

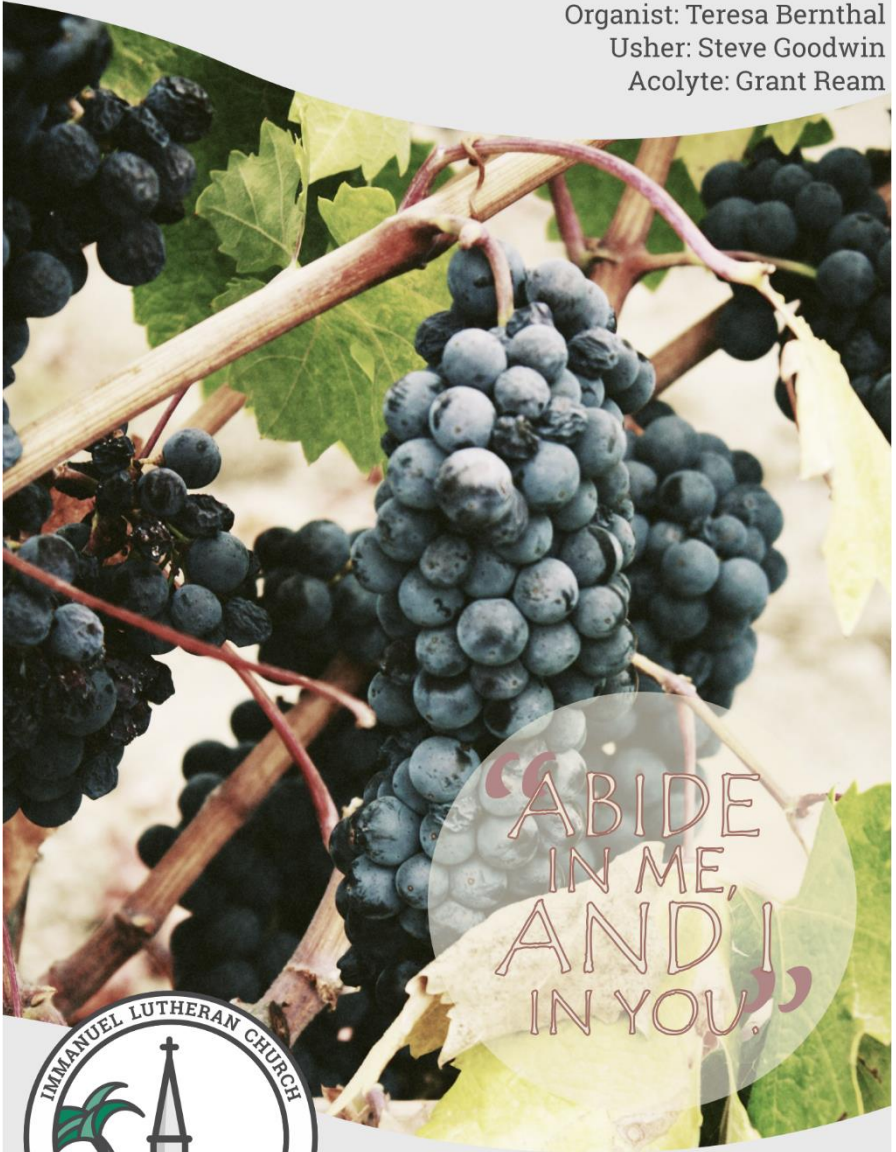
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Easter 5

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 150

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: WS #751

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* A --- men.

INTROIT

Ps. 145:1-2,8,10,21; Jn. 16:16

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.

C I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

P Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

C The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

C My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

P A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system begins with a common time signature and features a vocal melody of quarter and eighth notes, with piano accompaniment in block chords. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Rom. 6:9; Jn. 14:23

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.


THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C  All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 1 John 4:12-21 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.

GOSPEL READING – John 15:1-8 "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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: (Back of Bulletin)

"Come Thou Fount"

SERMON – 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, 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.

Going to Great Lengths to Save the Individual Sinner

I. The Ethiopian

II. You

III. And others still to come

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.


Hymn: WS #775

"Thy Strong Word"


- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C**  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #495:1,3-4 “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains”

✠ Announcements ✠

Arise and Shine (20's & 30's Retreat)

is coming up June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and are able to make the time, please plan on

joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives."

For more info & to register, go to our website: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us:

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Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Qtr. Voters Meeting
✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
(May Meeting)

Quarterly Voters Meeting is today. Please plan on attending for this important work. Agendas are printed and available in the back of church.

Pastor Rodebaugh was recently appointed to the CLC Kinship Committee as the PR person. He thanks the Lord for the opportunity to serve the synod in this capacity.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to remain housebound for several more months due to a kidney ailment. **Virginia Tetens** continues to battle advanced pancreatic cancer. **Kelsey Rodebaugh** had surgery on Thursday in Oahu, HI. Her husband Josh is at sea until July, leaving Kelsey with their three children until then. She is recovering at home. **JoAnne Weis** recently cut open her foot doing yard work, and after receiving stitches, the wound became infected. She has been in and out of the hospital and is currently recovering at home. **Fred Jackson** has recovered better very well from his pancreatic condition, and now only has follow-up tests. Praise the Lord! **Patti Meno** has been waiting for a kidney transplant. **Sharon Brown** recently had open heart surgery and is continuing her recovery at home. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to bouts of severe dizziness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

Last Week (4/22) Attendance: WH – 31 Orlando – 13

General = \$1,341 | Petty Cash = \$30 | Prop. Imprv. = \$10
Bldg. Fund = \$25 | Tuition = \$625 | **Total Offering = \$2,001**

April Usher: C. Moorehead | **Acolyte (5/06):** Mason K.
| **Cleaner (5/05):** Ream

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

(2. cont.) Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.