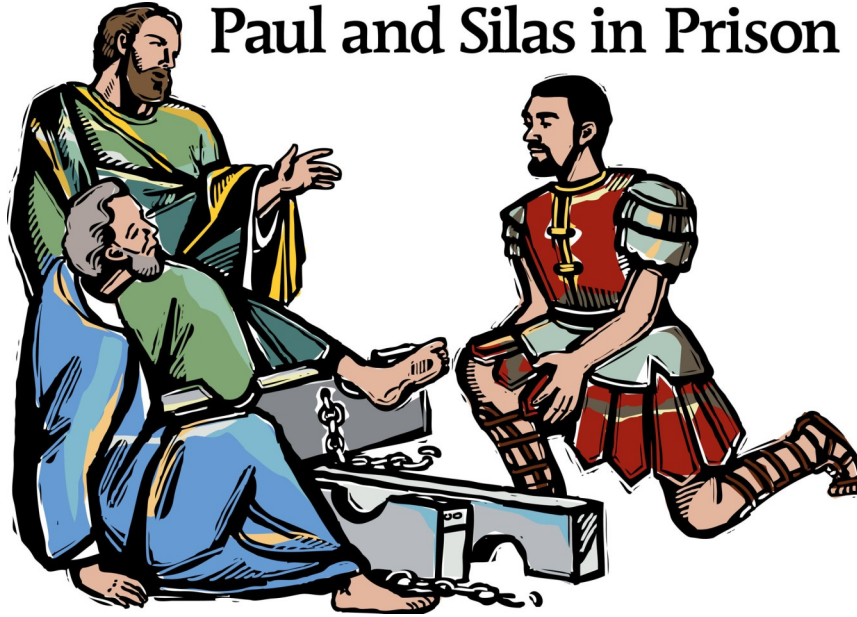


Paul and Silas in Prison



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 8, 2022*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,
the community, and the world.”*

Service of the Word via You Tube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess

**that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive
together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God
strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *“When Our Song Says Peace”*

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When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Greeting

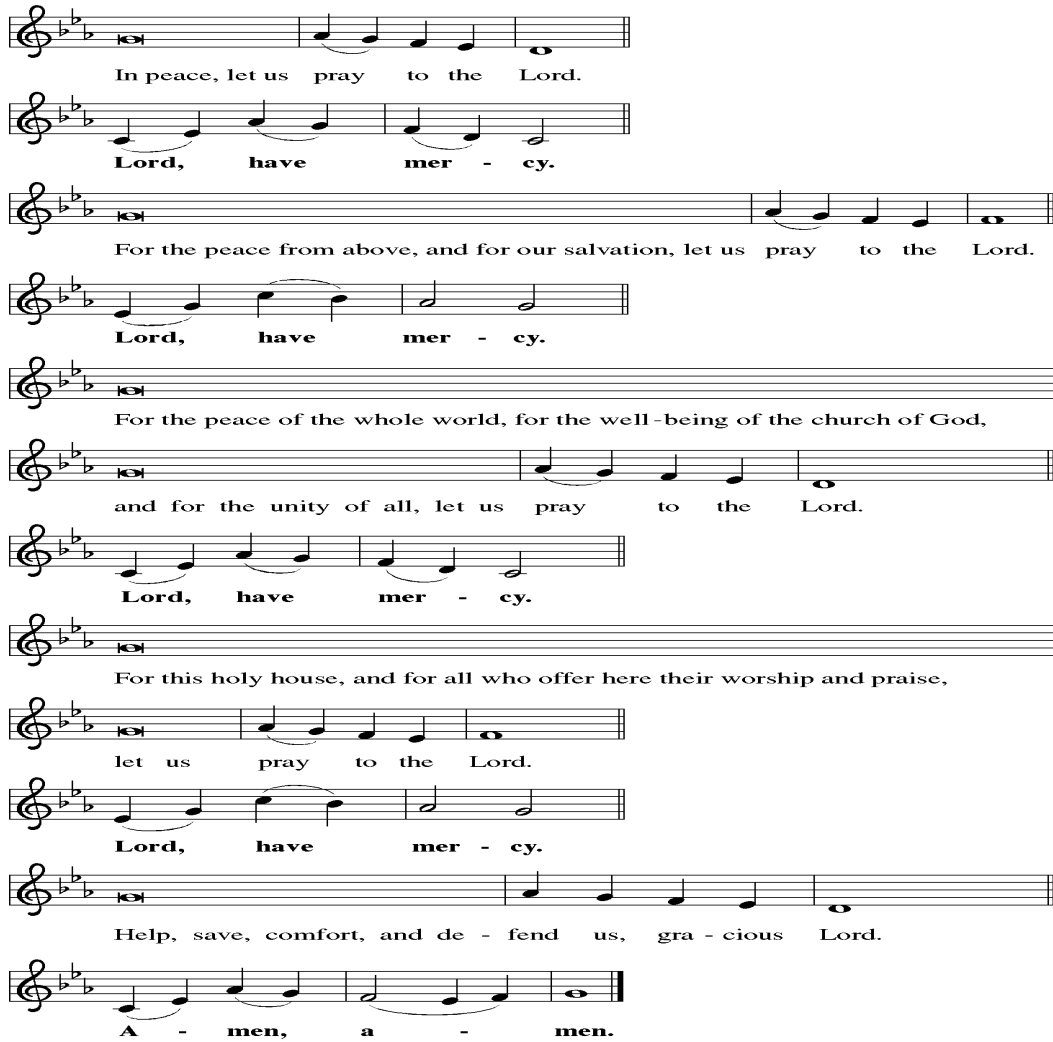
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ 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.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of freedom,
Paul and Silas worshipped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

A reading from the Acts:

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Continued

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Congregation stands.

Gospel Acclamation

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: “*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*” #871, Page 11, Verses 1, 3, 4

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and

a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the

your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us 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 Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Hear us O God,
Your mercy is great.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace to one another.

The congregation remains standing.

Offering

During this transitional time of Covid, the Offering is collected in the narthex (back of the worship space) as you enter the building prior to worship. An offering plate is on a table for your use.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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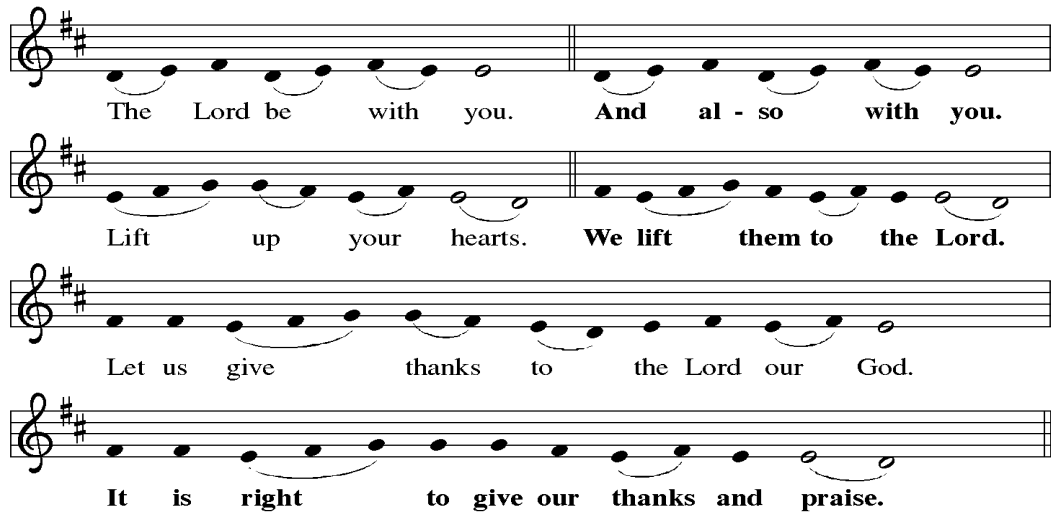
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Thanks be to God!

“Lamb of God” may be sung.

S 112

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, grant us peace.

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Mfurahini, haleluya

1 M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
2 Christ has a ris en, al - le - lu - ia,
3 For three long days the grave did its worst
The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya.
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
See who gives life er did the un - der - go,
for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i,
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show,
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha,
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su fear - a - ful - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni,
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su ha - i,
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news; he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be;
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

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Worship Assistants

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	Gail Johnson
Altar Guild:	Kathy Meicke
Assisting Minister:	Mike Trauscht
Communion Assistants:	Ron Almarode Fred Biggers
Council Person of the Week:	Bob Barrette
Covid Monitor:	Gail Johnson
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady David Proctor
Ushers:	Fred Biggers David Proctor



*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the glory of our Lord and Savior
and in memory of
Peggy Johnson and Tyrea Reid
by their children and grand children*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word via You Tube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel,
Presiding and Preaching

Paul's Sermon at Athens

Acts 17:16-31

John 1:16-18



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Cathy Crowder
Stephen Van Stee

Minnie Moyer

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Mia Eckstrom, Granddaughter of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns
Marie Brown
Phyllis Kite
Glenn and Flossie Myers
Lily Skelton

Fred Brower
Sandra Hoy
Bob Knemoller
Janet Parmer
Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Michelle Matthews, Sister of Cindy Trauscht
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow
Dennis Naugle, Brother of Wendy Weller
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Curry Wilford, Brother-in-Law of Amy Warren
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

Members/Friends Grieving
Family of Dr. James Comar, Friend to Many

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Jim Nelson

Carolyn Barrette

Sharon Vorel

Jim Kite

Lisa Gray

The Needs of the World

**The War between Russia and Ukraine -
For millions of refugees now in
Poland, Austria, etc.; for those
in combat; for peace**

Our national conversation about abortion
(see note in announcements)

**Westminster and Grace's Congolese
refugee family now in Waynesboro**

The great increase in mental health
cases in our nation

**Famine in the Horn of Africa—27
million at risk**

For victims of wildfires in Arizona,
New Mexico, and Texas

**Continued epidemic of shooting
Incidents in our nation**

The Church

**Pray for God's Plan for Grace: see the
questions from our Strategic
Planning Committee on p. 28,
and pray each day before May
15 to answer those questions in
the confidence in Christ!**

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran
congregations: St. James,
Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch Avenue,
Market Street and the YMCA.



Welcome to Worship! A letter was sent by email and U.S. Mail announcing a change to our masking policy at Grace:

- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship. If our area is in an Orange (high risk) condition, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) condition: those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.
- As of Wednesday, most of our "Sample Area" (Augusta, Nelson, Staunton) are in "Green", or in the low risk condition with Waynesboro in the "Yellow", or in the medium risk condition.



Grace Congregation Meeting on May 15th - Sunday, May 15th after worship, we will elect new Council members who will begin their term June of 2022. A slate of five Grace members has been selected by Grace's Nominating Committee - Robin Crowder, Jack Eckstrom, Susan Myers, Stephen Van Stee, and Karen Walck. By our Church Constitution, any other nominations must be presented in writing to Vivian Proctor, Grace Secretary, by Sunday, May 8th (with the nominated member's permission and bio).



The All God's Children Group is excited to be announcing our new lending library which will be out in the narthex all of May. Come join us after worship to talk about the many readings and discoveries we have made as we have opened our hearts and minds to becoming antiracist disciples of Jesus. Please share your thoughts with us and take a book home to read. Books for all ages are available. Bob & Carolyn Barrette Kathy & Rick Bump Lisa Gray Linda Meyer Gordon Putnam Nancy & David Schwiesow Karen VanStee.

All God's Children is discussing His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham on the first and third Monday of the month, in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. Zoom is also available. New members are always welcome.



Refugee Resettlement News. The M family has moved into their new home on King avenue, and things are moving quickly for them and for us. We are still working on getting the house set up to meet their needs and preferences, two of the adults have appointments for job interviews, and they are beginning to explore the community with the guidance of the Westminster/Grace Resettlement Team! We hope to have permission soon to let you know their names and share some pictures of the family of eight. They are originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, but have lived most of their lives (all their lives in the case of the children) in a refugee camp in Tanzania. At this point we don't need specific items, but we will send out a call when something is needed. If you would like to contribute right now, we are accepting financial donations to help with expenses – just note on your donation that it is for refugee resettlement. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Linda Meyer at lameyer@cfw.com or phone 540-256-2277.



Another opportunity to help Refugee children - Close to home, there remains a refugee crisis not often remembered; those of thousands of refugees from the nation of Haiti. A combination of multiple natural disasters and political instability, much of Haiti remains in crisis. Project Esperanza, a Winchester organization committed to teaching Haitian children in the midst of crisis, has for a number of years hosted a school for Haitian children in a refugee area in the Dominican Republic (<https://projectesperanza.giv.sh/>). Our CCE&J (Christian Coalition for Justice and Equity), in partnership with Christ Tabernacle, has pledged \$2695, enough to sponsor 4-1/2 students for the year (\$600/student; this compares to Virginia's \$5488/student/year number). Grace and Christ Tabernacle congregations are invited to contribute \$305 to allow us to sponsor 5 students fully (or more to sponsor a sixth)! Please make a check to Grace, memo line "Project Esperanza," and please give by Sunday, May 15th



ELCA Disaster Response—Ukraine—if you would like to help refugees in Eastern Europe, make a check out to Grace with “Eastern Europe Crisis” in the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to relief.



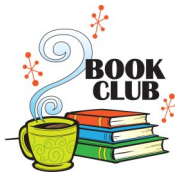
Strategic Planning Committee Update - Proposed Vision Statement for Grace:

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”

Think about this and how you would answer the following questions:

- What could we be doing to create and maintain the vibrant congregation described in the Vision Statement?
- What would your picture of Grace congregation look like in 2025?

Stay tuned – more to come!



Women’s Book Group—The Women’s book Group will be meeting one more time, before Fall, to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. We will meet Wednesday, May 25 at 11:30 at Panera. We will discuss the book, have lunch and fellowship, and decide on some future books, to be read and discussed starting in September. Anyone who is interested in a casual, fun-read book group for next year, please join us. You don’t even have to have read *The Dutch House* before hand. Questions? Contact Kathy Bump kcbump0621@gmail.com

The Renewed Debate Over Abortion - You have, no doubt, seen the news stories about a leaked draft from the Supreme Court indicating a reversal of *Roe vs. Wade*. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, many years ago, put out a Social Statement about Abortion. You can find it at: www.elca.org by typing "abortion" in the "Search ELCA" box at the top of the page. In its opening page, the Statement says: "As ELCA social teaching [the Statement] draws upon this community’s faith tradition that understands God’s life-giving purposes as pressing “beyond the usual ‘pro-life’ versus ‘pro-choice’ language.” Take a look at the ELCA document, and keep our Supreme Court, nation and women in your prayers.



Grace Youth Service Event! - Our Grace youth are invited with four other Downtown church youth groups to join in helping the YMCA with a service project from 2:00 - 4:00pm Sunday, May 15th. We will be helping with mulching and gravel. Bring a rake, shovel and gloves! Or let us know if you don't have 'em, and we'll make sure you'll have 'em. 6th - 12th grade! Hope to see you there!



New Member Class in May: We will have a New Member class on Wednesdays in May, starting on May 18th, at 7pm. Thus far we have four signed up for the class; We will welcome them into membership on May 29th!



Hiker Hostel Opens at Grace on May 23! For the first time since 2019, Grace is opening its doors once again to Appalachian Trail thru hikers! We're grateful to the Graf's for once again coordinating the four weeks of this year's Hostel.

How may you help? Linda Meyer will have the sign-up calendar in church on Sundays in May, so bring your personal calendar and find a check-in, an overnight, or a Hiker meal you can provide. This outreach is fortunate to have returning hiker alumnae interested in helping, but **the Hostel depends on major participation from Grace Lutheran members!**

In addition to “people help” we, as always, can use donations of the following supplies: cereal, juices, bread, jam, peanut butter, and snacks. Once we open up: milk, fruit, ice cream, and home-baked goodies are always popular.

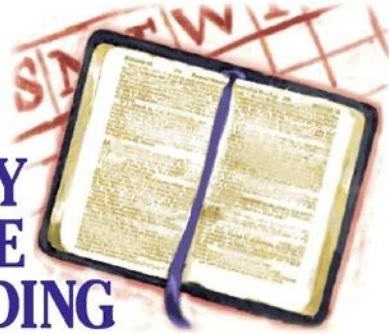


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Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac ‘n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made **twenty-six deliveries** thus far, twelve to Main Street United Methodist, and fourteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 2610 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

Exodus 18:13-27

1 Peter 5:1-14

Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6

Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

Tuesday

Exodus 19:1-6

Colossians 1:1-14

Matthew 3:7-12

Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

Wednesday

Exodus 19:16-25

Colossians 1:15-23

Matthew 3:13-17

Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

Thursday

Exodus 20:1-21

Colossians 1:24—2:7

Matthew 4:1-11

Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

Friday

Exodus 24:1-18

Colossians 2:8-23

Matthew 4:12-17

Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

Saturday

Exodus 25:1-22


Colossians 3:1-17

Matthew 4:18-25

Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114



**Life of Grace Church
May 8-15, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	05/08	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Wednesday	05/11	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	05/12	8:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	05/14	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	05/15	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Congregation Meeting—Council Election Grace Downtown Youth Service Event <i>at the YMCA</i> Book Group for Women—Zoom



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