



## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to today's worship with *Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church*. Our commitment is to provide safe and meaningful worship during COVID. To participate in the parking lot, tune to: **91.3 (NEW Station) on your FM radio**. To access live worship online, go to SOTV Facebook page or sovluth.org

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**All: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us**

**in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

L: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

**All: Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

**Make us one, risen Christ.**

**Cleanse our hearts.**

**Shower us with life.**

**To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story*

(Verse 1) ELW 661

**1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.**

**[Refrain] I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.**

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
(Verse 1) ELW 836

**1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 8:26-40** (Separate Sheet)

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <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."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** *I Love to Tell the Story*  
(Verse 2) ELW 661

2. I love to tell the story;  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.

[Refrain] I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of God's People

#### Sharing of the Peace

#### Offering and Offering Prayer

#### Great Thanksgiving.

#### The Celebration of Holy Communion & Prayer

#### Blessing & Announcements

L: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of  
wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story*  
(Verse 3) ELW 661

3. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

[Refrain] I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.

#### Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**