

Easter 5 May 2, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "At the Lamb's Feast We Sing"

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Let us pray: 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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.

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Amen

Psalm 22:25-31

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

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ **All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ **To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in] the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.**

³⁰ **Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

³¹ **and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

Second Reading: I John 4:7-21

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.

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 do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. 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 reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Amen

Anthem

L The Holy Gospel according to John 15th Chapter

C Glory to you, O lord.

"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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"The Day of Resurrection!"

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue his work of healing. In the Name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

(Pastor and Assisting Minister read first names off prayer list.)

AM Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. When they are afraid, give them courage, when afflicted give the patience, when dejected, give them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

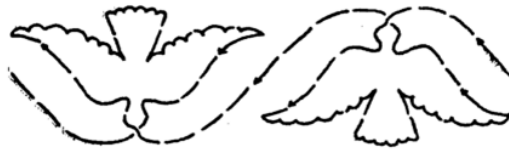
C Amen

AM For any other needs that are known to us... May our Lord's help be abundant and swift. **C Lord have mercy.**

P Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore our sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

P Please share a sign of peace with one another.



The Great Thanksgiving

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.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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



Communion

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

- P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
- P** The Body of Christ, given for you. **C** Amen.
- P** The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **C** Amen.
- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen

Post Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen

Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

Postlude

When you depart, please exit through the door marked "Exit," moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.

Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

The flowers on the Altar are given in the glory of God and in honor of Mary Swienckowski on her birthday given by St. Paul's Women of the ELCA.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott
Laurie Abbott
Francine Ahrens
Pat Alexander
Robert & Mel Andrighetti
Chuck Andersen
Vinnie Aparo
Edie Balkun
Irene Barillaro
Elana Barkasy
Raymond Bazzolo
Judith (Ross) Beatty
Kevin Belkofer & Family
Karen Bell
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Nancy Bent
Richard Bertoli
Gurvinder Bharara
Armando Binelli
Brian & Lisa Bodnar
Holly Borden
Joe Brancato
George Bruno
Brusseau Family
Eddie Burns
Theo & Victoria Camara
Peter Carbone, Sr.
Joe Casagni
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrhne
Nancy Colon
Cheryl and Rich Corey
Wayne Crossman
Barry Demkar
Sigrid Devita
Melissa Dias
Doris & Dutch Deitman
Delores Derwitsch
Gerard Doll
Irene Douglas
Betsy Durstin
Diane & Paul Edwards
Judy Elliott
Bruce & Liz Falls
Christy Ferro
Holly Florio
Ed Ford
Mary Lynn Gagnon
Gabby Gerkin
Bob & Ann Gioscia
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Connie & Don Gugenheim
Wayne Hall
Owen Hanecak
Maggie Hanley
Erica Haraldsen
Alexis Heintz
Bill Heintz
Brad Herzberg
Jim Hornfischer

Vicki Jene
Jenn Johnson & Family
Bob Jones
Ed Killingbeck
Lynn Killingbeck
Burke LaClair
Jeff Lajoie and family
Lori Ledone & family
Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Rita Lundeen
Ida Mallet
Mervin Mank
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Bob & Lynn Milano
Bernice Miller
Ruth Mohlenhoff
Lonnie & Rose Moranino
Richard Mortlock
Carolyn Mosher
Denise Murphy
Doris Murphy
Michael Meyers
Dennis Nalette
Ron Nurnberg
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Cindy O'Dell
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Wally Pence
Caroline Quintal
Marge Raspiller
Pat Reiley
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-
Blezard
Grant Robinson
Mary Rolfe
Elfrieda Roller
Dave Roskopf
Chris Samele
Rosemary Schibi
Jay Shaw
Linda Shaw
Tricia Sherwin
Bob Sienko
Marge Skaret
Richard Stanhope
Jon Sterling
Reid Underwood
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Russ Wilmot
Jean Marie Witt
Nancy Wogman
Anna Woike

Paul
Karen
Katherine
Helen
JO
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Diane
Jen
Charlie
Michelle
Jessica
Donna L.
Rich S.
Dustin
Skylar
Andrea
Kayleigh
Linda H.
Diane, Kayla, and family
Bob
Shannon H.
Karen M.
Ora
Sharon
Mason
Louis F.
Katherine T.
Joyce-Ann
Maryann Z.
Diane
Jack
Max
Lisa
Erin and Family
Tom D.
Pam
Miguel
Jack & Barbara
Lorraine
Clarence and Priscilla
Paula
Larry V.
Diane H.
Clinton L.
The Maxwell Family
The Loomis Family
The Sedgewick Family

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
Dee Gammon
Richard Regner
Marilyn Duteau

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Pvt. Brennan Thompson
Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Brion Olivero
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James
Ernst USCG
PFC Dominic Boscarino

If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.



It is with great regret we announce the resignation of Jan Sosnicki, director of Hilltop Early Learning Center, at the end of this school year. Jan has been an integral part of Hilltop for the last 15 years and we are sad to see her go. We wish her the best of luck with her future endeavors.

If you are looking for a career change or are interested in pursuing this position please submit your resume to the church office, attention Pamela Little, chair of Hilltop Advisory Committee

HELP NEEDED!

A rewarding week awaits you!

Can you help with VBS this summer?

No Age Requirement – Teen, Young Adult, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle – YOUNG OR OLD!!!

August 9th – 13th ♥ 9am – 12pm

Take A Free Trip to the Rain Forest!



See Pastor Cady, Paula, or any member of the Christian Education Committee