



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 the Kaszuba, Henry, and Scherer families in loving memory of Margo Bonebrake and Marjorie Keene.

## **As We Gather**

The promise was never that we would avoid the valleys. Throughout life, the steep walls rise up around us, blocking out the daylight. Our feet stumble. Dangers lurk. Death stalks. But we are not alone. Alongside us comes Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Baptized into his death and resurrection, we are anointed, sealed with the Spirit. Following him, our feet will finally step into verdant pastures with an unending horizon. This promise breaks into our world even now, as it did for Tabitha and those who mourned her death. This promise opens unto eternity, as we see in the vision from Revelation. Whatever afflicts us is temporary. The darkness will not last. This promise, in Christ, is for you.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Wilbur Held and Robert J. Powell

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

*(green)* **LBW #128**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## 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  
vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be -  
gun his reign. 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 peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the great shepherd of the sheep.

By the blood of your eternal covenant,

make us complete in everything good that we may do your will,

and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight,

through 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 9:36–43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23

John Folkening

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd.

℣ The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.

☩ **He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

℣ He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

☩ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall | fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

℣ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

☩ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**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 10:22–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** Led to the Springs of Life

Pastor David R. Lyle  
John 10:22–30; Psalm 23

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Sing with All the Saints in Glory

(blue) **WOV #691**



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!  
**Choir** 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!  
3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.  
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.  
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt.  
Music: MISSISSIPPI, William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947  
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

## **NICENE CREED**

Ⓟ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

Ⓞ **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:** Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Michael D. Costello

*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.

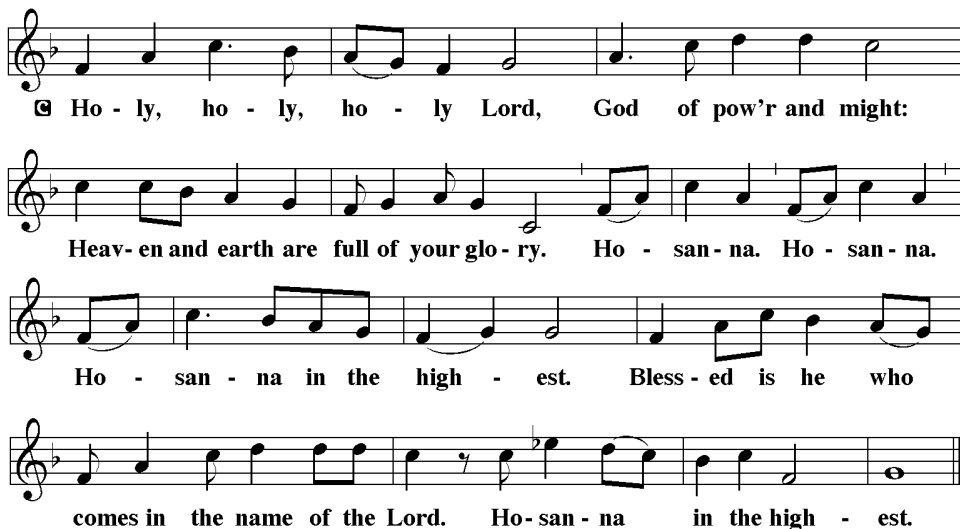
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**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. **G** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**G** 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.**

**℟** 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.**

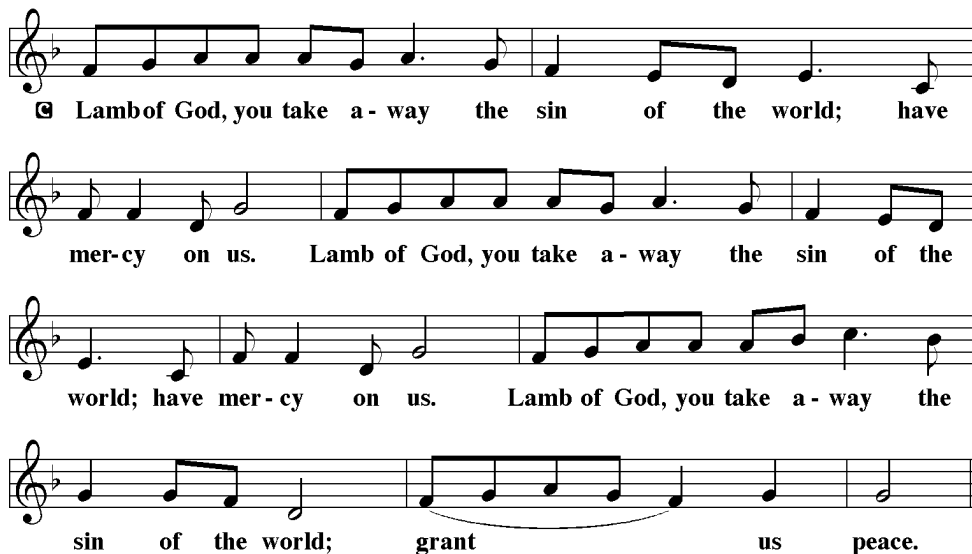
**℟** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**☩ 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:** They Are Before the Throne of God

Carl F. Schalk

They are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger and thirst no more;  
the sun shall not strike them nor any scorching heat;  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

# HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(green) LBW #456



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877  
Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune



*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

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

**G Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

*(green)* **LBW #196**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.  
Music: ALLES IST AN GOITTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.  
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## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE:** "Hallelujah, 'Has Been Restored..." (from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair



## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

David Simpson, Ruth Nelson, lectors

Grace Murphy, Sam Schueler, crucifer/book bearer

Al Swanson, Susan Weber, gift bearers

Paul Koester, Tom Swanson, Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

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## LET US PRAY...

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Jane and Bill Batte ( <i>friends of Deb and Tom Maxwell</i> )	Elaine Kruse ( <i>sister of Margaret Kruse and Roberta Gillespie</i> )
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Cynthia Booth ( <i>cousin of Ellen Pullin</i> )	John Lunde ( <i>friend of Susan Messerli</i> )
Khadija Boudim ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )	Cordy and Mike MacDonald ( <i>friends of Jen Murtoff</i> )
Paul Cordes ( <i>son of Bruce Cordes</i> )	Drake Martinez ( <i>student of Deb Maxwell</i> )
James Crawford ( <i>nephew of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	Kathy Maxwell ( <i>cousin of Deb and Tom Maxwell</i> )
Laurel Marie D. ( <i>neighbor of Pat Anderson</i> )	Mary Moehlenkamp ( <i>sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp</i> )
David De Jong ( <i>brother-in-law of Mary Beth Logas</i> )	Margaret Murphy ( <i>mother of John Murphy</i> )
Chris De Vries ( <i>sister-in-law of Melissa and Jayson De Vries</i> )	Monika Nash ( <i>daughter of Verna Offermann</i> )
Will Edwards ( <i>friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim</i> )	Dwight and Betty Nelson ( <i>parents of Annalise Nelson Balock</i> )
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## Benevolence ministries

New Moms

### For those who mourn the death of

**Cynthia Booth** (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)

### In thanksgiving for

**Betty Moore**, in celebration of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday

### 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*)

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

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

### Those studying abroad

Charlotte Meyer (*Iceland*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

### Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Dave Moeller

Christopher Davis

Carol Prinz

David Franzone

Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Karen McMahon

### 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 11

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall) ..... **8:45 a.m.**  
Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Adult Education (Seminar Room) ..... **9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship – Holy Communion** ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Worship Committee (1902 Room)..... **11:30 a.m.**

## TUESDAY, MAY 13

Faith Forum (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Strategic Planning – School (Fellowship Hall)..... **6:00 p.m.**  
Elementary Ed Committee (1902 Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

**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 15

Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... **6:30 p.m.**  
Scout Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) ..... **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 16

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 17

Slovak Benefit Dinner (Fellowship Hall) ..... **5:00 p.m.**

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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