free wafers are available upon
 request.
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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