

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter, year B

May 2, 2021 † Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Fifth Sunday of Easter, year B

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Christ Jesus shares his risen life with us as a vine to which we belong and in which we live. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the baptismal mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us in the Spirit and sends us out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

*Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The link is embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the link in the email.*



## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "Ubi Caritas" Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)  
*Recorded by singers of the Cantorei on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.*

HYMN: ELW 377, "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, year C, May 26, 2019.*

### EASTER GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW page 196, "This is the feast..."  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A, May 28, 2017.*

### 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

## Word

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FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40; reader – Thomas Fenner, lector

PSALMODY: Psalm 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; \* I will perform my vows in the sight of those who |  
fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, \* Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live  
forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; \* all the families of nations shall bow |  
before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the LORD, \* who rules o- | ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; \* all who go down to the dust, though  
they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, \* whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn, \* saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, year B, May 3, 2015.*

SECOND READING: I John 4:7-21; reader – Vicar Andrea Bonneville, assisting minister

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 388, "Be Not Afraid" – *sung before and after the Gospel*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 17, 2016.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

SERMON

**Pruning Time**

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection.*

HYMN: "How Beautiful, O God, How Good"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 23 B, November 8, 2015.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Vicar Andrea Bonneville, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

AT THE OFFERING:

"God is Love"

Mark Mummert (b. 1965)

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

**Sending**

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BLESSING

*Response: **Amen***

SENDING HYMN: ELW 447, "O Blessed Spring"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, year B, April 29, 2018.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ Go in peace. Share the Good News!

☞ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation

*Recorded at Mount Olive on April 28, 2021.*



## **In Our Prayers**

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dwight Penas; Don Shifflet; Rhoda Nelson; Susan Cherwien; Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Lisa Nordeen; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Eileen LaFontaine and Vince & Janine DeLusia, friends of Cynthia Prosek; Sue Smith and Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Peg Boyle, mother of Amy Thompson; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Leah Crosby, Eva Bolz, Krystyana Campbell-Bolz, Irene Campbell, and Lynn Dobson.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

**May 2:** *St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373* – Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

**May 4:** *St. Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387* – Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

**May 8:** *St. Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416* – When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.