

All Saints Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Baptism (9:30 am)

**Call to Worship**

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**C: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**C: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**C: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

L: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

L: Christ is the vine. We are the branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us.

You who seek forgiveness have been cleansed by Christ's word. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell.

2. When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk till rising sun.

3. In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
With just one more surprise.

4. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: John C. Ylvisaker

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**All: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Word**

#### **First Reading**

Acts 8: 26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south<sup>[a]</sup> to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> 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 silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip <sup>38</sup> baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed<sup>[b]</sup> 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 whatever 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<sup>[c]</sup> my disciples.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Matt Schroeder

Hymn

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2. To the members of Christ's body,  
To the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
To our midst, as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

3. With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,

With the power to love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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### **Prayer for Offering and Commitment Cards**

L: Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving.

This offering we collect today and these commitment cards represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may give as closely as possible how you have given to us. May we see them as our offering to you, the offering of our very selves, living sacrifices to you.

**C: Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...(proper preface continues)

Words of Institution

### **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 body of Christ, given for you. (You may eat the wafer)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (You may drink the grape juice).

Communion Blessing

### **Benediction and Sending**

L: Go now, and love one another, because love is from God.

Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.

Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful;

May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;

And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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*Sunday School children come in to the sanctuary at 9:30 am*

### **Prayer at the Closing of our Sunday School Year**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

L: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.  
(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

L: As we go from Sunday School  
Back to our homes,  
Help us to remember all we've learned,  
Each day to love and share.  
The stories and the games we've played,  
And drawings we take home,  
Remind us Jesus is our friend,  
We're never on our own.

**C: Amen!**

L: Direct these children, O Lord, in all their doings with your most gracious favor and further them with your continual help, that in all their works, begun, continued, and ended in you, they may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: We close this Sunday school year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Accompanist: Chris Starr

Postlude

*The sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered today for Rhoads Matthew Schroeder making him heir to all God's gifts and promises and a member of His Holy Church. Rhoads is the son of Pastor Matthew and Kelsey Schroeder and his sponsors are Mario & Sara Hevesi.*

#### **WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS**

*We are glad you chose to worship at All Saints today. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and that you feel at home with our congregation. If you want to learn more about All Saints or are looking to be connected, visit*

*[www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) or contact one of our staff:*

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#### **Remember in Prayer**

Carol Sandbo for healing

Nate and Laura Aune's newborn daughter, Margo for healing

Dave Williams for healing

Dick Docken for healing

Nelda Duenow for healing

Brian Foster for healing

Laurie Hilgers' father for peace and comfort

Linda Schrupp for healing

Betty Bingham for healing

Cassie Storms for healing

Kassie Harms for healing

Carter Serna at Basic Training for Marines

Andrew Haley stationed in Virginia

#### **The Week Ahead:**

Sun	May 2	Worship and Communion at 8:00 & 9:30 am 8:40 am Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30 am Last Day of Sunday School (Classroom party, snack and craft)
Mon	May 3	6:00 pm Fish Fry
Tue	May 4	6:30 pm Faith Formation & Fellowship Ministry Team

Thurs April 6

8:00 pm AA

Sun May 9

Mother's Day Worship with Contemporary Worship Team at 8 & 9:30 am

### **Better Than Normal Stewardship Campaign**

If you brought your commitment card in today you can place it in the basket on the table in the narthex. If you forgot you can fill out one of the blank cards on the table or on our website [www.allsaintsnva.org](http://www.allsaintsnva.org).

### **Vacation Bible School**



VBS is June 7-10, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

*Registration Deadline is May 23, 2021*

*Forms are available at the Welcome Center or at [www.allsaintsnva.org](http://www.allsaintsnva.org)*

VBS is for students Age 3-Grade 6 (entering fall 2021).



Our theme is "Rocky Railway - Jesus Power Pulls us Through"

We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

All are invited to VBS at All Saints so tell your friends & neighbors!

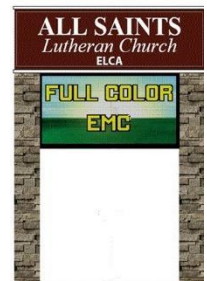
Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Transportation is available.

### **Sign Update**

To date we have received \$45,000 of the \$55,000 needed to purchase a new Digital sign.

Any amount you are able to give will help us reach our goal. There will be a place on the All Saints website where you can donate to the sign project. [www.allsaintsnva.org](http://www.allsaintsnva.org)

If you write a check, please make it out to All Saints, and designate it for the **Sign Fund**. If you give cash, please write **Sign Fund** on your envelope.



### **All Saints Annual Garage Sale July 15, 16 & 17, 2021**

It's back! Mark your calendars. Are you spring cleaning? Save your 'treasures' for the garage sale. **If you are interested in helping out with the sale please sign up at the Welcome Center.**

# THE TRUE VINE



May 2, 2021  
Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am

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