



Welcome to

## **Grace Lutheran Church and School**

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,  
live with love, and go to serve.



### **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 LBW and blue 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 [graceriverforest.org](http://graceriverforest.org).

### **The Holy Communion**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

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 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**

Weekly altar flowers can be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please see the front desk for details.

## **We Gather**

God is never far away from anyone. In the Triune God we live and move and have our being. No competing for space here but room for it all. Is that not the promise of Easter? Nothing can separate us from God's love or from the risen Christ any longer. No geography of space or heart, alienation, despair, detour, or death will keep him from finding you and walking with you to the other side. The unknown god is forever made known in the crucified and risen one. God for you at all times and in all places. In the Holy Spirit given to you in baptism you have an advocate. Someone in your corner to counter all the messages that seek to lay claim on your worth, value, and belovedness. God has not left you orphaned. You are adopted, named, chosen, embraced, and beloved by God from start to finish. This is where we belong.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Come, Creator Spirit

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Come Down, O Love Divine

(green) **LBW #508**



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



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



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



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

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

**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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,

you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.

In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,

and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING: Acts 17:22–31

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

'For we too are his offspring.'

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

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 66:7–18

Richard Proulx

ANTIPHON: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.

℣ Bless our | God, you peoples;\*

make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

☩ **who holds our | souls in life,\***

**and will not allow our | feet to slip.**

℣ For you, O | God, have proved us;\*

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

☩ **You brought us in- | to the snare;\***

**you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

℣ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,\*

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

☩ **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,\***

**which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth**

**when I | was in trouble.**

- ℣ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;\*  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.
- ☩ **Come and listen, all you | who fear God,\***  
**and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**
- ℣ I called out to him | with my mouth,\*  
and his praise was | on my tongue.
- ☩ **If I had found evil | in my heart,\***  
**the Lord would | not have heard me;**
- ℣ but in truth | God has heard me;\*  
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
- ☩ **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,\***  
**nor withheld his | love from me.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22

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

- ℣ 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

Text © 1967 Concordia Publishing House

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15–21

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

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

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

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON:** Right Where You Belong

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Acts 17:22–31; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Dear Christians, One and All

*(green)* **LBW #299**



**Choir** 1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - jice, with ex - ul -  
**G** 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed  
**Choir** 3 My own good works all came to naught, no grace or  
**G** 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state be - fore the



ta - tion spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed  
dark - ly o'er me, sin was my tor - ment  
mer - it gain - ing; free will a - gainst God's  
world's foun - da - tion, and, mind - ful of his

heart and voice and ho - ly rap - ture sing - ing,  
 night and day; in sin my moth - er bore me.  
 judg - ment fought, dead to all good re - main - ing.  
 mer - cies great, he planned for my sal - va - tion.

pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how his right  
 But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; my life be -  
 My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left on - ly  
 He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; he did not

arm the vic - t'ry won, what price our ran - som cost him!  
 came a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 death to be my share; the pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 choose the eas - y part, but gave his dear - est trea - sure.

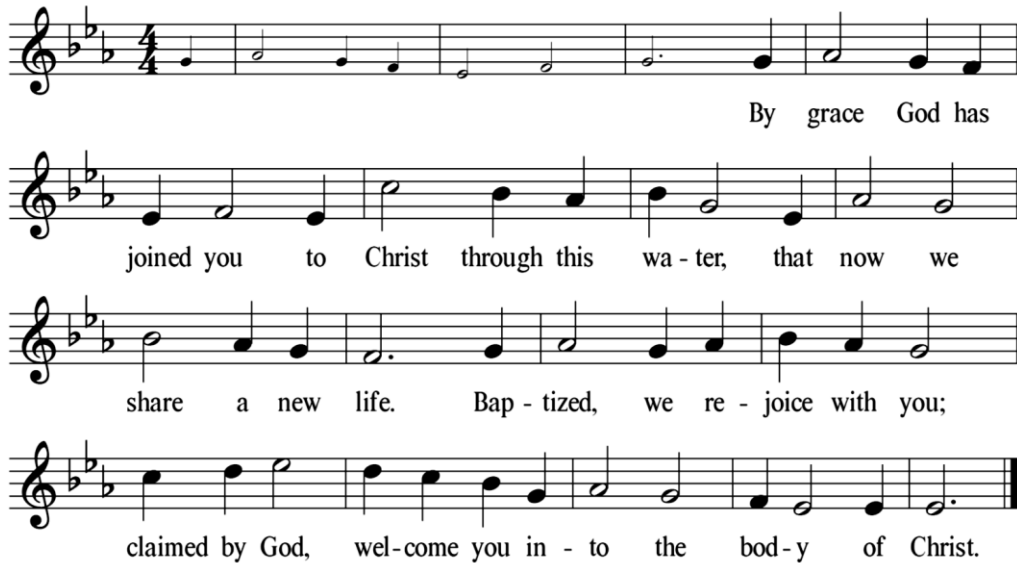
- Choir 5** God said to his beloved Son:  
 "Tis time to have compassion.  
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
 and bring to all salvation;  
 from sin and sorrow set them free;  
 slay bitter death for them that they  
 may live with you forever."
- 6** The Son obeyed his Father's will  
 was born of virgin mother;  
 and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
 he came to be my brother.  
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,  
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,  
 to lead the devil captive.
- Choir 7** To me he said: "Stay close to me  
 I am your rock and castle.  
 Your ransom I myself will be;  
 for you I strive and wrestle;  
 for I am yours, and you are mine,  
 and where I am you may remain;  
 the foe shall not divide us.
- 8** "Though he will shed my precious blood,  
 of life me thus bereaving,  
 all this I suffer for your good;  
 be steadfast and believing.  
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
 my innocence shall bear your sin;  
 and you are blest forever.
- Choir 9** "Now to my Father I depart,  
 from earth to heav'n ascending,  
 and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
 the Holy Spirit sending;  
 in trouble he will comfort you  
 and teach you always to be true  
 and into truth shall guide you.
- 10** "What I on earth have done and taught  
 guide all your life and teaching;  
 so shall the kingdom's work be wrought  
 and honored in your preaching.  
 But watch lest foes with base alloy  
 the heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
 this final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.  
 Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Eitlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM** (page 121 *in the front* of the green *LBW*.)

*Matthew James Vilchis*

*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,
- 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

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Alleluia, Give Thanks

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*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,  
**C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

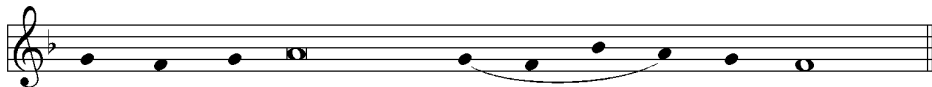
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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

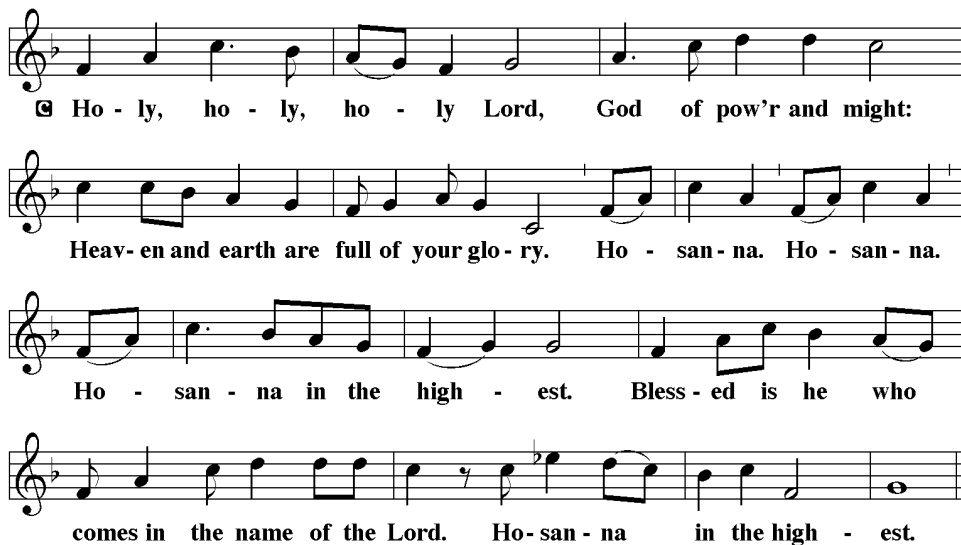


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 DURING THE COMMUNION

**ANTHEM:** If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

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

John 14:15-18

## HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father

(green) **LBW #474**



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## HYMN: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

(green) **LBW #524**



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

## 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: We Know That Christ is Raised

(green) **LBW #189**



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



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



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



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata (from Partita Sopra „Nun freut euch“)

Lionel Rogg

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister  
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister  
Liz Hanson, assisting minister  
Amy Claud, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Grace Bell Choir  
Lisa Wolfanger, conductor

Ruth Nelson, Kathryn Jandeska, lectors  
Olivia Hartung, Jake Beatty, crucifer/book bearer  
Bob Jandeska, Donna Serpico, gift bearers  
Martin Becker, Tom Maxwell, John Sanger, Susan Weber, ushers  
Susan Scherer, Donna Serpico, altar guild  
Susan Bogner, Ann Mason, Allison Tan, greeters  
Tom Swanson, Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

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 Josephine Jamin (*sister of Nell Hernandez*)  
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### In thanksgiving for

The baptism of **Matthew James Vilchis** (*son of Amber and Jose Vilchis*)

The 98<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Pat Herendeen**

The 99<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Betty Moore**

### Those serving in the armed services

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, MAY 10

- Library Open (self-service, coffee) ..... **8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
- New Members Class (Senior Pastor's Office) ..... **8:45 a.m.**
- Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... **9:00 a.m.**
- Worship – Holy Communion..... 10:00 a.m.**
- Worship Committee (1902 Room)..... **11:30 a.m.**

## MONDAY, MAY 11

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

- Faith Forum (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**
- Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**
- Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**
- Kontras Quartet Concert (Sanctuary)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- School Chapel Service..... 8:25 a.m.**
- Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
- Ascension Worship – Holy Communion ..... 11:30 a.m.**
- Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) ..... **6:15 p.m.**
- Scouts District Roundtable (Fellowship Hall) ..... **7:00 p.m.**
- Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Scout Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons)..... **6:30 p.m.**
- Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
- Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 1-4 Grade Musical – Oh, Jonah! (Gym) ..... **9:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**
- Religion in Literature (Offsite)..... **7:30 p.m.**

- David R. Lyle**, Senior Pastor
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