



By this
everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another.

John 13:35, NRSV

Grace Lutheran Church

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Note to Visitors

Thank you for worshipping at Grace today. For more information about Grace and its ministries, please visit our website www.graceboone.org or speak with a member of the Hospitality Ministry or one of our ushers who are waiting in the Narthex. Currently we offer both in-person and online worship options.

During Worship:

- Bulletin Notes: Congregation responses are in BOLD print; "ELW" refers to the red hymnal; The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Please turn off all cell phones or place in silent mode.
- We especially welcome and encourage families with young children to join us for worship.
- To reach the restrooms and water fountain, exit through the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary and turn right.
- Worship Services, worship bulletins and information about upcoming events are available online at www.graceboone.org. Follow on Facebook and YouTube.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

Lutherans sing! Music functions as an integral part of the service, carrying prayer and praise and illuminating the proclamation of the word. You are encouraged to sing with energy, enthusiasm, and emotion. Feel free to sing in harmony...the choir often sings unison on the first and last verses and harmony on the inner verses. Let us join our voices and become one as we sing out with joy and worship our Lord together.

Today's Worship Theme

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism, God has made new people of us. Today, Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *“Mit Freuden zart” arr. by Robert Lind*

THANKSGIVING FOR 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 from yourself through every living thing.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our way 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.

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

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” 452 ELW*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠WORD✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon and then are invited to the Sunday School classrooms upstairs to learn the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer, make crafts and to talk more about the readings for the day. The children will return to the worship service before Holy Communion is distributed.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way, the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

page 234 ELW

Celebration of the Confirmation of Barrett Davis & Keller Wallin.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" 377 ELW

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Please stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

✠MEAL✠

Please be seated.

OFFERING – “As You Serve, Remember Me” arr. by Joel Raney

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<https://www.gracelutheranboone.org/donate>

Go and love as I have loved you, go and teach as I have taught;

Go and serve, and as you serve, remember Me.

Go and satisfy the hungry, go and share the bread of life;

Go and serve, and as you serve, remember Me.

Chorus: At the end of the journey, at the close of the day,

As the night falls slowly, as you bow your heads to pray,

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith and trust in Me,

And wherever I am you will also be.

Go and lead as I have led you, go and shine a guiding light;

Go and serve, and as you serve, remember Me.

Go and break the bread together, go and share the saving cup;

When you gather in this place, remember Me.

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.....join their unending hymn of praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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 to the table of grace.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

This is the Lord's Table so all who seek Christ's presence promised to us through this bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited.

Communion will be served at the head of the aisle. You will receive bread first (gluten-free wafers are available on request) and then wine (grape juice is also available). Anyone who may require the sacrament to be brought to their seats should alert an usher.

Healing prayers are available this morning in the Chapel. After receiving communion, exit to the Chapel, which is located on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come with Joy" 482 ELW

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" 359 ELW

RECOGNITION & BLESSING OF SHARED MINISTRY FOR VERA BARNETT

✠ SENDING ✠

Please stand.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ✠ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN – "Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing" 389 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Truro" arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

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Trey Morris & Tyler Ruddy - Presiding

Charlie Wallin – Assisting Minister

Roger Bodo – Lector

TBD –Communion Assistant

TBD – Ushers

Susan Frank & Reba Matthewson – Musical Accompaniment

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Witt and in memory of Elizabeth Mueller.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning to the glory of God and in celebration of our Confirmands Barrett Davis and Keller Wallin.

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Readings for May 22nd

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

John 5:1-9 (alternate)

BUDGET REPORT

Income and spending report through March 2022

March Giving	March Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
15,344.00	26,666.67	178,967.02	186,666.69