

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021

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[Livestream Order of Service](#)

Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Prelude 8:00 "Triptych on The Shepherd Psalm"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 8:00/10:30 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Gathering Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Hymn 452 vv. 1, 3, 5

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.

For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Prayer of the Day

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!

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen!

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

Lector: Stephanie Stechschulte (10:30 service)
Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then 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.) ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside 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 silent before its shearer,
so he does not open 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 The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

Psalm 22:25-28 Honor the Lord

R: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

1 John 4:7-12, 19 God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service; page 102)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. {John 6:68}

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John 15:1-8 Jesus the True Vine

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day “Blessing, Honor, and Glory” Hymn 433 vv. 1

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
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Music Meditation “Sweet By and By”

Rite of Confirmation (10:30 service; page 234)

Apostles' Creed (8:00 service; page 105)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those
in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

Holy Communion (pages 107, 109)

8:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

10: 30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

Blessing (page 114)

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

P: 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. In the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

Dismissal (page 115)

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn “We Know That Christ Is Raised” Hymn 449 v. 1 & 4

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe restored and whole will sing:

Hallelujah!

Doxology Sung By The Congregation (8:00 service)

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Doxology on the Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Dismissal Protocol & Dismissal

Postlude “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”