

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ PRESCOTT VALLEY**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter – Traditional Worship Live Streamed**  
**May 2, 2021**

**Prelude**

Cathy Namock, organ

*“Take My Life” (by William Henry Havergal)*

## **GATHERING**

### **Introduction**

*This Sunday’s image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ’s living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ’s life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P:** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the pastor gives thanks.*

**P:** We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **Opening Hymn**

ELW #449

*“We Know That Christ is Raised”*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke ifs 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!

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!

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!

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: 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.

### **Children's Message**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

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

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>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?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

Tom Pendergast, guitar/vocal

*“Glory and Praise to our God”* (by Dan Schutte)

## Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

[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.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

*“The Risks of Bearing Fruit”*

## Hymn of the Day

ELW #403

*“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”*

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,  
like the new flame’s eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body,  
to the branches of the vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the cease-less voice of prayer,  
with the pow’r to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

## 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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: 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.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered together as God’s people, we share the words that 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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**

### Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, on line and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can’t meet in our sanctuary. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

### Offering Prayer

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## *SENDING*

### Announcements

### Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

ELW #389

*“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs 1, 3 & 5)*

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 ev’ry 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 ev’ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

**Postlude**

Cathy Namock, organist

*“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### **Members**

*Casey Rooney*

*Helen Morton*

*Kathy Austin*

*Stan Walters*

*Cris Spahr*

*Isabel Benell*

*Ron Kovara*

*Tom Smith*

*Chuck Lynch*

*Kat Harley-Mays*

*Sheila Smilgis*

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*

### **Family Members and Friends**

*Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner*

*Berto Rosellini – husband of Gayle Rosellini*

*Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats*

*Bill & Ruth Garrett – friends of Kimberly Goats*

*Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis*

*Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley*

*Carol & Rita Kuenne – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*

*Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley*

*Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny*

*Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara*

*Connie – friend of Helen Morton*

*Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze*

*Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer*

*Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats*

*Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia*

*Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman*

*Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller*

*Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*

*Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld*

*Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib*

*Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington*

*Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock*

*Katy Rost & family – cousin of Kimberly Goats*

*Kent Freeland – son-in-law of Donna & A.E. Morgan*

*Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley*

*Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats*

*Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara*

*Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law*

*Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*

*Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara*

*Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith*

*Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs*

*Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary*

*Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz*

*Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel*

*Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto*

*Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm*

*Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler*

*Sara Watts – daughter of Don & Mary Watts*

*Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade*

*Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul*

*Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate*

*Suzanne Stump – friend of Emmanuel*

*Tom Spahr – husband of Cris Spahr*

*Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel*

*Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis*

*Our prayers and sympathies to Bruce and Sally Newcomb and family on the death of their son, Daryl on Saturday, April 24.*

**The church building is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except for Wednesdays, (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) Please check in at the office upon arriving. Note that we continue to ask that everyone wear masks. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! We want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.**

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of May is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit, ecumenical organization dedicated to building affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Habitat affiliates throughout the world build or renovate houses with low-income families and then sell the houses to these families at no profit and no interest.

**Tax Credit Donation Habitat for Humanity** - The federal income tax deadline has been extended to May 17, 2021. The Arizona tax credit donation deadline has NOT changed. If you want your tax credit donation to count for last year's taxes, you must have it in by April 15, 2021. You can make-a-donation online at [prescotthabitat.org](http://prescotthabitat.org) or send a check to PAHH at 1230 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301. Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity's qualifying charitable organization's number is 20269.

**Aluminum Cans** – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

**Food Pantry** – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church.

**Thrivent Member Action Cards** – Each member is allocated two card per years of \$250.00 each. If you have not used our action cards, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

**Interfaith Meal** – Next meal will be May 14, 11:00 am. If you are able to help, please let Mary know.

**Next Sunday**, begins our in-person worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 9. Please call the office for a reservation; there is limited seating due to Covid restraints.

**Yavapai Family Advocacy Center** – Volunteers are needed for the following:

1. Reception: includes answering telephones, greeting visitors, overseeing children in the playroom, and miscellaneous office projects. Knowledge of Microsoft Office preferred.
2. Oversee children in our playroom during weekly support groups.

3. General facility maintenance.

4. Special events and fundraising.

Because we work with children and adults in confidential situations, all volunteer applicants are required to submit an application, be fingerprinted, and undergo a background check.

Apply online at [www.yfac.org/volunteer](http://www.yfac.org/volunteer) or Call 928-775-0669 for more information.

Additional information is on the fellowship hall bulletin board including pull tabs with address and phone number.