

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. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Thine the Amen* (ELW 826)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are in honour of the Confirmation of Sarah Maria Quast and the 1st Communion of Adam Antonio Quast on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at Madonna Della Rissurrezione (Italian Parish) of the Roman Catholic Church by their grandparents Mervin and Carol Quast.

Pastor Martin will be on vacation May 7 to 11 and attending the Festival of Homiletics (Preaching) in Washington, D.C. May 21 to 26. During his absence, please contact Pastor Diane Radditz for pastoral emergencies.

Upcoming Events:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Mon, Apr 30, 2 pm. Scripture: Acts 10:44-48.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wed, May 2, 7 pm at the church.

FINANCE & FAITH: Thurs, May 3, 7 pm at the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wed., May 9, 9 am at Chances R Restaurant.

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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Assisting Today:

Reader: Randy Rogers

Assistant: Earla Roth

Cantor: Sharon Wirth

Counting: Brian Wirth &
Ian McGill

Next Sunday:

Reader: Melvin Schwalm

Assistant: Krista Quenneville

Cantor: Beth MacGillivray

Counting: Ken Roeske & Ian
McGill

Piano/Organ/Choir Director: David Santry

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OPENING HYMN: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **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 A reading from Acts.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21 A reading from 1 John.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Know That Christ is Raised* (ELW 449)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards ...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of**