



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](http://www.graceriverforest.org).

## The Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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 Lauren Wilkie in honor of May birthdays.

## **As We Gather**

The risen Christ, still on the move, always finds his way to us. It's just what he does. Especially when we are at the end of ourselves. Behind locked doors. After a night that produces nothing but empty nets. Amid shame, and dead ends. When fear and failure intermingle. Around charcoal fires thick with memory. Abundant life comes toward us. Always. Encountered by the risen one, a new future is possible. It is promised. Death has been undone. Capacious grace is God's constant gift. Empty nets become just what God can work with. In this future, around the lamb who was slain, God re-members us. Raises us with Christ. Notices us. Forgives us. Saves us. Feeds us. Fed and nourished this morning, Jesus invites us to follow him. Why would we do anything else now that he is alive? After all, we too who were dead are alive again.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** With High Delight Let Us Unite

Michael D. Costello

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** With High Delight Let Us Unite

*(green)* **LBW #140**



1. With high de-light let us u - nite In songs of sweet ju - bi -  
 2. True God, he first from death has burst Forth in - to life, all sub -  
 3. Let prais-es ring; give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord ad - o -



la - tion. You pure in heart, each take your part, Sing Je - sus Christ,  
 du - ing. His en - e - my shall van - quished lie; His death has been  
 ra - tion. His hon - or speed by word and deed To ev - 'ry land,



our sal - va - tion. To set us free for - ev - er, he Is ris'n, and  
 death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be like vic - to - ry O'er death and  
 ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love give us a - bove, From mis - er -



sends to all earth's ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 grave," said he, who gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 y and death set free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.  
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune  
 Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

## GREETING

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ 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

(organ) This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of

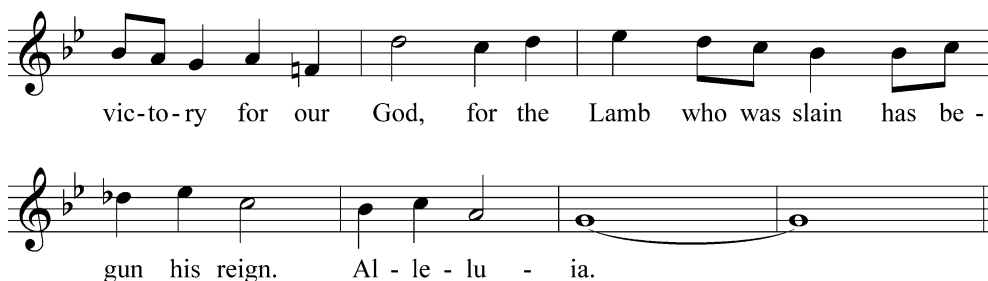
vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. It includes an organ introduction and a vocal melody. The lyrics are: (organ) This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia. Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

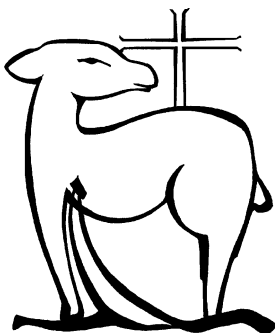
**G And also with you.**

**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.

**G Amen.**

*We sit.*



## ✝ WORD ✝

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:1–20

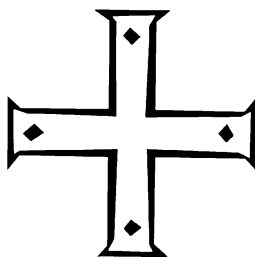
Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going 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."

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 30:1–2, 4–5, 11–12

Antiphon by Hal H. Hopson; Tone by William Byrd

*We join in singing the antiphon; the choir sings the verses.*



**G** Sing praise to the Lord. Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth.

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- L** I will praise you, Lord; you have saved my life;  
You have not let my foes triumph over me.  
O Lord, I cried to you for help;  
You healed me, you kept me from the grave.

### **G ANTIPHON**

- L** Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth;  
Give thanks and bless God's holy name.  
God's anger lasts for a moment,  
but God's love endures throughout all my life;  
Tears may flow in the night, but joy comes with the dawn.

### **G ANTIPHON**

- L** You have turned my sadness to a joyful dance;  
You have taken away my sorrow; I am clothed with gladness all the day.  
My heart sings to you with unending praise.  
O Lord, I will give you thanks for evermore.

### **G ANTIPHON**

## 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!

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 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."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON:** A Future Gathered Around The Lamb

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

*We stand.*

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

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



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

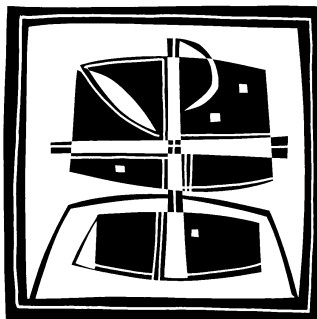


out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re -  
love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will ev - er  
Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our strength and  
dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther e - qual



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!

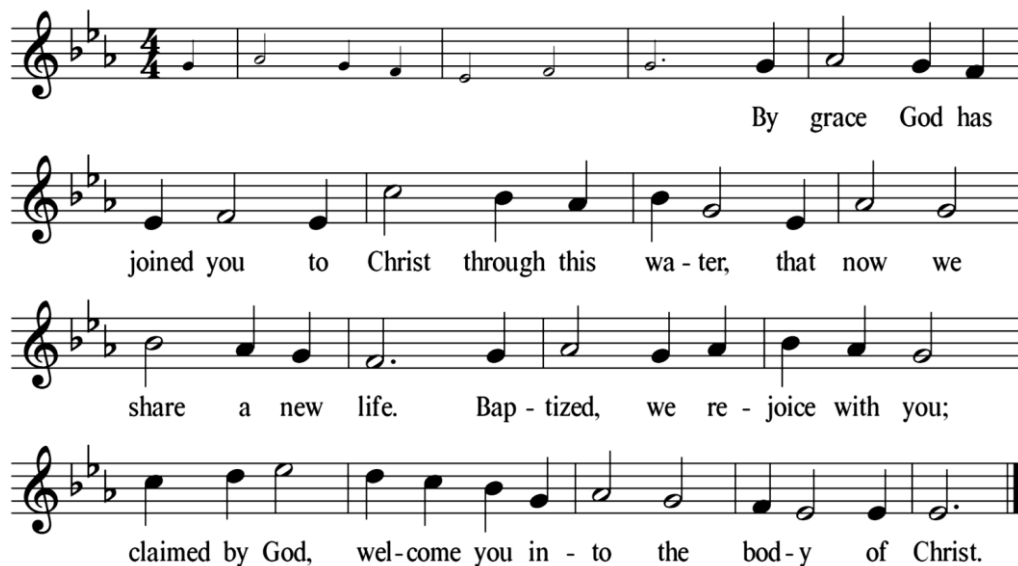
Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (page 121 *in the front* of the green *LBW*.)

*Kell Nielsen Kavanaugh, Ruby Rose Schraft, Vivienne Robin Schraft*

*After the spoken welcome, we sing the following response:*



By grace God has  
joined you to Christ through this wa - ter, that now we  
share a new life. Bap - tized, we re - joice with you;  
claimed by God, wel - come you in - to the bod - y of Christ.

## 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 sit.*

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

*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 major (one sharp) 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 printed 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,  
**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.

**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.

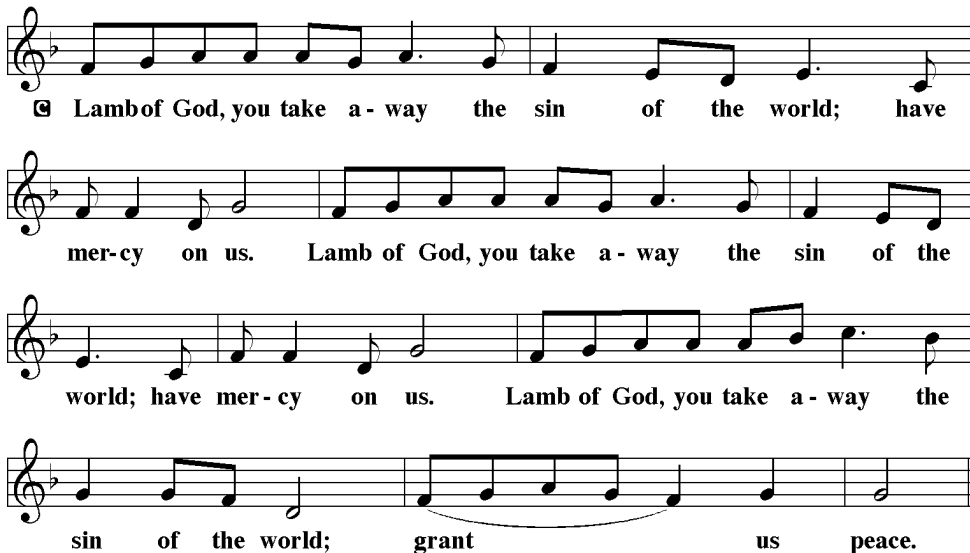
**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**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.*

**Anointing with oil for healing** *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle  
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or  
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**ANTHEM:** Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy

Paul Bouman

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy,  
Now from death's deep dungeon risen,  
Lets the Church his praise employ,  
Sets her free from sorrow's prison.  
Death did all its strengths deploy,  
Jesus lives, the Lord of Joy.

To the Father in his death  
Jesus went with will unswerving,  
Giving up life's precious breath  
For his people undeserving.  
He whom death could not destroy  
Lives to be the Church's Joy.

Sorrow here a little while;  
Suffer midst the world's rejoicing.  
Satan's arts through men beguile;  
World and flesh their joys are voicing.  
These deceive like base alloy,  
Jesus is the Church's Joy.

Now take heart, you Christian men;  
Fill God's house with loud thanksgiving.  
Jesus lives to come again,  
Joy for anguish to be giving.  
Pain and trials now annoy,  
Jesus comes, the Church's Joy!

Alleluia risen Lord!

Raymond Schulze

# HYMN: O Bread of Life from Heaven

HFW #858



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil -  
 2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev -  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid -



grins giv - en, O Man - na from a - bove: feed with the bless -  
 er stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come now, your love  
 den splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil

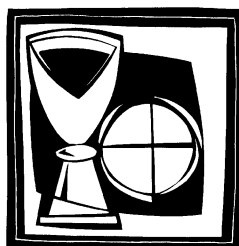


ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com - plete - ness  
 be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing  
 be riv - en, and our clear eye in heav - en



the souls that want and need your love.  
 till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2; alt.  
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN. Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517



*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: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

(green) LBW #433



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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 Church of Christ, in Every Age

Healey Willan

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

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Lori Martin, assisting minister

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Julia Isenberg, Angela Guzman, crucifer/book bearer

Carol Ewald, Roberta Gillespie, gift bearers

Diana Sicuro, Bob Jandeska, anointers

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Brad Bishop ( <i>brother-in-law of Julie Modrich</i> )	<b>Colleen Lattyak</b> ( <i>daughter of John and Loretta Lattyak</i> )		
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Cornerstone Academy

## In thanksgiving for

**The baptism of Kell Nielsen Kavanaugh** *(son of Emma and Michael Kavanaugh)*

**The baptism of Ruby Rose Schraft** *(daughter of Evelyn and John Schraft)*

**The baptism of Vivienne Robin Schraft** *(daughter of Evelyn and John Schraft)*

## Those serving in the armed services

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)*

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

## Those studying abroad

Charlotte Meyer *(Iceland)*

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## Those who are homebound

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## 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@graceriverforest.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 4**

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<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
Strategic Planning Focus Group (Fellowship Hall) ..... 11:15 a.m.  
Health Cabinet (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom) ..... 11:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

Breakfast Group (Conference Room) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Property Committee (Conference Room) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Strategic Planning Focus Group (Fellowship Hall) ..... 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

**School Chapel Service** ..... 8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Strategic Planning Focus Group (Fellowship Hall) ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

**Memorial Service for Cathy Barker** ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Strategic Planning Focus Group (Fellowship Hall) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

Visitation for John Albright (Atrium) ..... 4:00 p.m.  
**Memorial Service for John Albright** ..... 5:00 p.m.

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**Troy E. Medlin**, Associate Pastor  
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