

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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AS WE GATHER

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God’s life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” *John 15:1–2*

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

Opening Versicles

Old Testament Canticle

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm Reading

Psalm 150

Epistle Reading

1 John 4

Holy Gospel Reading

John 15:1–8

Responsory

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Ten Commandments

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Apostles’ Creed

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Lord’s Prayer

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Children’s Message/Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LSB #540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

Offering

Prayer

Collect of the Day

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Collect for the Word

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Morning Prayer

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New Testament Canticle

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Blessing

Closing Hymn: LSB #595 “O Blessed Spring”

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