



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023
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 most 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.

Altar Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or honor the memory of a loved one. See the front desk for details.

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.

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

Paul, the one-time persecutor of the church, now boldly proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ to the powerful pagans of Athens. While they convene to debate and discuss the matters of the day, Paul stands among them and declares them ignorant. He's seen the idols throughout the city, images cast in gold, silver, and stone. But in only one instance is their search for the divine on the right track. They know of an "unknown God." Paul proclaims this God as the One revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His image is found not in idols but in persons, in whom the *imago Dei* has been restored. Restored, we are able to see one another not as objects to exploit but as neighbors to love. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we fulfill Jesus' commands to love one another as he has loved us.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Selections from Partita on HYFRYDOL

Charles Callahan

GREETING

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(green) LBW #315



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- Ⓟ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Ⓞ And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Women sing parts marked Ⅰ. Men sing parts marked Ⅱ.

All sing parts marked Ⓞ.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I 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.

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

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

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

C This is the feast of vic-tory 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.

Almighty and ever-living God,
 you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.
 In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,
 and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,
 through 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.

(11:00) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7–18

(8:30) ANTIPHON: Be joyful in God, all you lands

Mark Sedio

(11:00) ANTIPHON: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

Richard Proulx

- ℣ Bless our | God, you peoples;*
make the voice of his praise | to be heard,
- ☩ **who holds our | souls in life,*
and will not allow our | feet to slip.**
- ℣ For you, O | God, have proved us;*
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- ☩ **You brought us in- | to the snare;*
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- ℣ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,*
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- ☩ **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,*
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I | was in trouble.**
- ℣ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;*
I will give you ox- | en and goats.
- ☩ **Come and listen, all you | who fear God,*
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**
- ℣ I called out to him | with my mouth,*
and his praise was | on my tongue.
- ☩ **If I had found evil | in my heart,*
the Lord would | not have heard me;**
- ℣ but in truth | God has heard me;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
- ☩ **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,*
nor withheld his | love from me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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!



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

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 14:15–21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON: From Ignorance to Truth

Pastor David R. Lyle
 John 14:15–21; Acts 17:22–31

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come Down, O Love Divine

(green) LBW #508

(11:00) Stanza two is sung by the choir in a harmonization by John Leavitt.



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY. R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Thy Holy Wings

Michael Burkhardt

Thy holy wings, dear Savior,
Spread gently over me,
And through the long night watches
I'll rest secure in thee.
Whatever my betide me,
Be thou my hiding place,
And let me live and labor
Each day, Lord, by thy grace.
Thy pardon, Savior, grant me,
And cleanse me in thy blood;
Give me a willing spirit
A heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
Thy children great and small,
And while we sweetly slumber,
Enfold us one and all.

Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, tr. Ernest Edwin Ryden

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** Come Down, O Love Divine

Wilbur Held

We stand as the gifts are presented.

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!

The musical score is written on six staves in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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:



C 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.

C 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

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** God of Peace

B. Wayne Bisbee

God of peace, send us, lead us,
Guide us as the Shepherd's sheep.
Lord of life, raise us, feed us,
Through the blood the promise keep.
Give us strength to seek perfection,
In his love, the harvest reap.

God of peace, cleanse us, keep us
Strong and blameless in your eyes.
Faithful Lord, who has called us
As your own to claim the prize.
Help us to reflect the message;
Share it, speak it, all our lives.

God of peace, hear us, cheer us,
As we leave your house to day.
God of love, always near us,
With our fellow saints we pray:
Grace of Jesus, Father, Spirit
Be with us along the way.

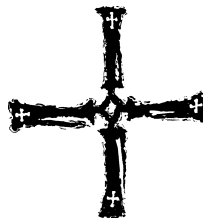
Mark Alan Howard

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

John 14:15-18



HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

(green) LBW #533



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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

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

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: We Know That Christ Is Raised

(green) LBW #189



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
Text © John B. Geyer.

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: We Know That Christ Is Raised

James Pethel

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Rich Schubkegel
Christa Krout
Paul Eichwedel, Ellie Schnack
Greta Lyle, Zack Morgan
Lois Harb, Susan Weber
Thomas Ewert, John Sanger
Linda and Scott Street
Women's Choir
Gwen Gotsch
Larry Caponigri, Ruth Reko
Paulette Reddel
Ryan Koehne, Eunice Eifert

Assisting Minister

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer

Gift Bearers

Ushers

Altar Guild

Choir

Greeters

Livestream audio/video

11:00

Owen Augustine
Jeff Cribbs
Karen Rohde, Deborah Maxwell
Nora Isenberg, Charlie Terry
Neal and Esther Armstrong
Gerlinde VanDriesen, Mike Gillespie
Jane Andrew, Marilyn Moehlenkamp
Parish Choir
Michael D. Costello
Bill Koehne, Scott Street
Allison Tan

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LET US PRAY...

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Sue Allen	Carol Forrest	Joan Koerber	Pat Scala
Annalise Balock	David Franzone	Karen Lemke	Ole Schenk
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Miriam Bretscher	Hena Gantepalli	Dave Moeller	David Schubkegel
MaryBeth Buschmann	Galen Gockel	Rob Ransom	Rhea Sprecher
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Yvonne Daniels	Patricia Herendeen	Adrienne Rott	Linda Webb
Hans Dumpys	Genevieve Jones	Marnie Rourke	

Joe Anderson (*nephew of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
 Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Collene Berghaus (*daughter-in-law of Judy Berghaus*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Jim Brandt (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)
 Brendan Cameron (*friend of Scott and Linda Street*)
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
 Sharese Damiri (*sister of Lori Martin*)
 Nancy Demas (*sister of Thomas Demas and Mary Demas*)
 Nora DeMots (*daughter of Wendy and Corwin Will*)
Jennifer and Gregory DeVine (*friends of Kay Bowers*)
 Charles Dietz (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)
 Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)
 Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)
 Gladys Drew (*mother of Ackli Howell*)
 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)
 Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)
 Lynne Exley (*cousin of Kathryn and Bob Jandeska*)
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 Allison Heppner (*daughter-in-law of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
 Julia Hickey (*daughter of Susan Hickey*)
 Susan Hickey (*former member of Grace*)
 Owen Huffman (*son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman*)

Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
 Kozene Lofton (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
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 Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
 Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Dwight Nelson (*father of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 Heidi Neumark (*friend of many at Grace*)
 Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*brother and sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 John Palmisano (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Fred Preuss (*friend of Mike Carosccio*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)
 Paula Reynolds (*friend of Kay Bowers and Katie Wasson*)
 John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
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 Bill Werner (*friend of Richard Martens and Grace School alum*)
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 Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

In thanksgiving for

Those received into membership: **Sirimas (Benz) Amatayakul and David Kuipers, Deborah Stonich**

The 96th birthday of **Betty Moore** (May 6)

The 95th birthday of **Pat Herendeen** (May 6)

For those who mourn

Nadine Ilten (*friend of Grace and wife of James Ilten*)

Audrey Moriarty (*Grace member and mother of Kristin Vogen*)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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*)

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

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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 who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

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Christopher Davis

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Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MAY 14

Library Open (self-service, coffee) 8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Night Ministry Collection (Atrium) all day
Slovak Benefit Ticket Sales (Atrium)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Schedule Listening Session
(Seminar Room)..... 9:45 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15

Evangelism Committee (1902 Room) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Knitting Group (Church Library) 1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.
Scout Troop Meeting (3rd Floor Commons)..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

School Chapel Service 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)..... 11:30 a.m.
Ascension Eve Service (Holy Communion) 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7-8 Grade Musical (Fellowship Hall). 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)..... 6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee
(Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Religion in Literature (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Choral Artists Concert (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Chicago Choral Artists Concert (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m.

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