

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

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 surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Welcome & Worship Notes

- We're glad you are here! Please know children can join us for worship too.
- Congregation responses are in **bold** print. "ELW" is the red hymnal. The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Our ushers can provide devices for those with hearing impairment.
- Need the internet? *GraceGuests Network* Password: *GraceGuests1234*
- Please turn off all cell phones or place them in silent mode.
- Restrooms and water fountain are down the hall from the Sanctuary.
- A quiet, comfortable room is available to anyone needing it; it is located around the corner from the restrooms.
- **Got kids?** Children are welcome in worship. Grab an activity bag and children's bulletin located at the entrance. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message and may continue upstairs for Children's Church & Music (about 20 minutes), during the sermon. Children will return for Holy Communion and are welcome to receive the sacrament. Nursery is available for children 6 weeks–4 years old.

Grace 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.



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Greeter: Peter Ejidike
Altar Guild: Carolyn Witt

Usher: Roger Bodo
Coffee Host: Jan Burgess

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP CHURCH CHAT

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).



PRELUDE

"Fred til Bod"

J. Bert Carlson

("Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes")

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Tyler Ruddy

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace, then be seated.

GATHERING HYMN

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

ELW 625

GREETING

Pastor Steve Troisi

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

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Henion

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.**

✠ WORD ✠

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message, then are invited upstairs for Children's Church & Music, returning for Holy Communion.

A READING FROM Acts 16:9-15

Lector: Kelly Rucker

Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul.

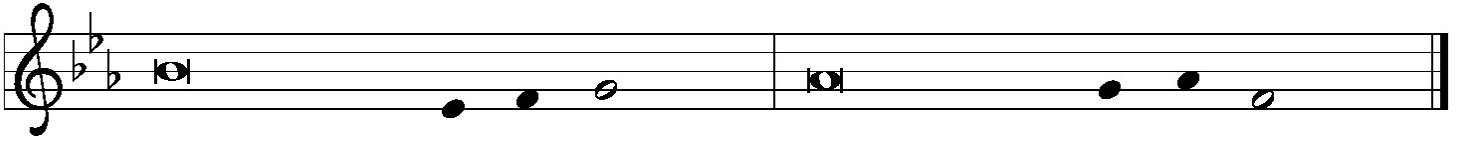
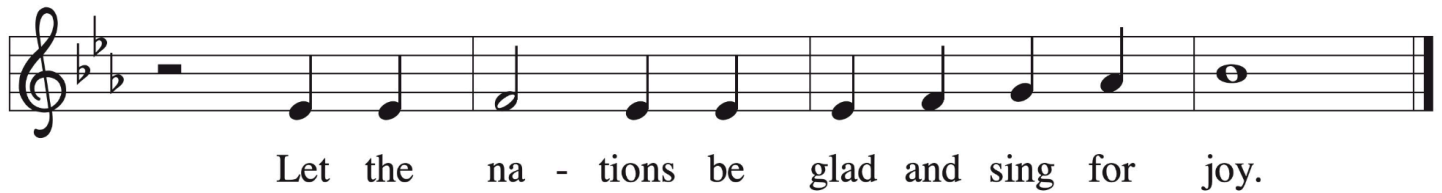
⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

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.**

Psalm 67

Refrain=R (sung at beginning and as noted)



¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

² Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations. **R**

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. **R**

⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

A READING FROM Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

¹⁰ And 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.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And 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. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, (CONT.)

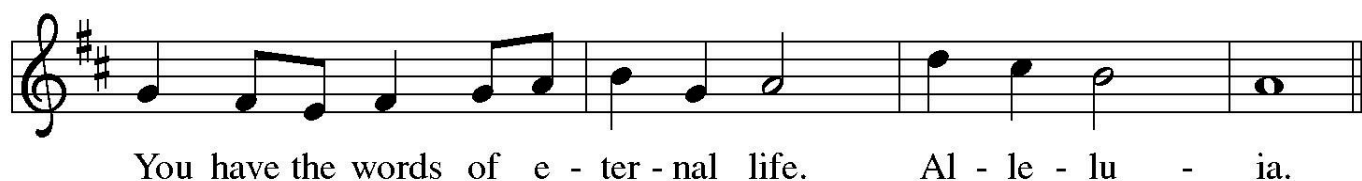
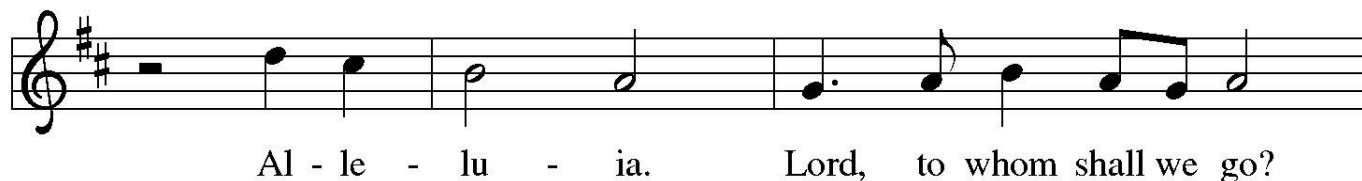
nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{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. ³ Nothing 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; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And 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 as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 14:23-29

The Father will send the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,

(CONT.)

because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Troisi

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

ELW 377

NICENE CREED

We profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

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.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG

"If You Love Me"

Joel Raney

*My peace I Give You, my peace I leave with you,
And I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, if you love me, if you love me, keep my commands.*

*Though I may leave you, I will return for you,
I'll go prepare for you a place beside me.
And if you love me, if you love me, if you love me, keep my commands.*

*Because I live, you too, shall live. I bring you peace that the world cannot give.
My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
And I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, if you love me, if you love me, keep my commands.*

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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

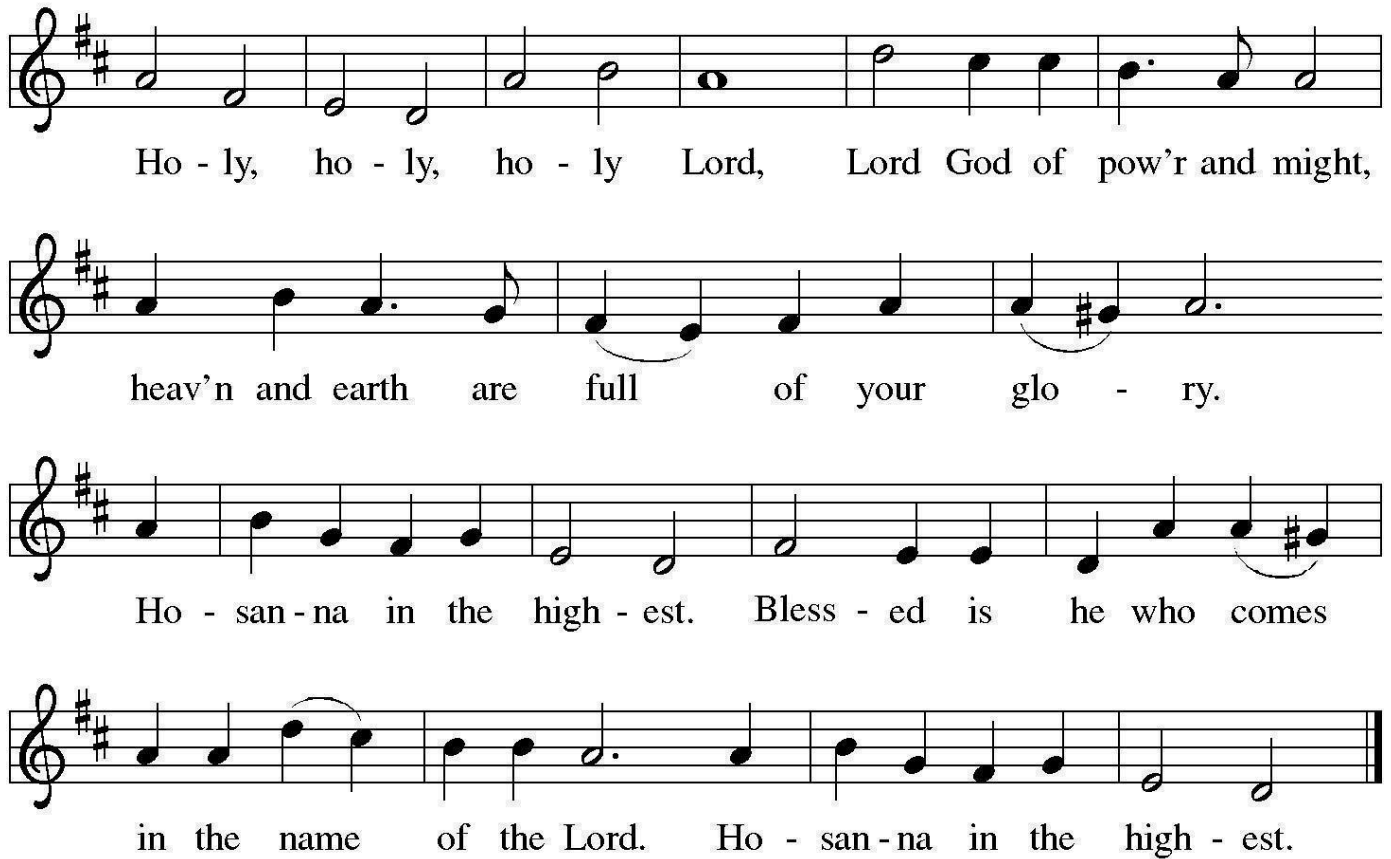
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

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

Communion Assistant: Peter Ejidike

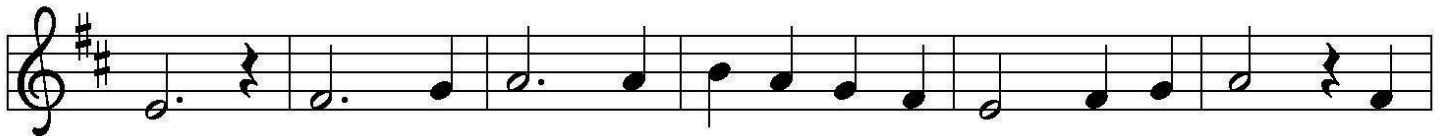
Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)

COMMUNION SONG



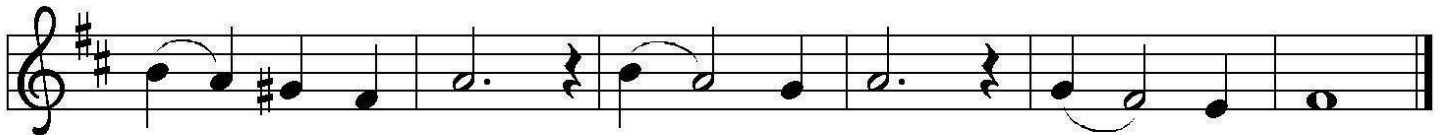
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

ELW 628

INTRODUCTION OF LDR/GB SUMMER INTERN *Kade Maiden*

✠ **SENDING** ✠

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Thine the Amen"

ELW 826

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace; in Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Joel Raney

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Gail's brother,
Dennis Heidenfeldt,
by Ron & Gail Schuette.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God
and in remembrance of those who
have served in the military
by Ron & Gail Schuette.

READINGS FOR JUNE 1

Acts 16:16-34 | Psalm 97 | Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 | John 17:20-26

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

April Giving	April Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$24,813.00	\$31,666.67	\$262,088.42	\$253,333.36



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