



## *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*May 15, 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:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**#834, Page 5, Verses 1, 3, 4**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

## 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.**

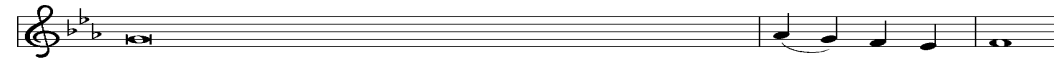
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



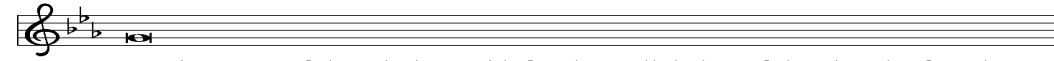
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



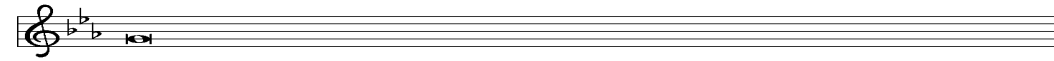
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious 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 the unknown,  
Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**

**A reading from the Acts:**

**Acts 17:16-31**

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then 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,

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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.**

*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: John 1:16-18**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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: "O Zion, Haste"**

**#668, Page 11**

## O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran -omed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thompson, 1834-1923  
 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837-1901

### **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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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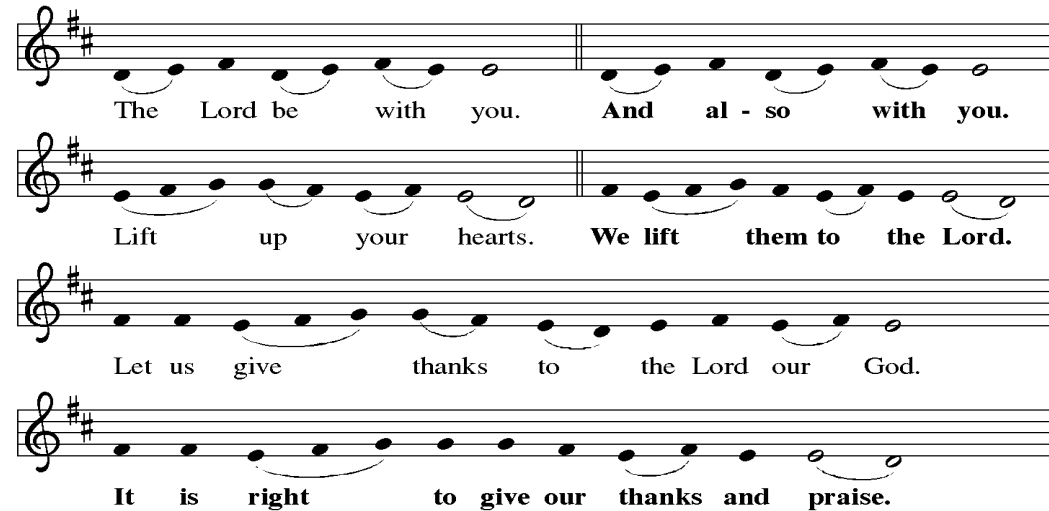
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## Offering Prayer

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.**

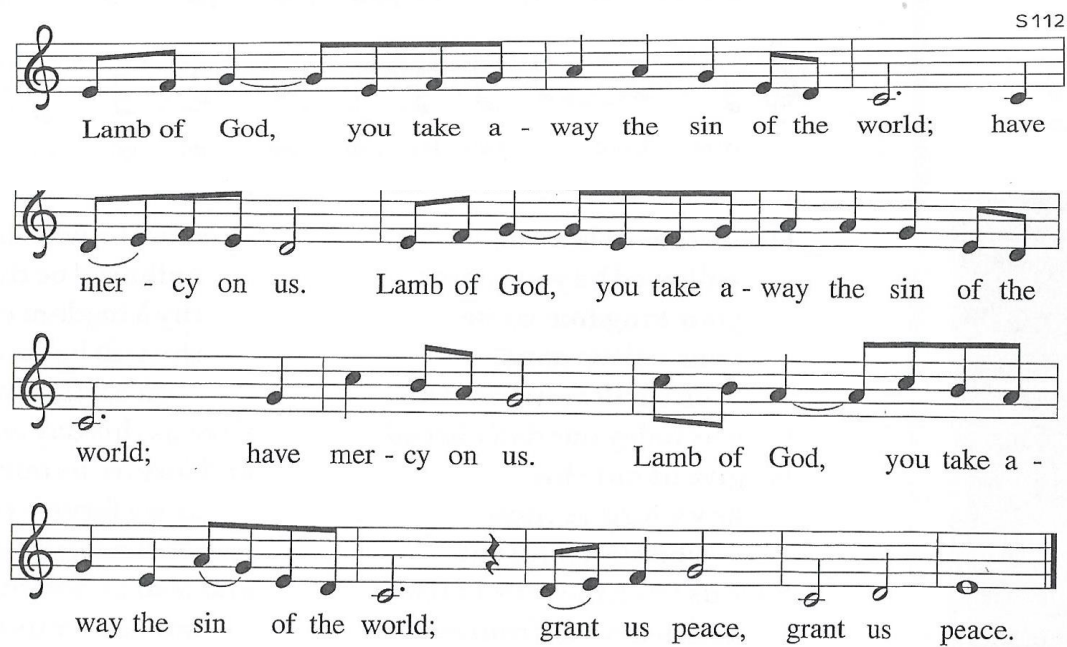
### **Invitation to Communion**

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.

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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. Those giving the bread and wine will say the following:*

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

*You may respond with "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:** *“The Day of Resurrection!”*

**#361, Page 22 Verses 1-3**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

## The Day of Resurrection!

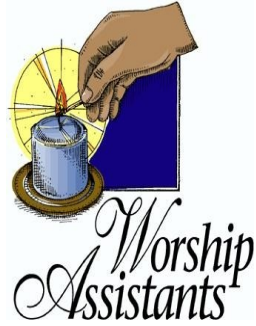
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

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

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

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

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833



### **Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Open
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jane Stein
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Kathy Bump
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Susan Myers Karen Walck
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Fred Biggers
<b>Covid Monitor:</b>	Holly Carper
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jack Eckstrom Jim Nelson



*The Chancel Flowers today are  
given to the glory of God*

### **Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**May 22**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### **Service of the Word via You Tube**

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel,  
Presiding and Preaching

#### **Partnership in the Gospel**

Philippians 1:1-18a

Luke 9:46-48



**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\*)**

**Stephen Van Stee**

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

**Mia Eckstrom**, Granddaughter of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

**Brandon Matthews**

**Michaela Spellman**, Daughter of Alexandra Spellman

**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 Jude Farrey**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

**Richard Marshall**

**Eleanor Sampson**

**Karley Hull**

**Brodie Franklin**

**Chris Carper**

**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.**

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, all of our "Sample Area" (Augusta, Nelson, Staunton, Waynesboro) are in "Green", or in the low risk condition.



**Grace Congregation Meeting on today**—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.



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, and 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](mailto:lameyer@cfw.com) or phone 540-256-2277.



**Last Sunday for 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 \$2705, 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 \$295 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 today, 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.



**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!



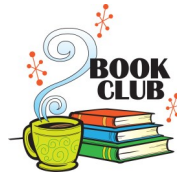
**Strategic Planning Committee Update - Proposed Vision Statement for Grace:**

*“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](mailto: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](http://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 today!** - 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 today. 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!



**The Shenandoah Valley Vocal Institute** is pleased to be back in session this summer! Programs for children, ages 3rd - 8th grades and high school students through adults are offered! This week-long choral camp runs from June 20th - June 25th, ending the week with a concert at First Baptist Church on Wayne Avenue (The adult choir is conducted by Adam Phillips, Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro. The children's choir is conducted by Lisa Albert, a graduate of Westminster Choir College.) - this portion could be left out of the weekly bulletin. Deadline for registration is June 19, 2022. For a complete schedule and a list of fees, check out more information at: [www.svvi.org](http://www.svvi.org).



**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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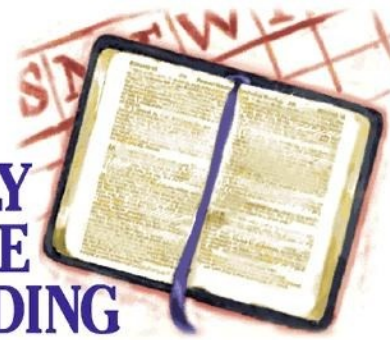
**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made **twenty-six deliveries** thus far, twelve to Main Street United Methodist, and fourteen to Calvary 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.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**May 15-22, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	05/15	9:00 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	<b>Congregation Meeting—Council Election</b>
		2:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Downtown Youth Service Event</b> <i>at the YMCA</i>
		3:00 p.m.	<b>Book Group for Women—Zoom</b>
Monday	05/16	7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Book Study</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	05/17	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	05/18	9:00 a.m.	<b>Backpacks</b> (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>New Member Class</b>
Thursday	05/19	8:00 a.m.	<b>Newcomers Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</b>
Saturday	05/21	9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.	<b>St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga (Seminar Room)</b>
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation</b> (North Park)
Sunday	05/22	9:00 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b> via Zoom

# DAILY BIBLE READING



## **Monday**

Exodus 32:1-20  
Colossians 3:18—4:6 (7-18)  
Matthew 5:1-10  
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 124

## **Tuesday**

Exodus 32:21-34  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 5:11-16  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 66

## **Wednesday**

Exodus 33:1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:17-20  
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 9

## **Thursday**

Exodus 34:1-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20  
Matthew 5:21-26  
Morning Psalm 47, Evening 68

## **Friday**

Exodus 34:18-35  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Matthew 5:27-37  
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 49

## **Saturday**

Exodus 40:18-38  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Matthew 5:38-49  
Morning Psalm 92, Evening 23



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