



# *Doubting Thomas*

*SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
The Resurrection of Our Lord*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
April 24, 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.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.  
Congregation responses are from Luther's Small Catechism on Baptism.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

**Baptism is not simply plain water.  
Instead, it is water used according to God's  
command and connected with God's word.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

**Baptism brings about forgiveness of sins,  
redeems from death and the devil,  
and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it,  
as the words and promise of God declare.**

*Continued*

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

**For without the Word of God  
the water is plain water and not a baptism,  
but with the word of God it is a baptism,  
that is, a grace-filled water of life.**

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**Baptism signifies that the old person in us  
with all sins and evil desires  
is to be drowned and die  
through daily sorrow for sin  
and through repentance,  
and on the other hand  
that daily a new person is to come forth  
and rise up to live before God  
in righteousness and purity forever.**

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *"We Walk By Faith"*

**#635, Page 6, Verses 1-4**

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.  
 Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.  
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## Greeting

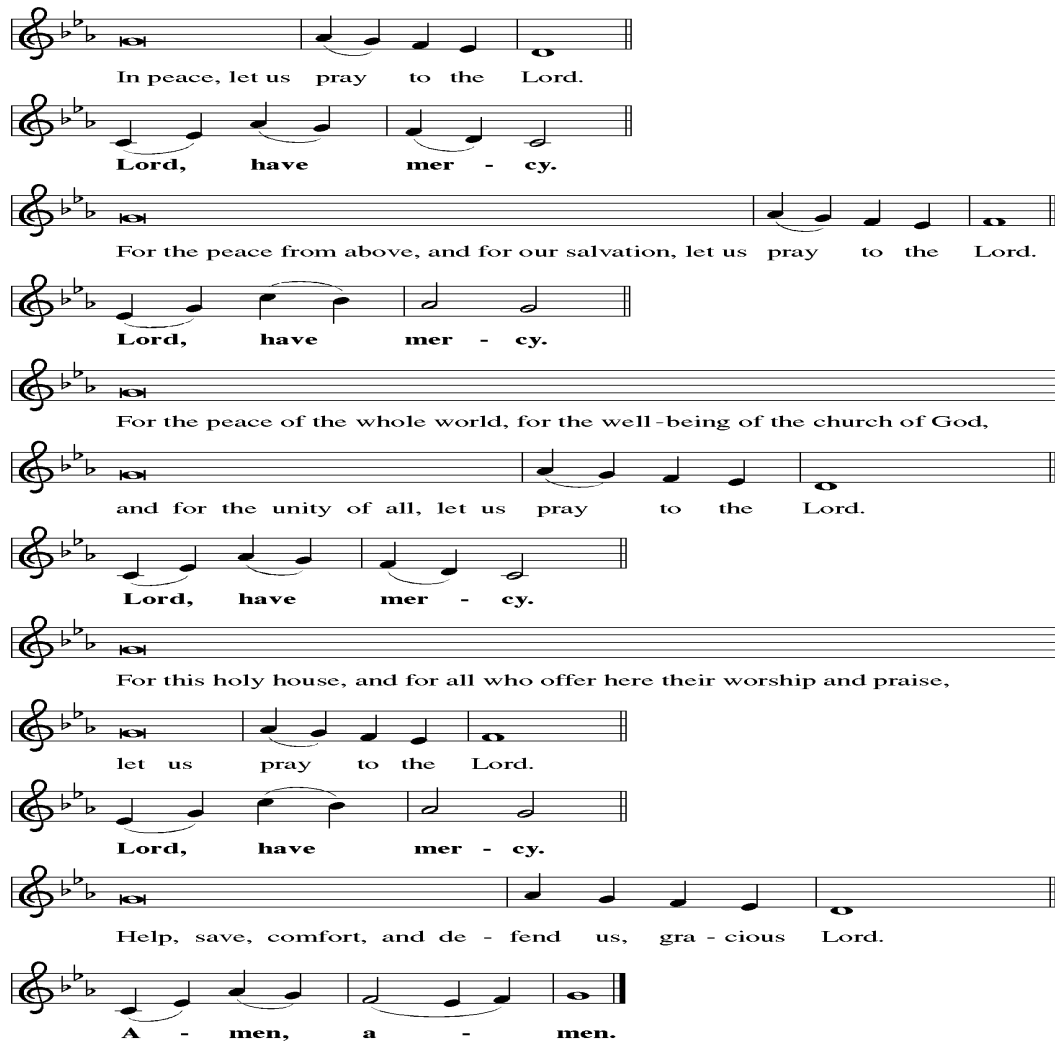
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**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 resurrection,  
Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

Word
------

**A reading from the Psalms:**

**Psalm 118:21-29**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*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 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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:** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

#804, Page 13, Verses 1, 2, 4

**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.**

## Come Down, O Love Divine

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 Love's 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 a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890  
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## **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

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress and music © 2004 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## 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:



S108

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:** “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

**#377, Page 23, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5**

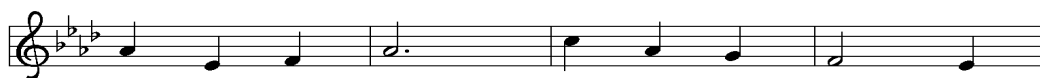
**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

Portions of this liturgy are from Sundays and Seasons. com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20403. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved

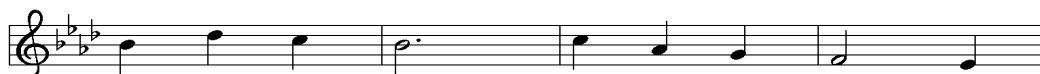
## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987  
 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.  
 Music © 1969 *Contemporary Worship 1*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.



*Worship Assistants*

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

**Altar Flowers:**

*Ingrid Sevigny*

**Altar Guild:**

*Jean Morgan*

**Assisting Minister:**

*Gloria Nelson*

**Communion Assistants:**

*Robin Crowder*

*Linda Meyer*

**Council Person of the Week:**

*Nancy Schwiesow*

**Covid Monitor:**

*Jean Morgan*

**Offering Stewards:**

*Jean Morgan*

*David Proctor*

**Ushers—11:00 a.m.**

*Karen Walck*

*Rew Walck*

*The Chancel Flowers today are given with  
thanks be to God!*

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

**May 1**

Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel,  
Presiding and Preaching

**Paul's Conversion**

Acts 9:1-19a

Matthew 6:24





**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  
Ingrid Sevigny  
Stephen Van Stee

Minnie Moyer  
Alexandra Spellman

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

Ann Bednarczyk, Friend of Tripp and Jean Franklin  
Carrie Peters, Niece of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
Jayshree Subramanian, Friend of Pastor Paul

**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  
Bob Knemoller  
Janet Parmer

Fred Brower  
Phyllis Kite  
Glenn and Flossie Myers  
Lily Skelton

Barb Susen

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace  
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife  
Kyle Getler, Member Relative  
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  
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow  
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

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Dr. James Comar, Friend to Many**  
**Family of Audrey Bibb, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch and Marsha Howard**  
**Family of Sherly Smith**  
**Family of Redd Fitzgerald**

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

***Kai Blosser***

***Roxane Myers***

***Karen Van Stee***

**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.**

For our nation: For civil discourse when  
we disagree, for the common  
good, for God's wisdom to prevail  
in decision making

**For the many churches in our area  
caring for Afghan refugees,  
including Westminster and  
Grace as we prepare to begin.**

The great increase in mental health  
cases in our nation

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

For victims of tornado, flooding, or fire in  
Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi

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

**The Church**

**Pray for God's plan for Grace—our  
life together and witness and  
service to the Community**

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

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Tree Streets



**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, we are in "Green", or in the low risk condition.



**Refugee Resettlement News.** Things are moving quickly on the refugee resettlement front – we have been notified that a family has been assigned to our Westminster/Grace Resettlement Team! They are a family of six who are originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. We know we originally announced we would be resettling an Afghan family, but the need was greater for helping this new family and the Spirit has led them to us. They are currently in the largest refugee camp in the world – one based in Tanzania. There are two parents and six children ranging in age from 9 months to 21 years. They will be flying to the U.S. on April 27, and we still plan to move them into the house on May 1. We're hoping they will be staying in a local hotel after their flight so they can settle down a bit and we can begin to get to know them. We're currently gathering items to furnish the house and a list of needed items will be published this week and sent out by email to everyone so you can sign up for specific items if you would like to contribute. 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.



**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, Steven 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).



**Mission Endowment Fund Grants Available** - Find information in the Narthex about Grace's Mission Endowment Fund, and a Grant application to make use of almost \$30,000 in funds for community, regional or national needs. As we heard from the March 27 Temple Talk, this your Fund to be a blessing at Grace! **Grant applications are due by May 8.**



**New Member Class in May:** We will schedule a New Member class for four weeks in May, choosing day and time that works best for those who are taking part. The Season of Easter is a wonderful time to celebrate our unity in Christ, and the purpose we have as Christ's Body in the world, working together on God's Mission for us in this world! Call the Church Office, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



**May 1 Reception**—The All God's Children Group is excited to be hosting the opening of our lending library with our first coffee and cookies reception in the narthex after the church service on the first of May!

Come join us 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



**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.



**Altar Guild** - We need *regular volunteers* for our Guild to not overburden current members. Can you volunteer, even once per quarter? Contact Nancy Dowdy, Church Office, or Jean Morgan, jc321morgan@ntelos.net, chairperson of the Altar Guild.



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office. The following dates are currently available: May 1, May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, and June 26.



**Receive an ELCA magazine** - to keep up to date with Lutheran news throughout the nation and world. The ELCA’s magazine, Living Lutheran, is free online. Google livinglutheran.org to subscribe for the weekly, biweekly, or monthly e-digest which will email you articles and allow you to access past articles of interest to you.



**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.



**Music on Main**—Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church. Waynesboro Augusta Woman’s Club presentation to benefit scholarships, free will donation will be collected. Music from: Faithful Men, Flutes of the Shenandoah and Endless Praise Gospel Choir.



**Life of Grace Church  
April 24-May 1, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	04/24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> via Zoom <b>VMA Recital</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/27	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Backpacks</b> (Stage in Fellowship Hall) <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
Thursday	04/28	8:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</b>
Saturday	04/30	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	05/01	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> via Zoom

**Monday**

Exodus 12:14-27  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

**Tuesday**

Exodus 12:28-39  
1 Corinthians 15:12-28  
Mark 16:9-20  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

**Wednesday**

Exodus 12:40-51  
1 Corinthians 15:(29) 30-41  
Matthew 28:1-16  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

**Thursday**

Exodus 13:3-10  
1 Corinthians 15:41-50  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

**Friday**

Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Luke 24:1-12  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

**Saturday**

Exodus 13:17—14:4  
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:10  
Mark 12:18-27  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114

**Members of Grace**  
**Congregational Council**

Robin Crowder, President

Jerry Kite, Vice-President

Bob Barrette

Fred Biggers

Kathy Bump

Jean Morgan

Nancy Schwiesow

Andrew Sell

Amy Warren

Ron Almarode, Treasurer

Vivian Proctor, Secretary

Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

**Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor—Email:** [pastoringel@gmail.com](mailto:pastoringel@gmail.com)

**Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music—Email:** [mickhdking@aol.com](mailto:mickhdking@aol.com)

**Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary—Email:** [Grace.lc@comcast.net](mailto:Grace.lc@comcast.net)

**Office Hours:** 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday  
**Closed Friday**

[facebook.com/gelc.elca](https://facebook.com/gelc.elca)

[twitter.com/gelc\\_elca](https://twitter.com/gelc_elca)

[youtube.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranChurchWaynesboro](https://youtube.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranChurchWaynesboro)

Internet: [www.gracewaynesboro.org](http://www.gracewaynesboro.org)

**Telephone: 540.949.6171**