

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Service Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

### GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unchangeable power,  
when you fashioned the world  
the morning stars sang together  
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:  
Open our eyes to the wonders of creation  
and teach us to use all things for good,  
to the honor of your glorious Name.

**Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading – Acts 8:26-40**

**Psalm 22:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

## **Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-21**

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia*. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. *Alleluia*. (*John 15:5*)

## **Gospel – John 15:1-8**

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader	Lauren Aldred
Lector	Caroline Elle

## OSLC Calendar of Events:

- This Sunday      9:45am – Traditional worship service,  
11:00am – 2:00pm – Explore Worship – light lunch,  
gathering and making plant medicines. Dress for the  
weather. Anyone who would like to help with food, please  
contact Lauren at [ljaldred@yahoo.ca](mailto:ljaldred@yahoo.ca)
- May 5, 2024      9:45am – Traditional worship service
- May 12, 2024      9:45am – Holy Communion worship service
- May 19, 2024      9:45am – Traditional worship service  
11:00am – 2:00pm – Explore Worship – Plant Medicine  
(continued)

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## **READINGS FOR THE DAY**

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### **FIRST READING – Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south 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>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip 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.**

**SECOND READING –1 John  
4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So

we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING - John  
15:1-8**

**C: Glory To You, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"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 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 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 my disciples.”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

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