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Prelude: "In Thee Is Gladness" ... Cassler

*Opening Hymn: "O Blessed Spring" [LSB 595]

1) O blessed spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine: Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this life-giving Tree.	2) Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears, Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.
3) When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will move With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.	4) As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take wing And trust the promise of the spring.
5) Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery: That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.	

*Confession & Absolution [LSB 151]

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.

P. Let us then 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 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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:

Ps 145: 1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

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.

All

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.

*Kyrie: [LSB 152]

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

This Is the Feast [LSB 155]

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Welcome & Prayer:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray

ALL

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. Amen**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 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 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 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.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

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

Epistle Lesson: 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. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 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. 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. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 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. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Alleluia: [LSB 156]

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Apostles' 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.**

Hymn of the Day: “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” [LSB 691]

1)Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.	2)Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
3)Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.	4)Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

Sermon

***Offertory: : “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” [LSB 488]**

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

Prayer of the Church

*Service of The Sacrament [*LSB 160*]

Preface

Sanctus [*LSB 161*]

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei [*LSB 163*]

Distribution

*Post Communion: "Thank the Lord" [*LSB 164*]

*Post Communion Collect

Farewell and God Speed to the Lundbergs

*Benediction [*LSB 166*]

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C. Amen

Closing Hymn: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" [*LSB 845*]

1)Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.	2)With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
3)Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.	4)Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease; Be God's the glory that we see; Be ours His holy peace.
5)Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.	6)For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

Postlude: Fantasia on " O Filii et Filio" ... Martin