

5:00 & 8:00

I Am  
the Vine

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1/2, 2021 Divine Old Setting 3

### WELCOME & THEME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*(stand)*

OPENING HYMN      *"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"*      LSB 490, vv. 1, 3, & 4

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, hence will I, to Jesus living,  
pure in heart and act abide, praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; this shall be my confidence.

INVOCATION [We "invoke" the God in whose name we are baptized to be with us; Matt. 28:19]  
(Feel free to cross yourself in remembrance of your baptism.)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(sit)*

CONFESSION [Trusting in God's mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.]

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.  
Amen.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

KYRIE [Translated, "LORD," is a plea for mercy (Luke 18:35-43)]      (Tune: "Amazing Grace", LSB 744)

Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King.  
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; accept the prayers we bring.

**ABSOLUTION** [*We rejoice in God's declaration of forgiveness*]

**P** Upon this your confession, I, a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

(Tune: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

**Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,  
Whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.  
To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might,  
To Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**EPISTLE**

Galatians 5:13-25

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup>The entire law is summed up in a single command "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup>So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup>For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. (continued→)

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(stand)*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8, *ESV*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(sit)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Sunday only)*

## CREEDAL HYMN

*"In God We Believe"*

(Tune: "Immortal, Invisible")

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
 in mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
 He graciously grants us our years and our days  
 and blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
 True God and true man once the cross He endured  
 to grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
 With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
 with power and truth the church now He does bless.  
 As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
 be living in glory forever. Amen.

## SERMON

*"I AM the Vine"*

## RESPONSE VERSES

*"Abide with Me"*

LSB 878, vv. 1-2

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
 the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
 help of the helpless, O abide with me. '

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
 what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS

*When the pastor says, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,"  
 the congregation responds, "His steadfast love endures forever."*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
 Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

**P** I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

### 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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(sit)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN AND ANTHEM

HYMN

*"Abide with Me"*

LSB 878, vv. 3-4

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
 but kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
 tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
 Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.  
 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
 earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away;  
 change and decay in all around I see;  
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

ANTHEM

*"Awake My Soul, and with the Sun"*

by Raabe

*(Sunday only)*

CELEBRATION SINGERS

Keaton Connell, *director*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*(stand)*

## BENEDICTION

**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.

**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

*"Abide with Me"*

LSB 878, vv. 5-6

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!  
 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**P** We enter to worship,**C** we exit to witness.



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### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Preacher ..... Pastor Keith Piotter  
 Live Stream/Children’s Message (Sunday) ..... Eric Brei  
 Organist ..... Jean Baker  
 Projectionist/Sound Tech ..... Travis & Katie Hanson (Saturday)  
 ..... Matthew Scheuermann (Sunday)  
 Acolytes ..... Luke Woodruff (Saturday)  
 ..... Matheus Olsen (Sunday)