

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

**Philip ... proclaimed
to him the good
news about Jesus.**



Acts 8:35, NRSV

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**April 29, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

All Are Welcome

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling at the altar rail. Children are encouraged to come to receive the Lord's Blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services is offering grape juice (the smaller chalice), as well as wine, for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. The Assistant will hold both the wine and the juice and move from the center to the outside of the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered in each paten.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Doug to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

Sunday Ministries for this Week

Altar Assistant and Lector: Nadine Kelly

Altar Guild: Alice Bassett and Anita Lehr

Ushers: Betty & Clay Baker, Iann Buttermann, and
Jennifer White

Last Sunday's attendance: 9:30 - 221

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Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018

9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

ELW 94

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

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

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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**

+ **GATHERING SONG** *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* **ELW 389**

+ **GREETING**

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.**

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He Lives

A. H. ACKLEY

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1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I know that He is
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, And tho' my heart grows
 3. Re - joice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing E - ter - nal hal - le -

liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say; I see His hand of mer - cy, I
 wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair; I know that He is lead - ing, thro'
 lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the

hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.
 all the storm - y blast, The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 Help of all who find, None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

REFRAIN *Spirited*

He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
 He lives, He lives,

talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal -
 He lives, He lives,

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va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then 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.) 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (*Read responsively*)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 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.

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+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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+ **The Holy Gospel** according to: **John 15:1-8**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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 "What Is to Prevent Me?"

Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Thine the Amen"

ELW 826

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

+ THE PRAYERS

P Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Holy, abiding God, breathe your love into your people. By your Holy Spirit shape us to share your love with one another, so that others see your love and come to know you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Go forth with all missionaries in their work of serving others and sharing the good news of salvation we have in Christ. Make their work both welcomed and welcoming. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Abide with people who feel unloved, who deal with crisis, and who struggle with illness. Surround them with people who will show compassion. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Please come forward for a goodbye blessing if this is your last Sunday!

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Giving thanks for the saints who abide with you eternally, we ask you to open us to your presence in our midst until the day when you gather all people into your eternal presence. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

+ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another as we share Christ's presence in our midst.)

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

ELW 403

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

+ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ **SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

+ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

C **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 COMMUNION

ELW 112

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. Gluten free wafers are also offered. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

+ **COMMUNION HYMN** *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”* ELW 708

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

+ **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

ELW 114

C **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C **Amen**

+ **SENDING SONG** *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* ELW 367

+ **DISMISSAL**

P He is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Announcements

A CALL FOR ACTION: Every week, Shepherd of the Glades will be collecting and donating canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the Church and give to the ushers or place at the altar each and every Sunday morning. All items are being delivered locally. The last delivery was to St. Matthew's House.



ATTENTION REGARDING HOSPITALIZATIONS

If you or a member of your family is scheduled for surgery or is hospitalized, please let Pastor or the office know so Pastor may visit and pray with you. Neither Naples Community Hospital or Physician's Regional Hospital notify us consistently of parishioners' hospitalizations. Your notification may be the only way Shepherd of the Glades will know.

MINNESOTA REUNION

It is time for anyone in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, or anywhere else in the area in July to mark their calendars to save the date for the SOTG Reunion! The date has been set for July 23, 2018 at Gabe's by the Park, 991 North Lexington Parkway in St. Paul, MN. Pastor Doug and Lynn will attend to say goodbye. A room has been reserved for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Please make your reservation with Jay & Sue Brandt (651) 759-0936. Hope to see a lot of you there to bid Pastor Doug and Lynn farewell!!!

LEAVING FOR THE NORTH?

Leaving for the North? Be sure to let us know on the form on the Narthex counter. If you have food you need to dispose of before leaving, remember you may leave it at our food collection spot also in the Narthex, and we'll be sure it gets to a local needy agency.

DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR 2018

The flower calendar sign-up is posted on the bulletin board near the mailboxes. Want to dedicate flowers to honor a loved one? Sign up today to get your special date.

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

Office hours this week are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Today, Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Doug; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Doug; 9:30 Sunday School;

PASTOR DOUG'S RETIREMENT AND BIRTHDAY PARTY

Pastor Doug and Lynn are hosting a party at the Old Soul Brewery, 10970 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 402, Fort Myers on Monday, May 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. to help Pastor Doug celebrate his retirement and birthday. All are welcome! Come and go as you can and enjoy drink and food, compliments of the Wahlberg's.

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