

FULL SERVICE

April 28, 2024

***10:30 AM In
person***

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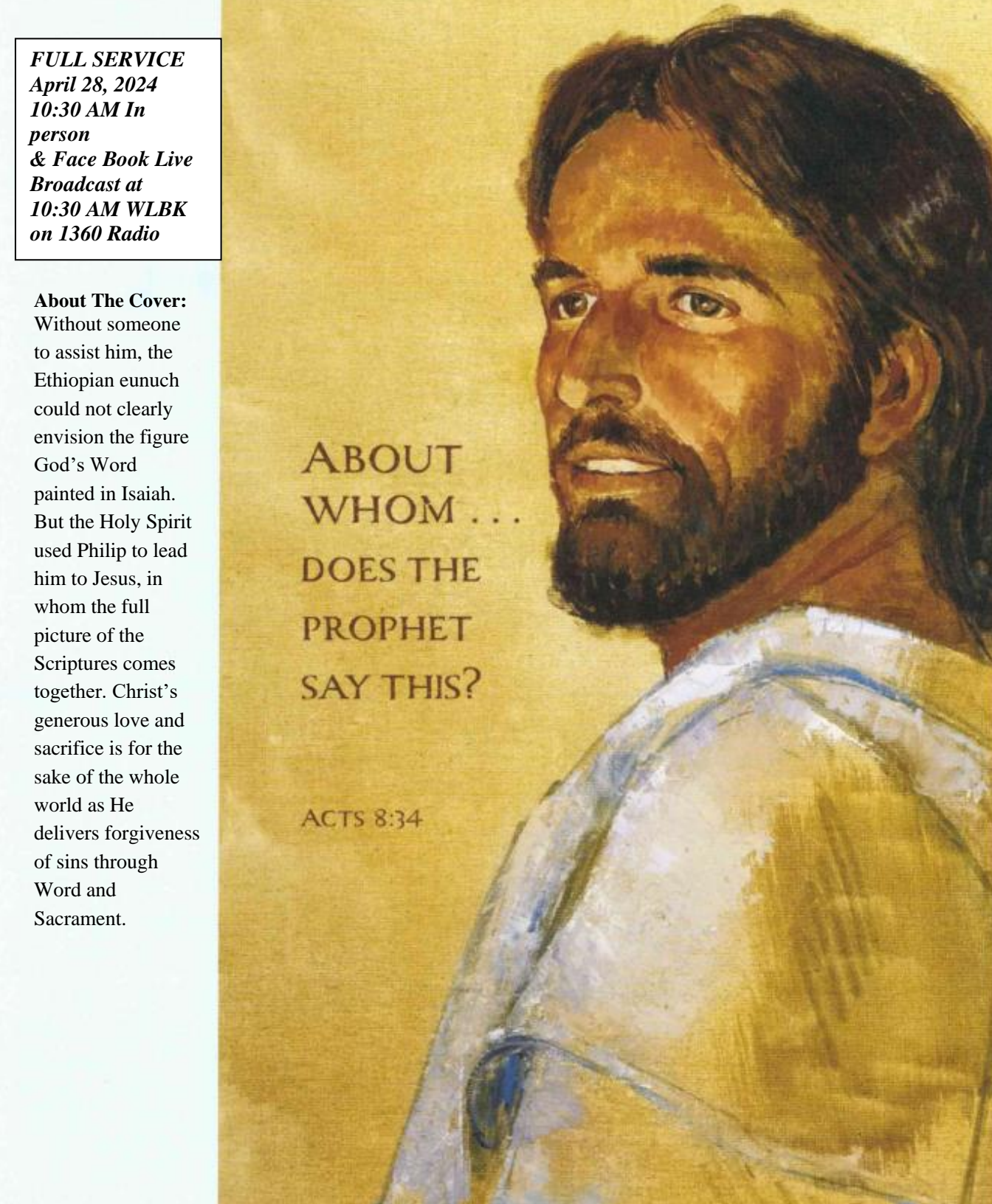
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About The Cover:

Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God's Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ's generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.



ABOUT
WHOM . . .
DOES THE
PROPHET
SAY THIS?

ACTS 8:34

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme for worship: This morning in our first reading from the book of Acts, we hear of Philip's interaction with the Ethiopian Eunuch. This short account sets in motion events that will transform a nation and its people that are still seeing fruit 2,000 years later. We'll seek to learn from this to also see the right place and the right time for us to do God's work in our own lives.

♪Pre-Service Music

Welcome

♪Opening Song: "Let Your Fire Fall"

- 1. Come and show Your power as in the days of old,
Lord, Lord, let Your fire fall; Burn up the idols of wood and stone,
Lord, Lord, let Your fire fall. We come before You, Father,
We offer You our lives; Our hearts are on Your altar, consume the sacrifice.**

Chorus Lord, Lord, let your fire fall;
Lord, Lord, let Your fire fall.

- 2. Come and show Your power in our midst today,
Lord, Lord, let Your fire fall; Holy Spirit, come and have Your way,
Lord, Lord, let Your fire fall. Purify Your people, set our hearts aflame;
Give us holy passion, come and glorify Your name. *Chorus***

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Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Introit

Psalm 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.
P& **C** 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.
P A little while, and you will see me no longer;
C and again a little while, and you will see me.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray
C 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.
C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An 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. ²⁷And 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 ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.³⁶And 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?”³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹And 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.⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, 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.²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,³and 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.⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.⁶We 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.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹In 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.¹⁰In 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.¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love.¹⁹We love because he first loved us.²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John , the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every 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. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ**

♪Sermon Song: “Sing For Joy”

1. **If we call to Him, He will answer us**
If we run to Him, He will run to us
If we lift our hands, He will lift us up
Come now praise his name, all you saints of God.

Chorus: **Sing for joy to God our strength**
Sing for joy to God our strength, our strength

2. **Draw near to Him, he is here with us**
Give Him your love, He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts He will heal our land.

Sermon: “Recognizing the right place at the right time, and acting!”

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Confession and Absolution

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

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.**

The Offering & Musical Offering

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

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**

♪Closing Song: “Beautiful One”

1. Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus: Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

2. Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

Bridge: You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
‘Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
‘Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

Chorus: Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
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Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – April 28, 2024		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist/Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children’s Message	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Isaac Martinez	Irene Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Shannon Coulombe	Kylie Von Schnase
Radio Narrator	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
Videographer/Sound	Ted Stone	Rachel Schmitt
Slides	Mark Mistic	Kylie Von Schnase
Ushers	Tom Sawyer, Dennis Martinez & Jeff Bannister	Dennis Maakestad, Kyle Von Schnase & Jen Allen
Greeters	The People of Immanuel	The People of Immanuel

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

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