



Grace Lutheran Church
May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpass human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Scott Evans – Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Appalachian State University.

Isabella Templeton – Mary Baldwin University and Virginia Military Institute class of 2022; accepted to Alder University for graduate work in psychology.

Lauren Johnson – Associate in Speech Language Pathology from CCC&TI.

PRELUDE – “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free” arr. by Phil Magness ~ Susan Frank, Flute & Reba Matthewson, Piano

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 – “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” 393 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. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into

it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 5:1-9

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps

down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 631 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 – “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. by Yu Shen Tsai

Please use the following link to give your offering through the Grace website:

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

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.

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

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" 448 ELW

"O Spirit of Life" 405 ELW

GRADUATE BLESSING

Ellery Maiden, Luke Johnson and Landon Johnson graduating from Watauga High School.

✂ SENDING ✂

Please stand.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN – "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" 763 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” arr. by Matthew H. Corl*

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Vicar Randy Rothschild - Preaching

Jan Burgess – Assisting Minister

Dana Holden – Lector

Dana Holden – Communion Assistant

Scott and Kristie Evans – Ushers

Susan Frank & Reba Matthewson – Musical Accompaniment

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Julia Adams in loving memory of Gerald Adams.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning to the glory of God by Carol Norris and in honor of William Norris's birthday on May 23rd.

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Readings for May 29th

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

BUDGET REPORT

Income and spending report through April 2022

April Giving	April Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
23,742.22	26,666.67	202,709.24	213,333.36