



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim Pastor

-WE GATHER----

INTRODUCTION

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving God,
C: we confess that we have often turned from your way to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OPENING SONG:

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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THE 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.

KYRIE (Sung)



HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: 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.

Please be seated.

Youth and Children's Message

—WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
- all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, 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.

- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING:

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

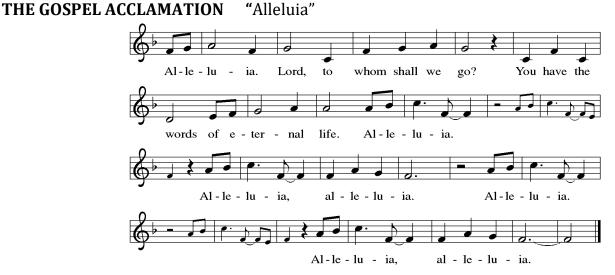
¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe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

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL:

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] 1"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My 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!**

SERMON

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Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson

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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A/P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

GODSPEED

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

Please be seated.

- WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE -

OFFERING



Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

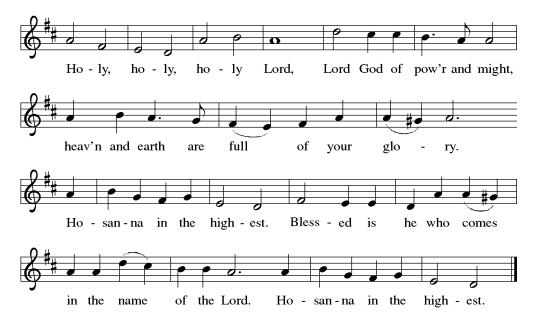
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible,

we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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:



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 for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen... 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.

Please sit and wait until the ushers direct you to come forward.

Invitation of Communion

P: Welcome to the Lord's table.

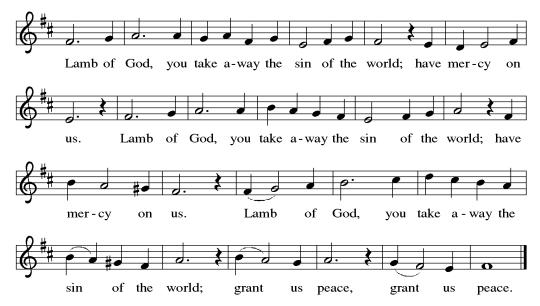
Holy Communion (Our communion is by intinction: Receive the bread and dip bread in the wine.) Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask) Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

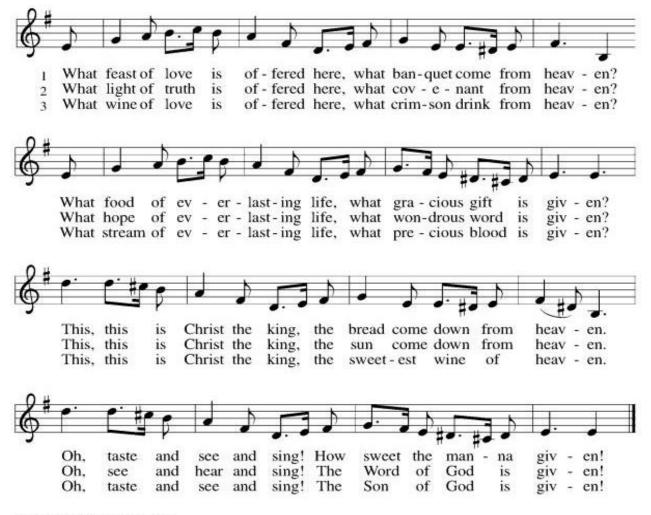
P: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen.

"LAMB OF GOD"





Text: Delores Dufner, osa, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Instrumental Music

When all have communed, please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

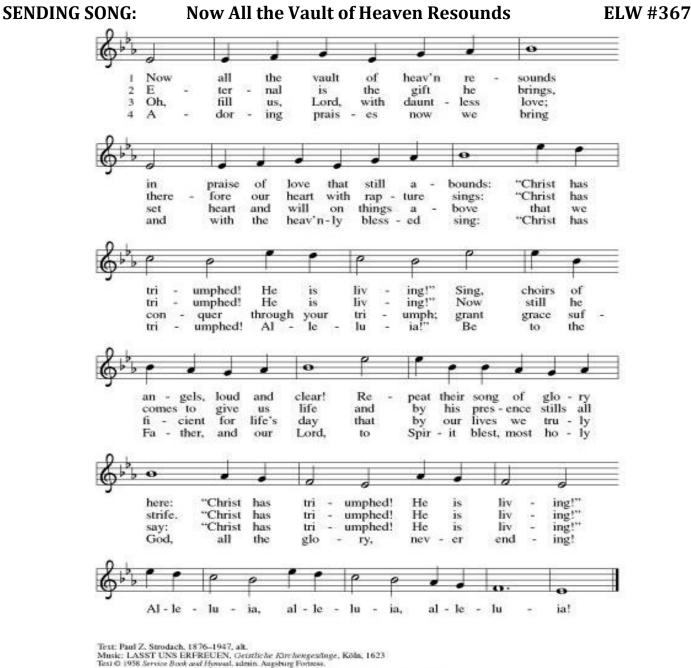
A: Let us pray. A Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection vou send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. C: Amen.

Cesar Vidaud

-WE ARE SENT FORTH-

Benediction

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

✤ E.M., Shirley Christell ♣ Veronica Zylka, Norma Pensone. Sergio, Vera DeBolt and Pat Palermo.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway –	North Broward Hospital
Barbara Kaptain –	The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.
	1080 NW 15 TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486
Jane Reinhold –	Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941
Evelyn Braun –	6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
Jim Loggins -	John Knox Village - Woodlands
	651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

In Christian Sympathy: We extend our Christian Sympathy to Aidee Koach and her family on the death of her brother, Henry Frank Quimi Lino. We also extend our sympathy to Mark Koach and family on the death of his mother, Marie Koach. Marie's memorial service is this Saturday, May 5 at 1:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Synod Office has requested we announce the following request from Libby Pfaff:

Good day, I am an M. Div student at PLTS and have recently accepted an opportunity to complete my CPE in Fort Lauderdale this summer. I have been advised to reach out to the local synod office for help finding housing. I can afford to pay a small rent (the position is non-paid) and will need a parking space. If the synod could help me in this I would greatly appreciate it. Blessings, Libby Pfaff Cell: 206-788-5077

10:15 AM	<u>April 29</u>
ASSISTING	Sera Butz
MINISTER	
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson
USHERS –	Darin Kibler
Need 4 to	Marsha Kibler (w)
Serve	Drew Kibler
	Linda Hanzlik
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS –	Caroline Smith
Need 2 to	Ruth Wagle
Serve	
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Katie Paff

Service Assistants

<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
	<u>Mother's Day</u>		
Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
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Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Linda Hanzlik	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jone
Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
Larry Jones	Terry Shumway	Larry Jones	Larry Jones

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Activity Calendar Sunday 29 **10:15am Worship Service** 11:30am Confirmation Class Monday 30 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open **Tuesday 1** 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00pm Church Council Meeting Wednesday 2 8:00am Quilting 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Thursday 3 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:30pm Choir rehearsal Friday 4 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Saturday 5 1:30pm Memorial Service Sunday 6 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30am Confirmation Class



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