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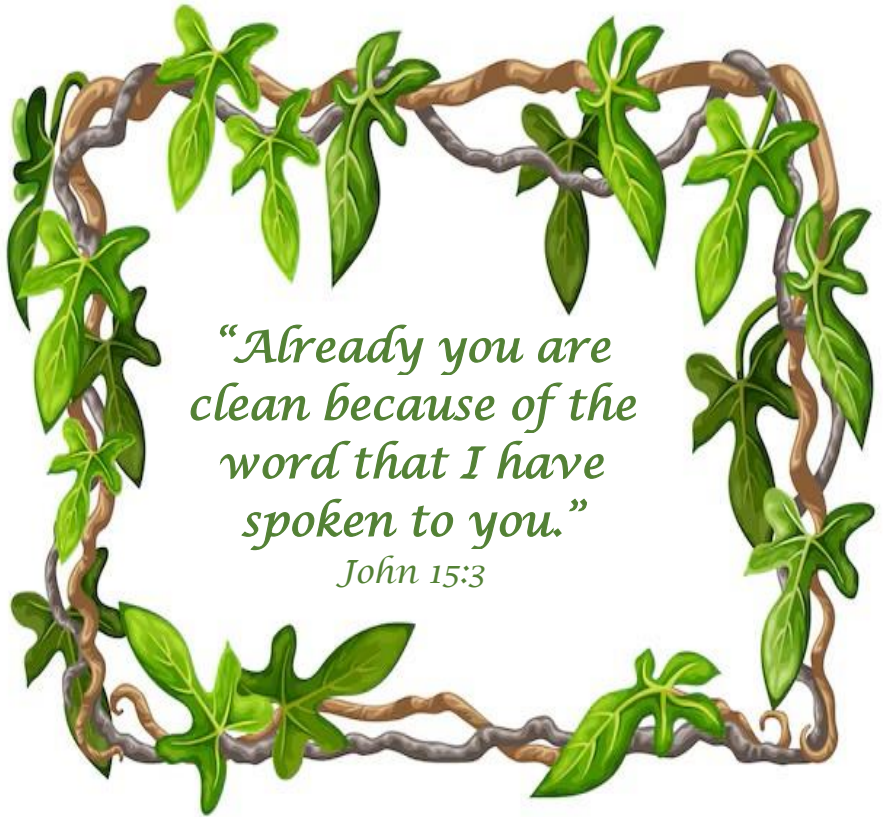
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*“Already you are
clean because of the
word that I have
spoken to you.”*

John 15:3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

Prelude: “Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee” *John Johnson*

Opening Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

Stand

Confession and Absolution (*all spoken*)

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, (*Sunday* - and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us confess together.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm (*read responsively*)

Psalm 150

P ¹Praise the LORD!

God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

C ²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P ³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

C ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

P ⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C ⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

C (*Spoken*) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Kyrie (*sung*)

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

C **1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And

he invited Philip to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides

in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand & sing

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. 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. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: Apostles' (Saturday) Nicene (Sunday)

LSB inside back cover

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Sermon: "Already You are Clean"

Offering "In Quiet Reverence" Stewart Landon

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, it is said...

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

SATURDAY SERVICE CONTINUES...

Lord's Prayer *LSB inside back cover*

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

SUNDAY SERVICE CONTINUES...

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208ff*

Preface / Sanctus / Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer / Words of Institution

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei

Distribution / Distribution Hymns:

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

588 Jesus Loves Me

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post Communion Collect *LSB 212*

Benedicamus / Benediction

Closing Hymn: 392 God Loves Me Dearly

Postlude: "I Am Thine, O Lord" Jospheh Prentiss



The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, given by Pat Greene in loving memory her husband Larry, in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary; also given by Fred Kroggel in loving memory of his wife Dorothy Kroggel on the second anniversary of her homegoing.

Deaconess Call Committee. In accord with bylaw §6.2 and the motion passed by the March Voters' Assembly to call a deaconess, the Elders have appointed a screening committee to present a candidate to the congregation. If any Zion member would like to nominate a candidate for this position, please send her name to Jeremy Campaign (jcampaign@gmail.com).

The Lutheran Witness magazine subscriptions. If you would like to either continue receiving your magazine or start receiving it, please send cash or check payable to Zion (memo: Lutheran Witness) of \$20.65/year along with your name and address and place it in the offering plate by May 19.

Our Shepherd Lutheran School (OSLS) is registering K-8 students for the 2024-25 school year. OSLS joyfully proclaims Jesus Christ Lord and Savior with a rich educational experience in a Christ-centered environment. Ohio's EdChoice program covers 100% tuition for most families. For more info, please contact OSLS office at 440-357-7776 or email admissions@oslpainesville.com.

Dorothy Krug and family extend their sincere thanks for everyone's prayers, cards and donations since Bill's homegoing.

PARISHSCOPE

“In the Garden” Ladies’ Tea Party hosted by Zion Women’s Fellowship Group is Sat. June 15, 1-3:30 pm at Zion. Tickets are \$5 and go on sale next Sunday, May 5, either in the lobby or during the week in Zion Office. Contact Carole Cooper, 440-376-7798. All women are welcome!

Run, Pastor, Run! Pastor Ziemann has committed to running the Outrun 24-hr Trail Race, at Chapin Forest on May 4 as a fundraiser for our Youth Group servant trip at Camp Pioneer. His goal is 62 miles (100K). For more info and to sponsor him per mile or lump sum, check out the lobby board. A huge THANK YOU to all who have contributed so far – your response is a great motivation!

“New Life Celebration” Summer Kick Off Concert, May 31, at 6pm in the church sanctuary. Free tickets are available between services and Monday-Friday 9-4pm in the Zion Office. Please invite your friends and family! Contact Marie Shinkle at mlrsemail@hotmail.com.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Zion will be Tuesday, June 11, 12-5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org or contact Vicky Campaign at 440-487-2277.

Faith Night at Lake County Captains Baseball. Join members of Zion, St. Paul’s & Faith Lutheran for Faith Night on Friday, June 14! Tickets are \$30/person and include a ticket to the game, pregame picnic of chicken, hamburgers, mac & cheese, chips, cookies & drinks from 6-7:30 pm, and post-game fireworks! Sign up on the lobby bulletin board by May 27 & drop off payment for tickets in Zion Office. Cash or check made payable to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

“Celebrate the Savior” VBS at Zion will be held June 17-21, 9-noon, for all kids ages 4 yrs–5th grade completed. Adult & teen helpers (6th gr–12th gr) are needed. Registration begins May 1, either on Zion’s website or in the lobby. Check out the May Newsletter for all the details!

VBS at Faith Lutheran, Mentor, is July 29-Aug. 3, 9 am-3 pm for kids 3 yrs-5th grade. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Registration ends May 31.

Schedule for this week April 29-May 5, 2024:

Monday 29

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 30

7:00 am Bible Breakfast
4:00 pm ParishScope Deadline
6:00 pm Food Pantry
7:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday May 1

9:30 am Women in the Word
1:00 pm Women in the Word

Thursday 2

9:30 am Nursing Home Ministry
6:30 pm Men’s Ministry (6 pm meal)

Friday 3

Saturday 4 – Pre-Confirmation

8:00 am Outrun 100K –Pastor Ziemann
5:30 pm Growing in Prayer
6:30 pm Traditional Worship/
Confirmation Presentations with
Reception following
7:30 pm Bible Study

✠ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ✠

Sunday 5 - Communion

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Confirmation Reception
10:15 am Sunday School/Bible Classes
Beginner: (3 yr-Gr 1) Fellowship Hall
led by Nancy Wentling
2-5 Grade: Band Room- Cindy Garrett
Jr. High: Downstairs Choir Room
led by Quest Dobbelaire
Sr. High: Downstairs Youth Room
led by Monica Jones
Adult: Rm 206
11:30 am Contemporary Worship

PRAYER GUIDE

Zion members needing healing...

Mary Jane Campana
Mark Casler
Carole Cooper
John Dean
Bill Hinton
Ron Hoerl
Edgar Horn
Chuck Hunt
Gwen Huszar
Lynn Imhoff
Dan Jacobson
Karissa Kessler
Kayla Kessler
Mary Kus
Landyn
Karen Lieberg
Jim Lindhurst
Barry Oltmanns
Judith Palinkas
Brenda Russell
Fred Steffens
Frank Taylor
Christine Wellman
Sally Westholm
Chris Wrenn

Members with extended needs...

At home:
Janet Evans
Gisela Gasztonyi
Marilyn Kettlewood
Aileen Lampella
Frank Powers
Jean Schramke
CareCore:
Keith & Diane Bennett
Homestead II, Painesville:
Robert Garrett
Madison Healthcare:
Linda Kirby
Mentor Ridge:
Alice Bonness
Ohman Family Living-Holly:
Joanne Francis
Salida Woods:
Shirley Niccum
Sanctuary of Geneva:
Fred Kroggel
Commonwealth Sr. Living
Donna Heuser
Vista Springs Quail Highlands
Jim & Mary Greig

Those Serving in Armed Service...

Laszlo Babocsi
Ryan Byler
Brennan Cornell
Austin Hoerl
Jaren
Stephen Jones
Charles Mackey
Tyler Nelson
Eric Pentek
Aaron Rogers

Zion member's family & friends needing healing...

Alaina
Lori Bailey
Barry
Ruth Bede
Jody Black
JoAnn Boldrey
Lynn Brown
Michelle Brown
Zach Buskirk
Gabe C.
Bill Campana, Jr.
Ann Zetta Carpenter
James Carroll
Jack Chenevy
Christy Sidley Crouch
Maryann Cuglewski
Melissa Greene Curtiss
Linda Davis
Bertha Dill
Joyce Durda
Mitchell Edmonds
Robin Edmonds
Rose Edwards
Dennis Erickson
Jamie Frank
Julie Fronczek
Cindy Fueger
Kris Gaston
Melissa Gerrell
Carole Gillies
Rachel Govan
B&L Gronowski
Renee Haffey
Ingrid Hamilton
Connie Hatter
Alex Hayes
Connor Hennessy
John Hitchcock
Carol Hofer
Mike Hofer
Betty Holbrook
Della Horn
Linda Horsey
Brian Hugel
Clara Humphrey
Kathy Hunt
Pat J.
Debbie Jackson
Kathy Joseph
Ann K.
Matt K.
Donna & Joe Kaiser
Andrea Kellackey
Marcia Keller
Jacob Kenst
Tom Kiels
Sarah Koester
Sadie Lansing
Becky MacWhade
Kimberly Mackey
Becky Marx
Ed McCarthy
George McCracken
Candy McCubbin
John McLaughlin
Heather Merkle
Constance Miller
Don Mononen
Matthew Musarra
Suzanne Nakaji
Amy Nelson
Rick Nelson
Dorothy Neugebauer
Senior Newport
Steve Padden
Phillip
Chuck Phillis
Karen Platz
Tom Powers
Bob Reed
Nancy & Lou Reho, Sr.
Jane Reinker
Karen & Roc Revay
Ken Rudick
Ryan
Mary Slusser
Family of Keith & Tammy Smith
Jeromy Smith
Mary Snyder
Savannah Steffens
Jonathan Surmacz
Rick Tomlinson
Shelley Unger
Scott Wahlstrom
Jenni Walters
Karin Ware
Frank White
Jeff Wilder
David Wilson

