



...every branch that does bear fruit he prunes,  
that it may bear more fruit. —John 15:2

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

5th Sunday of Easter

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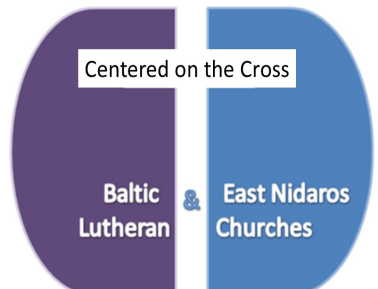
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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

LBW Holy Communion Setting Two

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen**

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.

Most merciful God,

**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**

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.

**Amen**

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* (LBW 148)**

**GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

This is the feast.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

**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**

<sup>26</sup>An 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.) <sup>27</sup>So 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As 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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When 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.

<sup>40</sup>But 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**

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your heart live forever!”**

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

<sup>27</sup>**For kingship belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD; he rules over the nations.**

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

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

<sup>30</sup>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**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In 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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>Love 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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.

<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those 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.

<sup>21</sup>The 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.**

**JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My 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 "Removing Branches So You Remain"**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (LBW 189)**

**BAPTISM OF JASE PARKER FRANCIS SIMONS-Baltic Only**

***Children of the Heavenly Father* LBW 474 Verses 1&4-Baltic Only**

**APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85)-East Only**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE (LBW p. 86)**

**OFFERING HYMN**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **DIALOGUE (LBW p. 87)**

### **PREFACE (LBW p. 88)**

### **SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

#### **1-LAMB OF GOD (LBW p. 92)**

#### **2-I Love to Tell the Story LBW 390**

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BLESSING (LBW p. 94)**

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.

**Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* LBW 557**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

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

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**MEMBERS**

Betty Jean Benjamin  
Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold  
Kelly LaValliere  
Harry Laue—Jason Dykes  
Randy Hartman

**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS**

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community  
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community  
Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett’s (Nesheim) father-in-law  
Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt  
Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community  
Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg  
Laurel Mader—Friend of Pastor Randall & Kim Questad  
Marie Pazour— Mother of Karen Doom  
Darrel Bonrud— Friend of the Community  
Jerome Johnson—Cousin of Dale Erickson  
Paul Thompson—Friend of Marc & Manda Sheaffer  
Family of John Trapp—Grandfather of Lindsay Comes

**APRIL NOISY CAN**

**Baltic:** The Table Ministry  
**East:** CASA

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

We will be honoring our high school seniors during both church services.

East Nidaros will have 8th grade Confirmation as well.

## Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Baltic** 9am Worship  
10:30 am Worship and Livestreamed on Facebook  
**East Nidaros** @ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

## Things Happening Week of April 28th

Mon Apr 29 6:30pm Bible Study in Baltic  
Wed May 1 6:30 8th Confirmation Rehearsal at Baltic  
Wed-Thu May 1-2 8:30 am Quilting at East Nidaros  
Sun May 5 Senior Recognition both churches  
Confirmation at East only

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

**Baltic** 9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @  
BalticLutheranChurch  
**East Nidaros** 10:30 Worship

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

### BALTIC:

Apr 28 Gaila Schreurs  
Tracy & Cameron Kerkhove

### EAST:

Apr 28 Ginger Lodmell-Tekrony  
May 5 Dan & Cindi Schmidt

### BALTIC:

May 5 Pam & Dale Nesheim  
& 19 Karen & Garry Voelker

### EAST:

May 12 Jean Hammer  
& 19 Council Member TBD  
Birthday Cake 19th

## Our Response to God's Love

**Baltic: Apr 21:** Attendance 101; General Fund \$1050.00 Noisy Can \$45.55

**East: Apr 21:** Attendance 37; General Fund \$1600.00 Noisy Can \$35.54