

# The Lakes Lutheran Church

Las Vegas, NV

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Service of Word & Sacrament  
(in-person & online)

Prelude

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 325

## Gathering

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

PM: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**C: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.**

## Gathering Hymn

We Know that Christ is Raised  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 449*

**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!**

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

*Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
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## Greeting

PM: 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

PM: Let us pray,

*A brief silence*

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.

**C: Amen.**

## Word

### Gospel – John 15:1-8

PM: 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 vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are

gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Abide in Me”

Hymn of the Day

Thine the Amen  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 826*

**Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.**

*Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
Text © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.*

*Prayers of Intercession*

PM: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

PM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise, through Christ, who is Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Peace*

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Offering*

*We give to support the mission of Christ's church as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts. For those worshipping from home, offerings may be given online at [www.thelakeslutheran.org](http://www.thelakeslutheran.org), donate, or you may mail a check to the church.*

Hymn

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 181*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

*Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
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**Meal**

*Offering Prayer*

PM: *Let us pray,*

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Great Thanksgiving*

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface*

PM: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.**

*Thanksgiving at the Table*

PM: 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.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion*

PM: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.  
Come to the banquet, for all has been made ready.

***The Body of Christ given for you.  
The Blood of Christ shed for you.***

Hymn

I Received the Living God  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 477*

*Refrain*

**I received the living God,  
and my heart is full of joy.  
I received the living God,  
and my heart is full of joy.**

**Jesus said: I am the bread,  
kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me  
need not ever fear to die.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus said: I am the way,  
and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home  
to be one with us anew.**

*Refrain*

*Text: Anonymous*

*Prayer after Communion*

PM: Let us pray,

*A brief silence.*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending**

*Announcements*

*Blessing*

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Sending Hymn*

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 380*

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives!  
He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death  
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies  
of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep?  
Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here  
lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow  
blessings on his church below.**

**Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head,  
where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand,  
as a victor you shall stand.**

**Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.  
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.**

**Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!**

*Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.*