

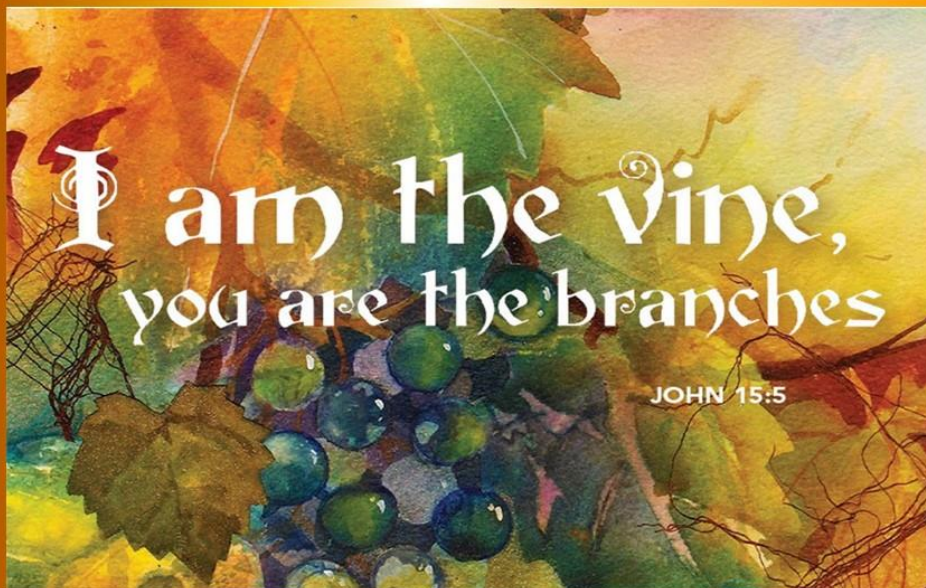


INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

CLC WEEKLY UPDATE
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

IN PERSON WORSHIP
This Sunday, May 2, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

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WORSHIP WITH US

This Fifth Sunday of Easter!!

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-2

Gospel: I Am the Vine; John 15:1-8

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

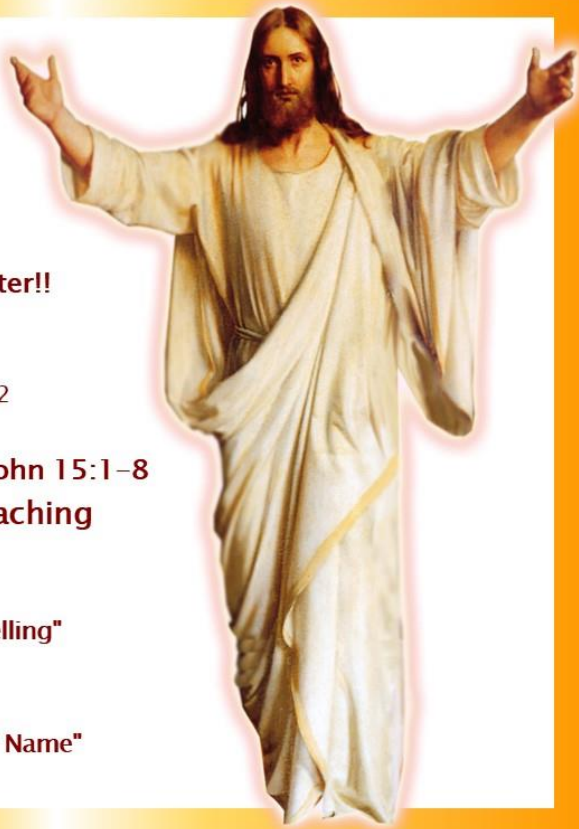
Hymns:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Gift of Finest Wheat"

"Choir Anthem"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



How the risen Christ shares his life with us is shown in 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. ~

Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd

The following students have completed the **Confirmation Program** and classes with Mr. Leonard Jansen and are ready to affirm their baptism: Caitlyn Cahoo, Troy Leas, Gavin Smallwood, Tyler Vogel, and Logan Weiher. (Due to a scheduling conflict, Troy Leas will be confirmed on another Sunday this summer.)

Please congratulate our young people on their accomplishment and continue to pray for them and support them in their faith journey! Thank you especially to Lennie Jansen whose commitment to this ministry enabled the program to continue through a pandemic, and the parents of our young people for encouraging them to attend and participate virtually.

CLC Cemetery News

A workday has been planned for Sunday May 16th beginning at 1:00pm. There is a wonderful group of neighbors in that area who want to help and support our church in caring for the property, so that our cemetery is a beautiful place in their neighborhood. We need a few pick-up trucks to take some debris out, rakes, gloves, weedwackers, etc. Becky Nyren and Pastor Erin will be working with the neighborhood and any church members who would like to work on getting a few projects done this summer! **Reach out to Becky (412)720-4599 if you plan to come on May 16th, OR would like to be involved in the future!**

Sign-up to be a Greeter!

As we ease back in to in-person worship, we need volunteers to greet people at the door, take temperatures, and provide assistance or information to visitors.

Sign-up in "The Welcome Place" or talk to Linda Thens (412)487-0840 to add your name to the volunteer list and pick a date.

We Are the Branches

To encourage flowering and fruit production in vines, trees, and shrubs, most of us know that pruning is necessary. This isn't the easiest of work, nor does it make the pruned plant look all that great for a while afterward. Yet often what results after pruning is a plant that is more abundant, beautiful, and healthy than it would have been otherwise.

In our reading today, Jesus makes it very clear that he is the vine, his Father is the vine grower, and we, his disciples, are the >>continued on next page



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SWPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021

Vocation isn't only what you do for a living, it's what you do with your life. At the 2021 Synod Assembly—in addition to the important legislative decisions that impact the congregations in our synod—we'll explore the purpose and fulfillment found in biblical narratives: embrace your identity as a child of God, embody hope, take care of others, and keep growing.

Christ Lutheran needs two voting members, plus the Pastor, to participate in these ZOOM meetings.

This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 157 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. Please speak with Pastor Erin Evans or Council President Beth Rios if you are interested in more information about this event.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 ~ 7:30-9:30PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 ~ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES TBA

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 ~ 9AM-5:30PM

We Are the Branches *continued*

branches on which fruit grows. Without the vine and the vine grower, the branches do not exist. Yet, often in our spiritual lives it seems as though we get these roles mixed up. We are wooed by the sense of accomplishment and value that comes from producing results of one kind or another, and we fail to acknowledge the source that makes that "fruit" possible.

However, in today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that our job isn't to produce results; it's to stay connected. "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing," Jesus says (John 15:5). Jesus is our source and strength; it is only by our connection to Jesus the vine that we the branches bear fruit that will last, such as love, compassion, forgiveness, hope, service, kindness, and patience.

To grow this kind of fruit, Jesus relates how necessary it is for us to be pruned occasionally. In other words, those things that are not of God in our lives have to be rooted out from time to time. The process of pruning isn't always the most enjoyable and can even include a good deal of pain, but it leads to lives that are whole and abundant. As we abide in Jesus, we are given the strength we need to endure the pruning process. We also experience the peace that comes from knowing that the fruit that will follow is for the glory of God.~

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**Fourth Sunday
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

Joseph Imhoff

Every one enjoys singing, either in the doing or in the listening. The Church by the time of the Middle Ages had incorporated this wonderful human expression into the liturgy using Psalm 98 as the introduction for the Fourth Sunday after Easter.



Cantate!

The announcement of the day in what was then the Introit begins:
“Cantate Domino canticum novum, quia mirabilia fecit Dominus.”
“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.”
In some traditions it became customary to celebrate church music or highlight the choir!

Though the Psalm of the day is a joyful expression of Easter, the lessons provide a more somber and reflective image of God who hears empty praises from those not accepting of His truth but also waiting to reveal it to those followers who were not yet ready.

The Lutheran Church taking into account changes in the lectionary, has designed a ‘Church Music Sunday’ for the Sixth Sunday of Easter when Psalm 98 is appointed during the B cycle of readings, that will be next week. Our own choir has done versions of this in Latin and English by Hassler and Pitoni.~

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