***5th Sunday in Lent***

May 2, 2021

Our Savior’s, Pueblo West

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**Opening Hymn**  *“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”* **LSB 913**

**Confession and Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so 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 you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit**

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

P: I will extol you, my God and King,

**C: and bless your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will bless you

**C: and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

**C: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**C: 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.**

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

**Kyrie**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

## P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

## P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

## P: Lord, have mercy.

## P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

## C: Lord, have mercy.

## P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

## C: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise**

*Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. [*Refrain]*
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. [*Refrain]*
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. [*Refrain*]
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. [*Refrain]*

**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.**

**First Reading** **Acts 8:26-40**

**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the southto the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. **27** And 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**28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” **30** So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” **31** And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** 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 before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. **33** In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

**34** And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” **35**Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **36** And 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?” **38** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39** And 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. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *(spoken together)*

**Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;**

**He has put all things under his feet.**

**Epistle Reading** 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, 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. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** and 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. **4** Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5** They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We 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.

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** In 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. **10** In 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. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse**

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal Life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** John 15:1–8

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide 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. **5** I 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. **6** If 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. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By 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.**

**Hymn of the Day** **LSB 633 vs. 1-4**

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

**SERMON**

**Apostles’ Creed**

P: We join together with the Apostle’s Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Offering / Offertory**

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠**

***Preface***

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

 Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns**

*“O Lord, We Praise Thee”* LSB 617

*“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”* LSB 830

**Post-Communion Canticle**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise,

tell everyone what he has done!

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice

and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises

and leads his people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Post Communion Collect**

P: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**Closing Hymn** **LSB 633 vs. 5-8**

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Family of the Week: **Larry & Vicki Riddle**

Birthdays: **Larry Simonson**

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Prayers for our congregation (members in bold):

For those who are ill or with health issues: **Pastor Harold Baldwin, Adella Schmidt, Alice Baldwin, Bill DeMent**, Gerry Brooks (Ruth’s husband), Larry Bennett (Earl Trantham’s friend), Doug Glenn (Joyce Avery’s son), Alan Reiman (Helen Hegland’s son), Russell Avery

For those recuperating: Janet Normandin (Sandi York’s daughter)

For those with cancer: **John Holeton**, Bill York (Sandi York’s husband), Nancy Aguilar, Lindsey Duncan (Susan Muldoon’s friend)

For our shut-ins: **Ida Parker, Charlie Bickel, Helen Hegland**

For our active duty & reservist military: **Arthur Bartlett, Mitchell Ogburn, Carrie Bravard**, Brandon Austin (grandson of Carl & Sara Austin), Jake Willis (Carol Bravard’s grandson), Jonathan Fjare (Betty Lenz’s grandson), Michael Sommers (nephew of Ruth Brooks), Hunter Dick (John Holeton’s friend), Austin Allen (friend of Ogburn family), Zachary Bender (Darby Baldwin’s nephew), Melissa

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