



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

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

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

Today's flowers are sponsored by Carolyn Lemley and Jim Kerns in celebration of their marriage.

As We Gather

Christ is risen! Liturgically, we know to respond, "He is risen, indeed!" But underneath this, we might be thinking, "Really?" We are not alone. Thomas might be the one to bear the moniker, but he is not the first to doubt. John has already shown us the doubts of Peter, Mary Magdalene, and the other disciples. As doubters and questioners, we are in good company. Still, Jesus gives us what we need. He speaks Mary's name. He gives peace to the disciples. He shows his wounds to Thomas. He does the same for all of us. We can proclaim in faith, "My Lord and my God!" In his name, doors are unlocked and we are called into the world.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: The Day of Resurrection!

Michael D. Costello

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: The Day of Resurrection!

ELW #361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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

*Higher (treble) voices sing parts marked I. Lower (bass) voices sing parts marked II.
All sing parts marked C.*

C 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.

C 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.

☉ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ 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-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

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

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

☉ 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.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears
with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy,
and strengthen us to be the body of 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 5:27–32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14–29

Antiphon by Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

L The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.

G **There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:**

L "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

G **I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

- L The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*
 but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- G **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
- L "This is the gate | of the LORD;*
 he who is right- | eous may enter."
- G **I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me***
and have become | my salvation.
- L The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
- G **This is | the LORD's doing,***
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- L On this day the | LORD has acted;*
 we will rejoice and be | glad in it.
- G **Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!***
LORD, send us | now success.
- L Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;*
 we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- G **God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;***
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.
- L "You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
 you are my God, and I | will exalt you."
- G **Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;***
his mercy en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4–8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- L The Word of the Lord.
 G **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

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

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Peace for a Doubting World

Pastor David R. Lyle

John 20:19–31



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Sons and Daughters of the King

(green) **LBW #139**



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



All 1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
All 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
W 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
All 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

After stanza 9:



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

- Choir** 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, **Choir** 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
that they had seen the risen Lord, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
he doubted the disciples' word. "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- M** 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, **All** 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and look upon my hands, my feet; and yet whose faith has constant been,
not faithless, but believing be." for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- All** 9 On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

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/ANTHEM: Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Thomas Keesecker

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
Tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
Praise Christ risen from the dead!
Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;
Sing of the seed from barren earth greening;
Sing of creation, alleluia!
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;
Sing of the saints in water made holy;
Sing of salvation, alleluia!

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
Tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
Praise Christ risen from the dead!
Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;
Sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;
Sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
Sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
Sing, all things living, alleluia!
Delores Dufner, OSB

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!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- G** **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.

☩ 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.**

⒫ 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.**

⒫ The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓖ **Thanks be to God.**

⒫ Come, for all is now ready

We sit.

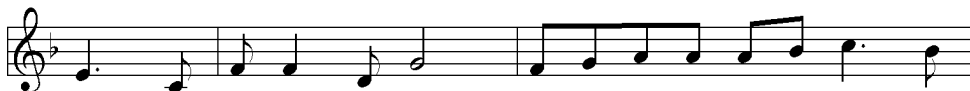
AGNUS DEI



Ⓖ 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: *Hilariter* (Be joyful)

arr. K. Lee Scott

Let all the world with joy resound.

Hilariter, hilariter!

For Christ the powers of death casted down.

Alleluia, alle, alleluia!

Throughout the earth his praises sing.

Hilariter, hilariter!

Let all the courts of heaven ring.

Alleluia, alle, alleluia!

The singing birds lift high their voice.

Hilariter, hilariter!

The trees in verdure all rejoice.

Alleluia, alle, alleluia!

The sun more brightly mounts the sky.

Hilariter, hilariter!

To honor him, our Lord most high.

Alleluia, alle, alleluia!

To God the Father, Son be given,

Hilariter, hilariter!

With Spirit, praise in highest heaven.

Alleluia, alle, alleluia!

Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, tr. K. Lee Scott

HYMN: Now the Green Blade Rises

(green) LBW #148



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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HYMN: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

(blue) WOV #722

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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.





1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide,
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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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: The Risen Christ

Benjamin M. Culli

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Amy Claud, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Women's Choir

Gwen Gotsch, director

Eileen Maggio, Kathryn Jandeska, lectors

Angela Guzman, Mikey Starrick, crucifer/book bearer

Paulette Reddel, Julie Modrich, gift bearers

Martin Becker, Mike Gillespie, Paul Koester, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Tina Baird, altar guild

Mary Jane Keitel, Ruth Reko, greeters

Anne Claud, Kat Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, APRIL 27

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Gr 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library)	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
8 th Grade Confirmands and Mentors (School Library)	11:30 a.m.
Bible Study (Conference Room)	11:30 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room)	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.
Reception for Photo Exhibit (Atrium/Gym)	5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Dads of Grace (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry (Church Library)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Strategic Planning Committee (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library)	9:30 a.m.
Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall/Church Library)	6:00 p.m.
Mom's of Littles (Youth Center)	6:30 p.m.
Scout Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)	7:30 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

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