



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 22, 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: *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

#836, Page 5, Verses

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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.

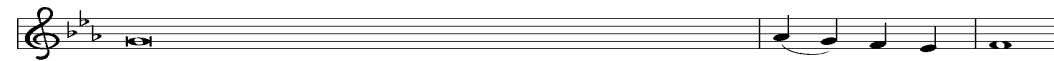
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



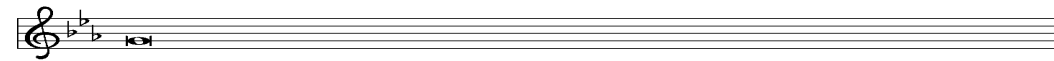
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



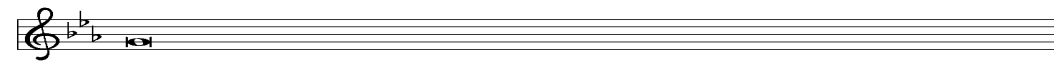
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Holy Lord,
May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We sit.

Word

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 1:1-18a

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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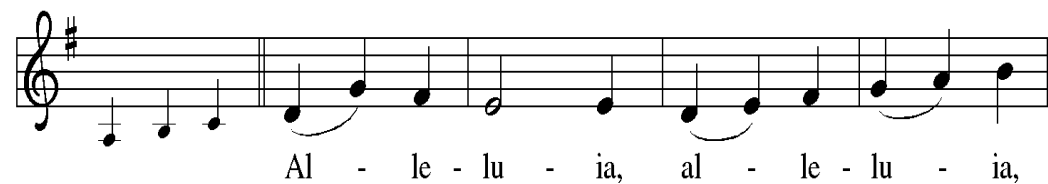
¹²I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.+

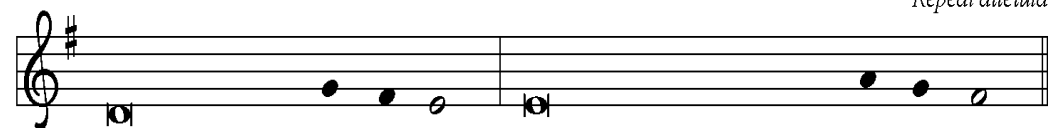
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Gospel: Luke 9:46-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Van Stee

Sermon

Pastor Van Stee

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Jesus Loves Me

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Anipenda ni kweli

Mungu anena hili

Sisi wake watoto

Kutulinda si zito

Yesu ni penda

Yesu ni penda

Yesu ni penda

Mungu amesema

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The refrain begins with a treble staff melody that includes a repeat sign. The bass staff accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The second part of the refrain concludes the musical phrase with a final cadence in both staves.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Lord, Be Glorified

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes four numbered lines of lyrics. The second system includes four lines of lyrics. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952
Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick
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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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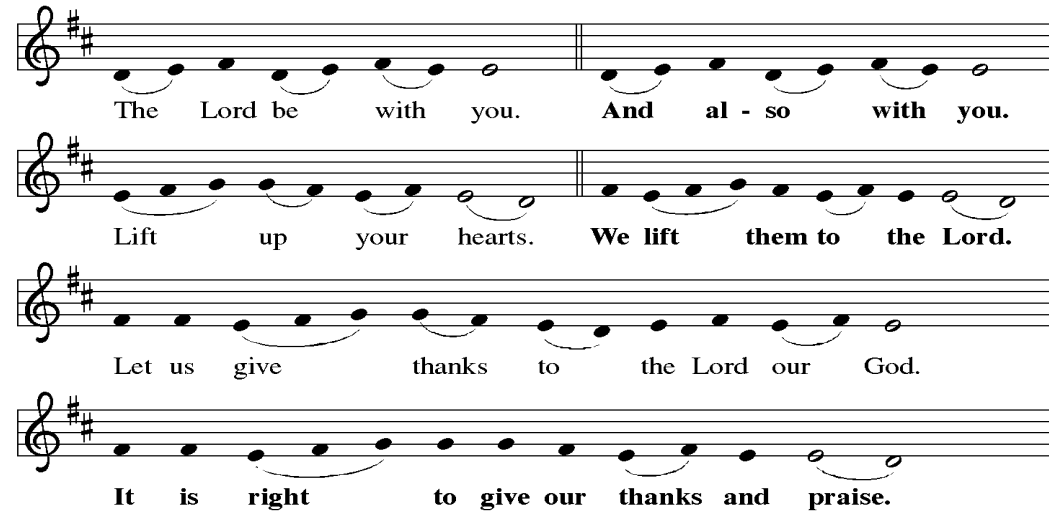
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Offering Prayer

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.**

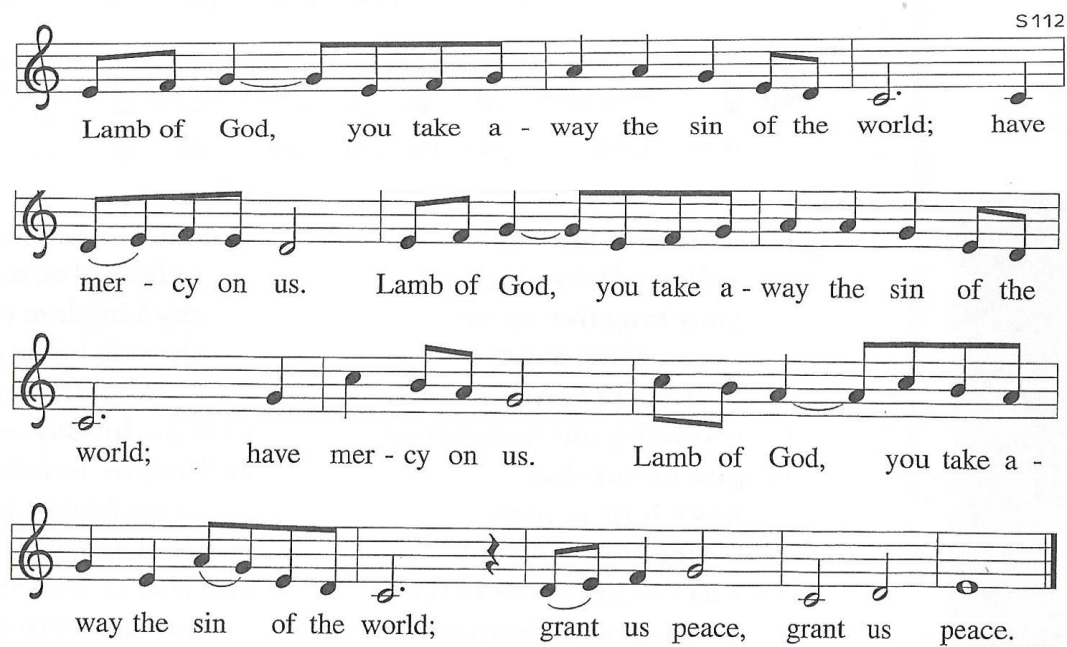
Invitation to Communion

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.

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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: *“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”*

**#364, Page 22 Verses
(Swahili, 4)**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Mfurahini, halleluya

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 said the grave, "did its worst
The an - gel them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka,
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til and 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,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See 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 quest his might did show,
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

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

Ye - su a - 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 al - le - lu - ia!
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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Music: Tanzanian traditional
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*Worship
Assistants*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	<i>Jim and Gloria Nelson</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
Assisting Minister:	<i>Andrew Sell</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Carrie Jones Gloria Nelson</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Kathy Bump</i>
Covid Monitor:	<i>Karen Walck</i>
Offering Stewards:	<i>Pat Brady David Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Gail Johnson Jerry Kite</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are
given to the glory of God and
in honor of our children
Kristin, Katherine, Michael,
William and Zachary*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word via You Tube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel,
Presiding and Preaching

The Christ Hymn

Philippians 2:1-13

Luke 6:43-45



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*)

Pat Brady

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

Mia Eckstrom, Granddaughter of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

Judy Lambert, Friend of Linda Tomey

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

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jude Farrey

Family of Bill Pfof, Friend of Marsha Howard

Family of Paul Tobias, Brother of Jan Tobias

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Ron Almarode

Jean Franklin

Lisa Jackson

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 mass shooting
incidents in our nation, seven in
the last eight days**

The increase of race-motivated violence

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!

- 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, two of our "Sample Areas" (Nelson, Waynesboro) are in "Green", or in the low risk condition; two (Augusta, Staunton) are in "Yellow", or medium risk condition.



Refugee Resettlement News — Family Update: The Mmeswa/Madawa family are joining us in worship today to give them an opportunity to meet the congregation and for us to meet them. They have been exceptionally busy these past couple of weeks becoming oriented to the community and life in the United States. The father, Jules, and oldest son, Phiston, have had job interviews and have started beginning driving lessons. All are beginning to learn English, with formal lessons just starting this past week. They've been outfitted with bikes and helmets so they can begin exploring some on their own. The mom, Masoka, is busy learning about the house and community and caring for the family, which includes Chikuzo, 10, Isaac, 7, Famia, 5, Mapenda, 3, and Happy, 10 months. Please give them a warm welcome and say hello, greet them with a "*haribu*," which is "hello" in Swahili!"



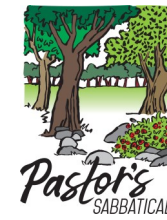
An Evening of Fellowship on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7:00—8:30 p.m.—Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church have been meeting regularly via zoom for the past two years. We have prayed together, learned about each other, and formed the Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J) to address issues of racial equality in the community. We looked forward to a time when we would meet face to face and be able to welcome our sisters and brothers to join us. CCE&J invites you to join us for An Evening in Fellowship at Grace. Light refreshments will be services. Grace members sign-up with Bob Barrette rbarrette8@gmail.com, 434-760-4419 or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



Hiker Hostel Opens at Grace on TOMORROW! 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.



Sunday, May 29th! An Important Day in the Life of Grace:

1. We will welcome **four new members!** Allison Fink, Sharon Vorel, and Donna and Lew Yobs as they Affirm their Baptism and join with Grace.
2. We will install our *new Council President and Vice-President:* Robin Crowder and Nancy Schwiesow were elected by Council to new terms; *AND* we will install *new Council Members:* Robin Crowder, Jack Eckstrom, Susan Myers, Stephen Van Stee, and Karen Walck, elected at the May 15th Congregation Meeting to new two year terms
3. We will offer Kathy Johnson *Farewell and Godspeed* as she prepares to move to Texas to be closer to family, beginning in June.
4. Pastor Karen Van Stee will offer a *Sabbatical Blessing* to Pastor Paul at the close of worship in preparation for his Sabbatical, which begins Monday, May 30th. There will be a **Reception** to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



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.



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 Van Stee.



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."

If you were not at worship last Sunday, or haven't yet answered, pray for God's spirit, write your answers and send it to Grace.lc@comcast.net by Sunday, May 29.

- 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.



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.



A Gathering of Neighbors to **create quilts to benefit Ukrainian Refugees** will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1148 Ladd Road, Saturday, May 21, and Saturday June 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and the family to help put together quilts for Lutheran World Services in response to their appeal for them. Supplies will be furnished. The quilts will be blessed during worship at Bethlehem during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 12. If you have questions, etc., please contact Judy Humphrey at andiamojeep@yahoo.com or Pastor Taylor at krtaylor2010@gmail.com or 540-414-1075.

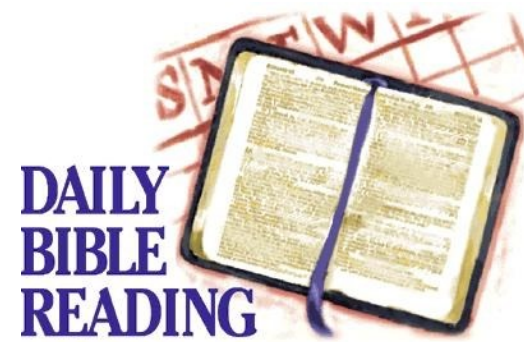


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Life of Grace Church
May 22-29, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	05/22	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	05/23		Hiker Hostel
Tuesday	05/24		Hiker Hostel
Wednesday	05/25	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel) New Member Class
Thursday	05/26	8:30 a.m. Noon 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Hiker Hostel Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J—An Evening of Fellowship (Grace Fellowship)
Friday	05/27		Hiker Hostel
Saturday	05/28	11:00 a.m.	Hiker Hostel Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	05/29	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Welcome New Members Council Installation Farewell and Godspeed to Kathy Johnson Sabbatical Send Off for Pastor Paul



Monday

Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

Tuesday

Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

Wednesday

Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Matthew 6:19-24
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

Thursday

Leviticus 19:26-37
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 6:25-34
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

Friday

Leviticus 23:1-22
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Matthew 7:1-12
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

Saturday

Leviticus 23:23-44
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Matthew 7:13-21
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114



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