



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2022  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We welcome you** in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

**Children's resources**, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

**Nursery care** is provided at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

**Assistance in Worship:** For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

**Please silence** all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

**In Holy Communion** the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

**Educational opportunities** occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

**Grace Council Statement on Racism:** Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

On the third Sunday of Easter Christ continues to bring life to impossible places. After a night of fishing that yielded nothing at all Jesus provided more fish than the disciples could have ever imagined. Nets stretched to overflowing. Hungry and exhausted and in need of nourishment Jesus cooks up breakfast on the beach for each of them. A meal of surprising abundance. Then, around a charcoal fire crackling with the kindling of memory and shame that burns so brightly, Jesus gives Peter the gift and miracle of forgiveness. And for us, at the end of ourselves, in need of things that we could never provide on our own, lost around our own charcoal fires, the risen Christ meets us. There in our deaths he brings us resurrection.



*When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish... Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

**—John 21:9-13**

Photo by Jonathan Hillert

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Blessing and Honor

Settings by Richard Wienhorst and Mark Sedio

*We stand and face the processional cross for the hymn.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Blessing and Honor

(green) **LBW #525**



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,  
2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name;  
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;



of - fer to him who our bat - tle has won,  
O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r  
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne;  
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign;



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ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

## GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

*Women sing parts marked ❶. Men sing parts marked ❷.*

*All sing parts marked ❸.*

**❸** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **❶** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
**❸** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **❷** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
**❸** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God,  
with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.  
By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us  
to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:1–20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 30

ANTIPHON: You have turned my wailing into dancing.

Michael D. Costello

- L** I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up\*  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- C** **O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,\***  
**and you restored | me to health.**
- L** You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;\*  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- C** **Sing to the LORD, you ser- | vants of his;\***  
**give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness.**
- L** For his wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye,\*  
his favor | for a lifetime.
- C** **Weeping may | spend the night,\***  
**but joy comes | in the morning.**
- L** While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never | be disturbed.\*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains.”
- C** **Then you | hid your face,\***  
**and I was | filled with fear.**
- L** I cried to | you, O LORD;\*  
I pleaded with | the Lord, saying,
- C** **“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?\***  
**Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?**
- L** Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;\*  
O LORD, | be my helper.”
- C** **You have turned my wailing | into dancing;\***  
**you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.**
- L** Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.



## SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11–14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*We stand*

## SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Continued on the next page.*



Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.  
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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## HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1–19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Life in Impossible Places

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
John 21:1–19



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*(green)* **LBW #154**

*(11:00) Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by John Folkening.*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with con - stant  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to you, once



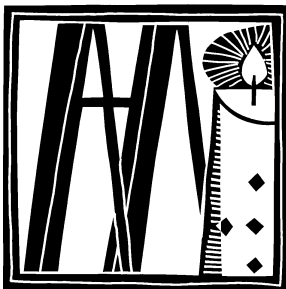
out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re -  
love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will ev - er  
Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our strength and  
dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther e - qual



stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield. Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561



## NICENE CREED

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:  
**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

# ✠ MEAL ✠

## PEACE OF CHRIST

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Johann Gottfried Walther

*Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.*

Visit [GraceRiverForest.org](http://GraceRiverForest.org) to give online.

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** This Joyful Eastertide

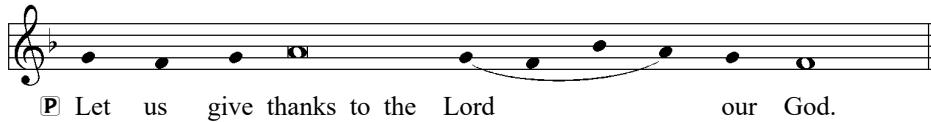
This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 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.

**P** Holy, living, and loving God,  
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
 and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
 carry us in your arms from death to life,  
 that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
 with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**G Amen.**



**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.*

*The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.*

*Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Shepherd of Souls

Scott Atwood

Based on ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN

Shepherd of souls, in love, come, feed us,  
Life-giving bread for hungry hearts!  
To those refreshing waters lead us  
Where dwells that peace your grace imparts.  
May we, the wayward in your fold,  
By your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,  
Strengthen each branch with life divine;  
Ever in you, O may we flourish,  
Fruitful the branches on the vine.  
Lord, may our souls be purified  
So that in Christ may we abide.

Sinful are we who kneel before you,  
Worthy of you are you alone;  
Yet in your name do we implore you,  
Rich are the mercies you have shown.  
Say but the word, O Lord divine,  
Then are our hearts made pure like thine.

Father, who fed the Hebrew nation,  
Giving them manna from the sky,  
Give now the bread of our salvation  
That we who eat shall never die.  
We are your people, God in need;  
May we on living bread now feed.

Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

# HYMN: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(green) **LBW #210**



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
 you have conquered in the fight,  
 you have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 newborn souls in you to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 now no more the grave enthrall;  
 you have opened paradise,  
 and your saints in you shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

*We stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Eternal God, through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ  
you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table  
with the food and drink of the promised land.

Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory  
made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN: Shout for Joy Loud and Long

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- 1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
- 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
- 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
- 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.  
 ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.  
 teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.  
 un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

*Refrain*



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: PERSONENT HODIE, *Piae cantiones*, 1582

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## DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

David Schack

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

**8:30**

Paulette Reddel  
Ellie Schnack and Mary Margaret Bartley  
Ryan Koehne and Graham Shea  
Lois Harb and Julie Modrich  
John Lochner and Paul Lochner  
Charles Shea and Thomas Ewert  
Justin Martin and Andrew Costello

**Deacon**

**Lectors**

**Crucifer/Bible Bearer**

**Gift Bearers**

**Altar Guild**

**Ushers**

**Livestream Audio/Video**

**Choir**

**11:00**

Valerie Spiller  
Al Swanson and Mary Beth Logas  
Evie Hasenbalg  
Keith and Jessica Bullock  
Roberta Gillespie  
Lance and Stephanie Wilkening  
Grace Parish Choir

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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Betty Albain	Hans Dumpys	Bob Jandeska	Marnie Rourke
Diane Amati	Louis Elia	Phyllis Kersten	Pat Scala
Annalise Balock	Hena Gantepalli	Scott Krueger	Ole Schenk
Cathy Barker	Erica Charles Garcia	Karen Lemke	Jim Scherer
Len Berghaus	David Gruendler	Carolyn Martin	Cameron Valencia
Miriam Bretscher	Don Heimbürger	Karen McMahon	
MaryBeth Buschman	Patricia Herendeen	Dave Moeller	
Rosemary Cheatem	Virginia Hillert	Jennifer Murtoff	

Felipe Altamirano ( <i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )	Karen Luebbe ( <i>mother of Jenny Luebbe</i> )
Pat B. ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )	John Lunde ( <i>friend of Susan Messerli</i> )
Javed Bachew ( <i>relative of Susan Franzone</i> )	Esther Martz ( <i>friend of Susie Calhoun</i> )
Greg Ball ( <i>friend of Irmgard Swanson</i> )	Melina Masihi ( <i>friend of Chrissy Nelson</i> )
Hattie Becker ( <i>great niece of Joe and Eileen Maggio</i> )	Pam Mattox ( <i>friend of many at Grace</i> )
James Beglin ( <i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i> )	Stacy Maugans ( <i>friend of Johanna Johnson</i> )
Fran Benson ( <i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )
Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )	Dwight Nelson ( <i>father of Annalise Nelson Balock</i> )
Khadija Bougdim ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )	Carol Niendorf ( <i>friend of Bill and Barbara Urbrock</i> )
Jamie Carpenter ( <i>cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher</i> )	Danny Parkhill ( <i>cousin of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening</i> )
Elena Davis ( <i>friend of Sue and Pat Allen</i> )	Dolores Pelz ( <i>cousin of Evelyn Grams</i> )
Stella Dillberg ( <i>mother of Gretchen Weaver</i> )	Paul Peters ( <i>son-in-law of Robert and Billie Navarre</i> )
Clara Dorsey ( <i>mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey</i> )	Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )
Jeanine Wakim El-Khoury ( <i>friend of Chrissy Nelson</i> )	James Powers ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )
Patti and Neal Enslin ( <i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i> )	Susan Prather ( <i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i> )
Randy Ernst ( <i>friend of Valerie Spiller</i> )	Mark Redheffer ( <i>son of Virginia Walker</i> )
Rikka Estenson ( <i>mother of Erika Lyle</i> )	Paula Rosenberger ( <i>friend of Janet Sylvester</i> )
Cindy Sircher Fuchs and family ( <i>friend of Susan Franzone</i> )	Sheila Saha ( <i>relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska</i> )
Benjamin Galiher ( <i>nephew of Paul May</i> )	Steve Schmidt ( <i>son of Gick Schmidt</i> )
Chandramma Gantepalli ( <i>mother of Hena Gantepalli</i> )	Sandy Schnittker ( <i>sister of Paul Schnittker</i> )
Luke Gawencka ( <i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	Mary Lu Shipstad ( <i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i> )
Ray Grasse ( <i>Grace School alum</i> )	Huxley Shoup and family ( <i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )
Mike Guss ( <i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i> )	Nancy Stelling ( <i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i> )
Jerry Haase ( <i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley &amp; Stewart Clarke</i> )	Lee Stephens ( <i>brother of Tony</i> )
Ken Hansen ( <i>friend of Bill and Barbara Urbrock</i> )	Pastor Steve Swanson ( <i>friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner</i> )
Jill Hanssen ( <i>niece of Ann Mason</i> )	Russ Tellio ( <i>friend of Susan and David Franzone</i> )
Carol Hartung ( <i>mother of Justin Hartung</i> )	Ilene Thompson ( <i>sister of Marilyn Heppner</i> )
Harry Heppner ( <i>brother of Ken Heppner</i> )	William Van Santen ( <i>father of Ken Van Santen</i> )
Margaret Hofmaier ( <i>mother of Barbara Hofmaier</i> )	Mary Lou Wagoner ( <i>sister-in-law of Stan Reddel</i> )
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Kathryn Krubsack ( <i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i> )	Randi Woodworth ( <i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i> )
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Charlotte Lisius ( <i>friend of Gary and Marilyn Wenzel</i> )	Veronica Zurowski ( <i>mother of Tom Zurowski</i> )
Beth Luebbe and family ( <i>sister of Jenny Luebbe</i> )	

## Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

## In Thanksgiving for

The birth of **Roslyn Lev Parker** (*daughter born to Anne Wootton and Teddy Rankin Parker, granddaughter of Carol Wootton*)

## For those who mourn the death of

**Lindy Backus** (*niece of Bob and Kathy Hale*)

## Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

## Those studying abroad

Benjamin Ho (*Mexico*)

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Charlotte Shea (*England*)

## Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

## Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center



# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, MAY 1

Library Open for Self-Service..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Worship – Holy Communion**.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Education (Seminar Room) .....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 3–5 year olds (Nursery) .....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School Grades 1–6 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons)..9:45 a.m.  
Mentor Sunday Wrap-Up (School Library) .....9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation (Fellowship Hall).....9:45 a.m.  
Teen Talk (Youth Center).....9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation Information Meeting.....12:15 p.m.  
Chicago Choral Artists Concert (Sanctuary) ..... 4:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 3

Tuesday Conversations (Conference Room) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Pilates (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) .....6:15 p.m.  
Health Cabinet (Church Library) ..... 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

**School Chapel – Morning Prayer** .....8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones Fellowship and Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
**GLOW** (Fellowship Hall) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 5

Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Social Ministry Committee (Conference Room) .... 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MAY 6

Scout Troop Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MAY 7

**Memorial Service for Evie Tiemann** ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Memorial Service Luncheon ..... 11:45 a.m.

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- ☐ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace School.
- ☐ I would like to receive Grace’s weekly e-mail,  
*Sunday Is Coming.*
- ☐ I would like one of the pastors to contact me  
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