



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome 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.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed 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.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

Electronic Devices

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

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.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are sponsored today in honor of the wedding anniversary of Liene Sorenson and Jim Scherer.

As We Gather

Nothing seems quite so elusive as unity. Communities and coalitions that once seemed secure have been torn apart by the war between Israel and Hamas. Neighbors who used to get along have been divided by the political polarization in our nation. Families, and even churches, are often places where the unity we hope for is often far off. In the midst of our disunity, Jesus prays for us. John 17 recounts Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, offered on the night of his betrayal. In the depths of human divisiveness, Jesus prays for unity. And then he creates it. Our unity, thank God, is based not on our agreement. We are one because Jesus says we are one. Within this oneness, diversity remains. Not all have the same calling, as Justus and Matthias found out. Our differences continue; unity is not about flattening out difference. But with Christ at the center, we can find ways forward together for the sake of the One who died and now lives for us.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Cathédrales

Louis Vierne

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

(blue) **WOV #747**



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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. 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.



② This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ For the Lamb who was



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



④ 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.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God,
you have chosen us as your own,
and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.
By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world,
that we may find our joy in your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

ANTIPHON: In the law of the Lord is their delight

John Folkening

- ℣ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- ☩ **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,*
and they meditate on his law | day and night.**
- ℣ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;*
everything they | do shall prosper.
- ☩ **It is not so | with the wicked;***
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
- ℣ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ☩ **For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,*
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **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 17:6–19

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Not Out of This World

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 17:6–19; Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

(green) **LBW #206**



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one as your bride in



soul, "Your will be done." That we may all one bread, one
you, O Prince of Peace; so may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this, your sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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,
- G** **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.
- G** **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

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!

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

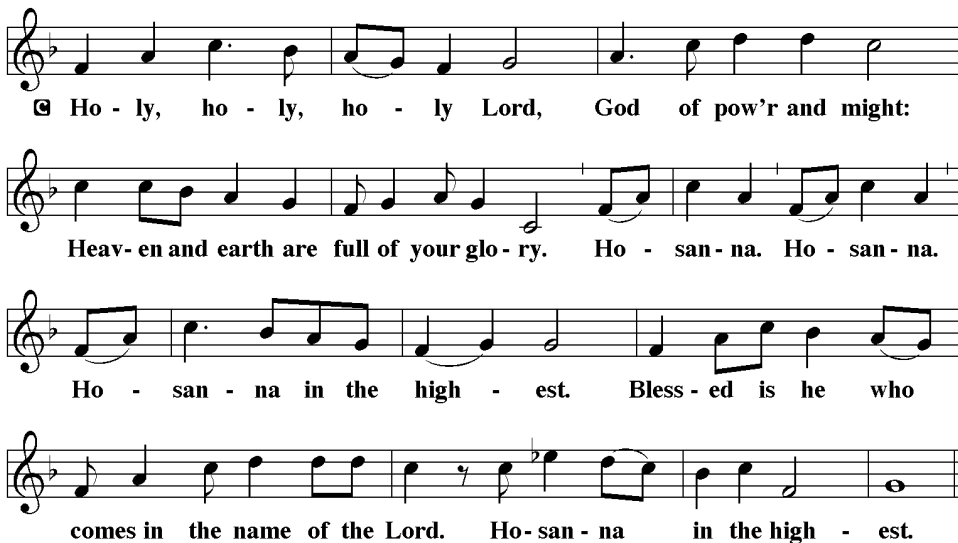
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

☩ Amen.

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

**☩ 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.

☩ Thanks be to God.

ℙ Come, for all is now ready

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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

ANTHEM: God Be in My Head

Paul Bouman

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Words from the Sarum Primer

HYMN: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(green) LBW #200



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNIDIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

☑ **Amen.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ Is the King!

(green) **LBW #386**

The choir sings stanzas two and four in a setting by Paul Bouman.



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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

Text: George K.A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.

Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

G Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Henry Schueler, assisting minister

Amy Claud, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Thomas Schmidt, organist/choir director

Kathryn Jandeska, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, lectors

Carson Krischke, Tyler Henderson, crucifer/Bible bearer

Carolyn Becker, Leanne Cribbs, gift bearers

Thomas Ewert, John Sanger, Susan Scherer, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, altar guild

Ann Mason, Ed Mason, Sabrina Maggio, greeters

Tom Swanson, Eunice Eifert, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Miriam Bretscher	Susan Franzone	Pete Maggio	Pat Scala
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Yvonne Daniels	Marlene Hallman	Karen Murphy	
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 Mick Barrett (*father of Grace student Benji Barrett*)
Lucia Baumgart (*sister-in-law of Kate Hogenson*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)
 Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)
 Kathy Challengren (*sister-in-law of Ruth Reko*)
 Dolores Clark (*sister of Carl Gruendler*)
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
 Debra Detweiler (*friends of the Lyle and Lehmann families*)
 Charles Dietz (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)
 Ethan Douglas (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)
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 Debbie Frederick (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*)
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Scott Kibler (*relative of April Kibler, father of John, Dan, and Olivia Kibler*)
 Claudia Kraft (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Paul Lindblad (*friend of many at Grace*)
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
 Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)
 Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 John Norris (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*relatives of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Ryan O'Neil (*alum of Grace School*)
 John Palmisano (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Sharon Peridis (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
 Ron Schuette (*father of Esther Armstrong*)
 Joan Seevers (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Leah Stanger (*daughter-in-law of Carol and John Stanger*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Jill Sunderman (*mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski*)
 Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Gaylord Thomas (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Adelaide Ward (*sister of Carl Gruendler*)
 Amy Wischhusen (*relative of Ann Mason*)
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Disaster Response

For those who mourn

Elaine Sima (*alum of Grace School, friend of Janet Sylvester*)

Those serving in the armed services

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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 studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Karen McMahon

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@gracriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MAY 12

Library Open (self service) **8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall) **8:45 a.m.**
Bible Study (Seminar Room) **9:00 a.m.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office) **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
Adult Ed Planning Committee (Conference Room) **11:15 a.m.**
Worship Committee (1902 Room) **11:30 a.m.**

MONDAY, MAY 13

Finance Committee (Virtual) **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Retired Leaders (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Elementary Education Committee (Fellowship Hall) **7:00 p.m.**
Germany Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:00 p.m.**
Property Committee (Conference Room) **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

School Chapel Service **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Worship – Morning Prayer **11:30 a.m.**
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) **12:00 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Moms of Littles (Youth Center) **6:30 p.m.**
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) **7:30 p.m.**
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Religion in Literature (Offsite) **7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers **3:45 p.m.**

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