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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

**Gloria Patri & Common Response**

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**Seasonal Antiphon**

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**Venite**

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**READINGS from HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**First Lesson**

*Acts 8: 26-40*

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Epistle**

*1 John 4:1-11*

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:1-8*

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

*LSB 497*

**Sermon Theme**

*“Test the Spirits”*

**Text**

*1 John 4:1-11*

**Te Deum**

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**Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, Your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to Him.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have grafted us onto the vine of Your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from Your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Savior of all people, in the water of Baptism You welcome sinners into Your kingdom and give them life. Grant that we would always honor and extol this gift, and let nothing prevent people from it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, give health and guidance to our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with Your good order. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Collects**

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**Collect of the Day**

**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.**

**Collect of Grace**

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Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*LSB 700*

Announcements

Postlude

**Stewardship Thought**

**Submitting our Lives to Christ**

All of us have been confronted with situations when we have lacked the wisdom and the self-discipline to say, “No” to what is displeasing to God. As we grow in faith, though, we learn to “*submit [our] selves...to God... [and to] resist the devil...*” (James 4:7). “*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...*” (Titus 2:11-12). Although we are tempted daily to make choices that gratify our senses, by God’s grace, we can “*live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.*”

**Prayer:** *Lord, not in myself can I obey Your will or keep from evil or even come to You for pardon. Only by the grace of Your Son Who lived the perfect life in my place can I find the strength to submit my life to You. Help me live a life that honors and glorifies You in all that I say and do. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.*

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

