



I am  
the vine,  
you are the  
branches

JOHN 15:5

# Hope Lutheran Church

April 28, 2024

**Pastor**

Jim Helgren

**Organist**

Sheri Moss

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Fifth Sunday in Easter  
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**Opening Hymn "God Himself is Present"**

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**Prayer of the Day**

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

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**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer - Sing**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "Praise to the Father"**

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**In our prayers we remember Carol Speth.**

**Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.**

**Wednesday, May 1st: 6:00 Confirmation, May Day**

**Sunday, May 5th: 10:00 Holy Communion Worship**

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**FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

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.) "So 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 <sup>2</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>3</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>4</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>5</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>6</sup>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 silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>7</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>8</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>9</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>10</sup>As 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?" <sup>11</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>12</sup>When 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. <sup>13</sup>But 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.

**Psalm 22:25-31****SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21  
[not printed]****GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."