



I AM THE
TRUE VINE

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING ONE

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p. 56

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

C **Amen**

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen**

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *"We Know That Christ Is Raised"* LBW# 189

GREETING LBW p. 57

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE LBW p. 57

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Feast"* LBW p. 58

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30 (*unison*)

²⁴**My praise is of him in the great assembly;**

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:**

“May your heart live forever!”

²⁶**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

²⁷**For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.**

²⁸**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD’s forever.**

³⁰**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *"Jesus Loves Me"* (1st verse only)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW p. 62 (Sung)

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P *The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.*

C 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."

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "FRUIT FROM THE VINE"

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Abide With Me"* LBW# 272 (Baltic)

"We Were Baptized In Christ Jesus" WOV# 698 (East)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AT EAST: Elliott Marie Perrion

APOSTLES CREED LBW p. 65 (Baltic Only)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*Lord in your mercy,*

C Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "Create In Me Clean Heart O God" LBW p. 75

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 68

P *Blessed are you,*

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW p. 68

P *The Lord be with you.*

C And also with you.

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE LBW p. 68

SANCTUS LBW p. 69 (*Sung*)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER LBW p. 71

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST
AS LORD AND HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE
ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE*

COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb Of God" LBW p. 72

"As The Grains Of Wheat" WOV# 705

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**East: VBS
Baltic:
Royal Kids Camp**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE LBW p. 72

POST COMMUNION PRAYER LBW p. 74

BLESSING LBW p. 76

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 *(Sung)* **Three Fold Amen**

SENDING HYMN: “*Low In The Grave He Lay*” Bulletin Insert

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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SUNDAY, MAY 2nd

Baltic 9:00 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @BalticLutheran

East Nidaros 10:30 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of May 2nd

Sun May 2 **Holy Communion**

Elliott Marie Perrion Baptism @ East Nidaros

Tue May 4 2:00 Bible Study @ **East Nidaros** Book of Genesis Chpt. 48

Wed May 5 6:30-7:30 **8th grade** Confirmation @ Baltic

Thu May 6 9:00 Bulletin Assembly

SUNDAY, MAY 9th

Baltic 9:00 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @BalticLutheran

East Nidaros 10:30 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of May 9th

Sun May 9 **Holy Communion**

Confirmation & Senior Recognition

Elliott Perrion Baptism @ East Nidaros

Tue May 11 2:00 Bible Study @ **East Nidaros** Book of Genesis Chpt. 49

6:30 Joint Council Meeting @ East Nidaros

Thu May 13 9:00 Bulletin Assembly

Sat May 15 2:00 Baltic High School Graduation

BOOK GIVEAWAY!!

The East Nidaros Women have an amazing selection of Christian books that we are looking to re-home.

Books will be available for viewing and pick up on Sunday, May 2 & Sunday, May 9 9:30-10:30am.