

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 West Anderson Lane - Austin Texas

EASTER 5 —29TH DAY OF 50 DAY FESTIVAL

MAY 2, 2021

**“THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!”**

**“CALLED BY GRACE. LED BY FAITH.  
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE.”**

**10:00 AM ZOOM SUNDAY FESTIVE EASTER CELEBRATION**

**11:00 AM IN-PERSON SUNDAY FESTIVE EASTER CELEBRATION**

GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PIPE ORGAN PRELUDE

P: We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our baptism into the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

EASTER PROPERS

P: The Lord is risen indeed.

**C: OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.**

P: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**C: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

P: We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

**C: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

P: Death has no more dominion over us.

**C: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.**

P: All glory of the Lord shines on the city. Alleluia.

**C: ITS LAMP IS THE LAMB. ALLELUIA.**

P: God feeds us with the finest wheat. Alleluia.

**C: GOD FILLS US WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK.  
ALLELUIA.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia.

**C: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. ALLELUIA!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Greet one another*)

ENTRANCE HYMN

**“We Know That Christ Is Raised”**  
John B. Geyer, Charles V. Stanford

ELW 449

*Sung in celebration of the baptism of Theodore “Theo” James Scheffel  
Infant son to Paul & Stephanie Scheffel and brother to Evelyn “Evy” Florence Scheffel*

**1 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!**

**2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!**

**3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!**

**4 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!**

**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.**

**KYRIE**

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**L:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**“THIS IS THE FEAST”**

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**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**L:** The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

**EASTER PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.**

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 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. 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: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the <sup>l</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>l</sup> fear the LORD.  
<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat <sup>l</sup> and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>l</sup> live forever!**  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>l</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow <sup>l</sup> before God.  
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>l</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>l</sup> ver the nations.**  
<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow <sup>l</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- <sup>l</sup> fore the LORD.  
<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall <sup>l</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- <sup>l</sup> tions to come.**  
<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people <sup>l</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The <sup>l</sup> LORD has acted!"

GLORIA PATRI

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. C: **Amen.**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. 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. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God." and hate their brothers and 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

P: Word of God, word of life.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**"Be Not Afraid" x2**  
Taize Community, Jacques Berthier

ELW 388

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**  
**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! x2**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCED

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 15:1-8.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

P: The Gospel of the Lord.   **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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**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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"**  
Herbert F. Brokering, David N. Johnson

ELW 377

**1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2. Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**3. Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**4. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**5. City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of Life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

#### EASTER SEASON HOMILY

#### PRAYERS OF THE BAPTIZED COMMUNITY

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

#### CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

#### LORD'S PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

#### COMMUNION/OFFERING

**"You Are the Way"**  
George W. Doane

ELW 758

**1 You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.**

**2 You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.**

**3 You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.**

**4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

Brian A. Wren, T. Williams

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**In every insult, rift and war,  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

SILENT PRAYERS, THE SENDING FORTH

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

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