



Third Sunday of Easter

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 23, 2023*

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

Holy Communion

*Based on Now the Feast and Celebration
Congregational responses are in bold print*

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. 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.

Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements



Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, ✝ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.



At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Apostolic Greeting

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

P In peace, in peace...

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for a refrain. It is split into two parts: 'Assistant:' and 'Congregation:'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The Assistant's part consists of two lines of music. The first line has the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have' and the second line has 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.'. The Congregation's part is a single line of music with the lyrics 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.'. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/4 time signature. The Assistant's part uses quarter and eighth notes, while the Congregation's part uses quarter notes.

P For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...
(to Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
Word...(to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

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NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -
 nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
 God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 6

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 6

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.



Word

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

We read responsively

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

¹²**What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?**

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶**O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.**

You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1 Peter:

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

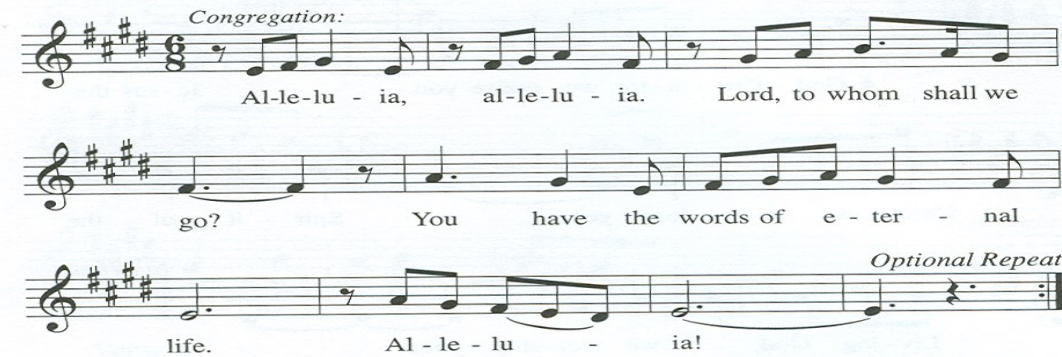
²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,

Glory to you O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

Continued

“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children’s Message



Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.



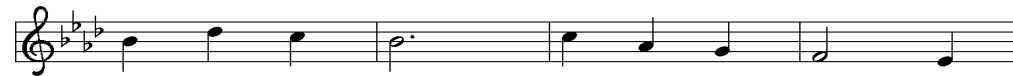
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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,

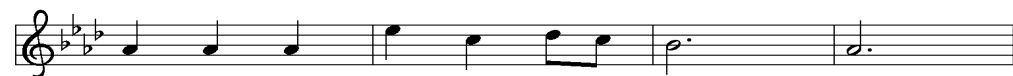


Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



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



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

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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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, offer a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

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



We stand

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY *Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
In great love
you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out
to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news
to the poor,
and who, on the cross,
opened his arms to all.

In the night
in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills
of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you
and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

Amen

I will *praise*
the name
of *God*
with a song, and will
magnify him
with
Thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30, NKJV

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

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

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)

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.



**Come to the
Table**

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:

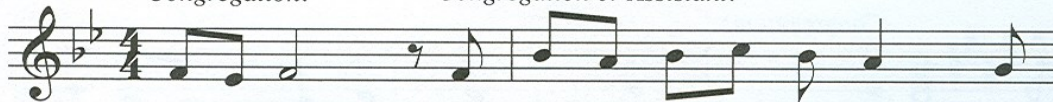
The body of Christ, given for you
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

You may respond with "Amen"

After all have returned to their places, **we stand**


LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and


Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.


Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

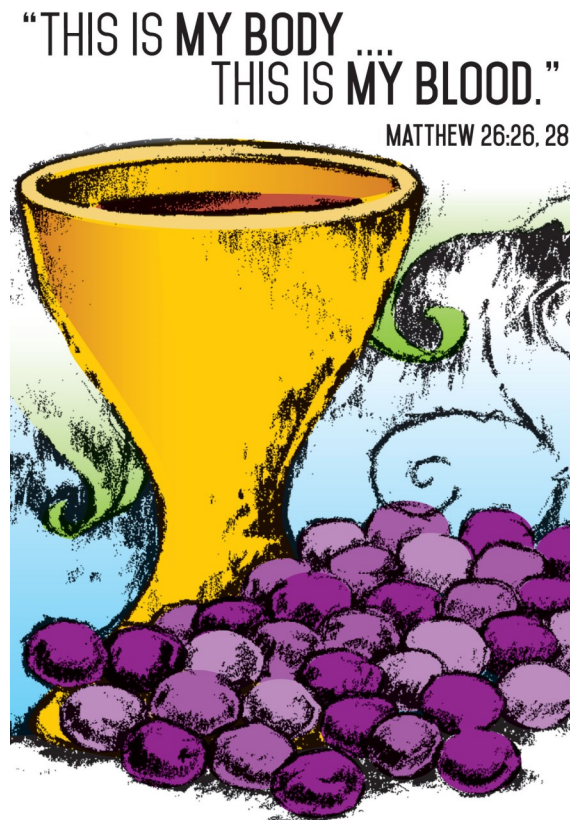


grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

The Communion Blessing

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



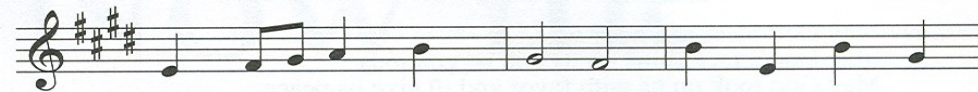
The Post-Communion Canticle

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



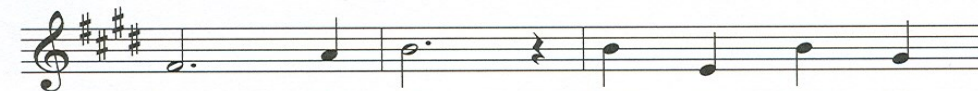
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Sending

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Benediction+

Sending Song: *"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Selected

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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



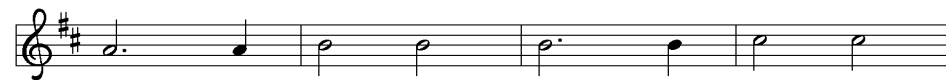
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



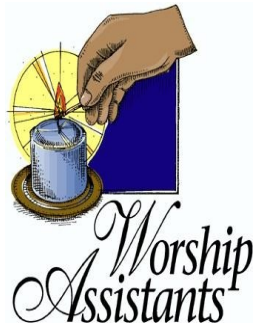
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	David & Nancy Schwiesow
Altar Guild:	Gloria Nelson Susan Myers
Assisting Minister:	Tami Radecke
Communion Assistant:	Donna Gum Gloria Nelson
Council Person of the Week:	Susan Myers
Offering Steward:	Pat Brady Vivian Proctor
Ushers:	Jack Eckstrom Esme Hilker Jim Nelson



*Chancel flowers this morning
are given to the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving and praise for the
98th birthday of Lorraine Schwiesow,
mother of David Schwiesow*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and
Lessons**

April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



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*)

Bandy Family

Linda Tomey

Eleanor Sampson

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

Lindsey Coyner, Friend of Many Grace Members

Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers

Madawa Family, Friends of Grace

Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Phoenix Oberg and Family, Friends of Sarah, Jerry and Gwen Kite

Matt Olli, Brother-In-Law of Brian Lundstrom

Rick Van Norton, Friend of Pat Giesen

Hal Walck, Brother of Rew Walck

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

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

Emily Almarode

Liz Ann Binns

Fred Brower

Marge Cloutier

Sandra Hoy

Kathryn Johnson

Sandy Johnson

Phyllis Kite

Bill Lucas

Glenn Myers

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace

Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder

Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode

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

Steven Eckstrom, Son of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom
Kyle Getler, Relative of Bill Meicke
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Kathy Hale, Friend of Charlie and Betty Karol Wilson
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Bruce Joleaud, Brother-in-Law of Mike Trauscht
David Jones, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace
Billy Mason, Family of the Carpers
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Barbie Ostrander, Friend to Many at Grace
Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch
Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps
Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Rick Van Norton, Friend of Pat Giesen
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving *(Remain on List for 4 weeks*)*

Family of Rev. Al Fogleman, Longtime Lutheran Pastor in This Area
Family of Bruce Joleaud, Brother-In-Law of Mike Trauscht
Family of Billy Mason, Step-Brother of Holly Carper
Family of Mary Miller, Friend of Sylvia Almarode
Family of Ellen Moyer, Member of Grace
Family of Isaiah Palm, Son of Lutheran Missionaries
Family of Bernell Trissel, Friend of the Hites

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Kai Blosser (4/24)

Karen Van Stee (4/26)

Roxane Myers (4/24)

The Needs of the World

Covid Illnesses Continuing (Including many Grace members)

First responders: police, fire, medical personnel, often in harms way in their work

Numerous leaks of toxic chemical in communities—our care of Creation and responsibilities to our neighbors

Many Instances of War and Conflict around the World (Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar, Ethiopia)

Our President, Vice-President, Senators, Congress, Governor and local leaders

Tornado devastation in Mississippi and Alabama; storms, flooding

For God to break the stiff-necked political impasse that refuses to address gun violence in America

Earthquake near Moyogalpa, Nicaragua, close to Ometepa and the CICRIN school visited by the Mission Team from Grace in February

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors in the Kate Collins Area:
New homes, existing community



Children's Sunday School begins today! Today we begin Sunday School for children K-5 *after worship at 11:10 a.m.!* This "one room school house" will be looking at the readings that we use in worship, allowing our children extra time to learn about God's Word for us each Sunday. Hope to see you there!



New Member Class at Grace! Those who have been attending Grace and are not members are welcome to become a part of Grace! We will begin a new member class beginning the week of April 27th (tentatively looking at Thursday evenings, but open to what works best for all who take the class), with the hope of a Pentecost or Holy Trinity Sunday (5/28 or 6/4) New Member Sunday. If you are interested please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet in the narthex (back of the worship space).



A Celebration of Life for Marie Brown (Jane McGehee's and Janet Parmer's mother) will be held Saturday, April 29, at noon in Grace's Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.



Local **middle and high school students** are invited to help with a tree planting project at Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro! We'll meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th, to dig some holes, plant some trees, spread some mulch, and beautify our community. Please bring gardening gloves, reusable water bottles, and sunscreen if possible! All are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated -click here to let us know that you can come! If you have questions, email stjohnevan.outreach@gmail.com



If you have a **graduate** in your family, please let the church office know the following by Monday, May 8: Name, parents' names, school, degree, graduation date and plans for the future.



Join in for the **Property/Grounds Spring Work Day** Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will be trimming shrubs, cleaning out beds, mulching, etc. If you have questions, contact Fred Biggers, 434-981-1954.



On Sunday, April 30, the quilts that Grace members have made for Lutheran World Relief will be blessed. The quilters have had a productive year after a long break due to COVID. The quilts will be boxed and taken to the Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren in Weyers Cave, which is the ingathering location for LWR. The quilts will be delivered to Baltimore to the LWR warehouse and be distributed where needed worldwide. In addition to the quilts being displayed for the blessing, some have been given in our community earlier in the year. Normally, quilting is held on Tuesdays from September to May, with a break for the summer. If you feel this is an outreach that you would like to be a part of or want to have more information, please contact Gwen Kite, 540-0910-0508 or any of the quilters.



The ELCA has been declared the whitest denomination in America. Want to learn more? Join us after church today to hear our own Lily Pingel discuss her Roanoke College Senior Thesis: *A look at the Virginia Synod of the ELCA: One of the Whitest Christian Denominations in the United States*. Based on interviews with Virginia Synod pastors and surveys completed by synod church members, Lily will examine why the ELCA is so white and share steps being taken to promote diversity and inclusivity. Come to listen and discuss this important issue and enjoy some refreshments at the same time! Sponsored by the All God's Children discussion group.



Caring for our Neighbors - This year, many Covid-era supports for the working poor are going away: SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) benefits, as well as tax breaks for families with children, that will result in \$thousands less money in families' pockets. This great need will likely be reflected in our community in the weeks and months ahead. Grace is working with other congregations in Waynesboro to determine whether we can work TOGETHER to help address the needs of our community. Please support our contributions to local Food Banks (see the announcement), and if you are interested, let Pastor know if you would like to attend future meetings with other congregations asking "how do we move forward?"



Hospitality and Grace—Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and hospitality? Join us for a book/study group! We will read *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine D. Pohl (9 chapters, 187 pages). **Our first meeting is Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at 766 Pine Avenue.** If interested, please contact Eric Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.



All God's Children Discussion Group meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Conference Room. Future books to be discussed include *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Recitatif: A Story* by Toni Morrison with the 2022 introduction by Zadie Smith. Other future discussions will be Lily Pingel's presentation from April 23. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Rick Bump at rcbump0621@gmail.com to be added to our emailing list.



Blue Sunday, April 30—Encouraged to wear blue and engage in nationwide prayer for the child victims of sexual assault, sparking meaningful dialogue about child abuse and inspiring action to prevent it!



Hand Bell Choir—The choir is looking for ringers. Anyone interested, get in touch with Sam Moyer, 540-471-1059



Columbarium—As you make your final plans, remember that Grace has a Columbarium on the North side of the building. Each niche will hold two (2) of our brass urns, which are included in the cost of \$2,250 per niche. There are also Memorial Bricks available for the patio, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one who may be buried elsewhere. For more information, contact Bradley Keefer at 540-942-4290 or the Church Office.



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 pantries. We have made **thirty-three** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and eighteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,570 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



We Need Your Help at Grace! One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue. If you are not already actively assisting, please consider helping with the Altar Guild (contact Jean Morgan), Assisting Ministers (contact Donna Gum), Communion Assistants (contact Donna Gum), Offering Stewards (contact Pat Brady) and/or Ushers (contact Jack Eckstrom). You may also contact the church office.



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.



Reminder—Please have articles, etc. for **GraceNotes** to the Church Office by the 20th of the month for next month's publication. If you need more time, please send Nancy a note and let her know when she will receive it. In addition, please have announcements, etc. for **Sunday bulletins** to the Church Office by Wednesday morning. Nancy's email is: Grace.lc@comcast.net



Covid Policy at Grace

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk]) in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

We continue to encourage:

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu



Life of Grace Church
April 23-30, 2023

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	04/23	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Third Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Confirmation Class Lily Pingel's Presentation K-5 Sunday School
Tuesday	04/25	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Hospitality Class (In-Person & Zoom) 766 Pine Avenue, Waynesboro Congregational Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	04/26	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	04/27	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Coach Training - John Wertz (Seminar Room) Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Zoom Meeting
Saturday	04/29	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room) A Celebration of Life for Marie Brown (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	04/30	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Fourth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School

Monday
Daniel 4:19-27
1 John 3:19—4:6
Luke 4:14-30
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 124



Thursday
Daniel 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-20 (21)
Luke 5:1-11
Morning Psalm 47, Evening 68

Tuesday
Daniel 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21
Luke 4:31-37
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 66

Friday
Daniel 6:1-15
2 John 1-13
Luke 5:12-26
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 49

Wednesday
Daniel 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12
Luke 4:38-44
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 9

Saturday
Daniel 6:16-28
3 John 1-15
Luke 5:27-39
Morning Psalm 92, Evening 23

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