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# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*It's Youth Sunday!*



YOU ARE  
THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD

MATTHEW 5:14

## 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   Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff, Vince Caruso, Grace Tillery*  
*Altar Guild: Gail Hauser and Susan McKay   Coffee Host: Jennifer Dalton*

## **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).*



## **HONOR COLLEGE GRADUATES**

*Harley Atkins: Master's of Social Work, Florida State University*

*Thad Evans: UNC Charlotte, BS in Biology and BA in Japanese*

*Adam Kallestad: UNC Charlotte (Dec. 2024); BA in Music Education*

*Marie Kallestad: UNC Charlotte (May 2024), BA in Digital Media Arts*

## **PRELUDE**

*"I Come With Joy"*

*Walter L. Pelz*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Reagan Johnson, Bethany Weant, Haylen Osborn*

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.*

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*"Gather Us In"*

*ELW 532*

## **GREETING**

*Haylen Osborn*

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**

*Bethany Weant*

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.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S MUSIC**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Collin Troisi*

## **A READING FROM Isaiah 58:8-12**

*Barrett Davis*

*Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry.*

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.**

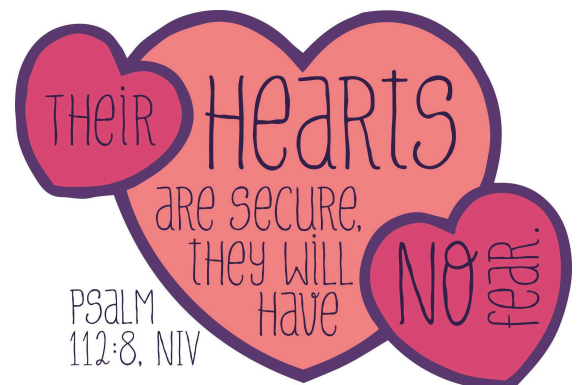
<sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:14-16**

*Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

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

*Please be seated.*

### **SERMON**

*Hannah Fletcher*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

*ELW 815*



## **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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **✠ MEAL ✠**

*Thank you for partnering with Grace. Visit [www.graceboone.org/donate](http://www.graceboone.org/donate), or place your gift in the Narthex offering box or mail it to the church office.*



## **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.

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are in a simple, sans-serif font.

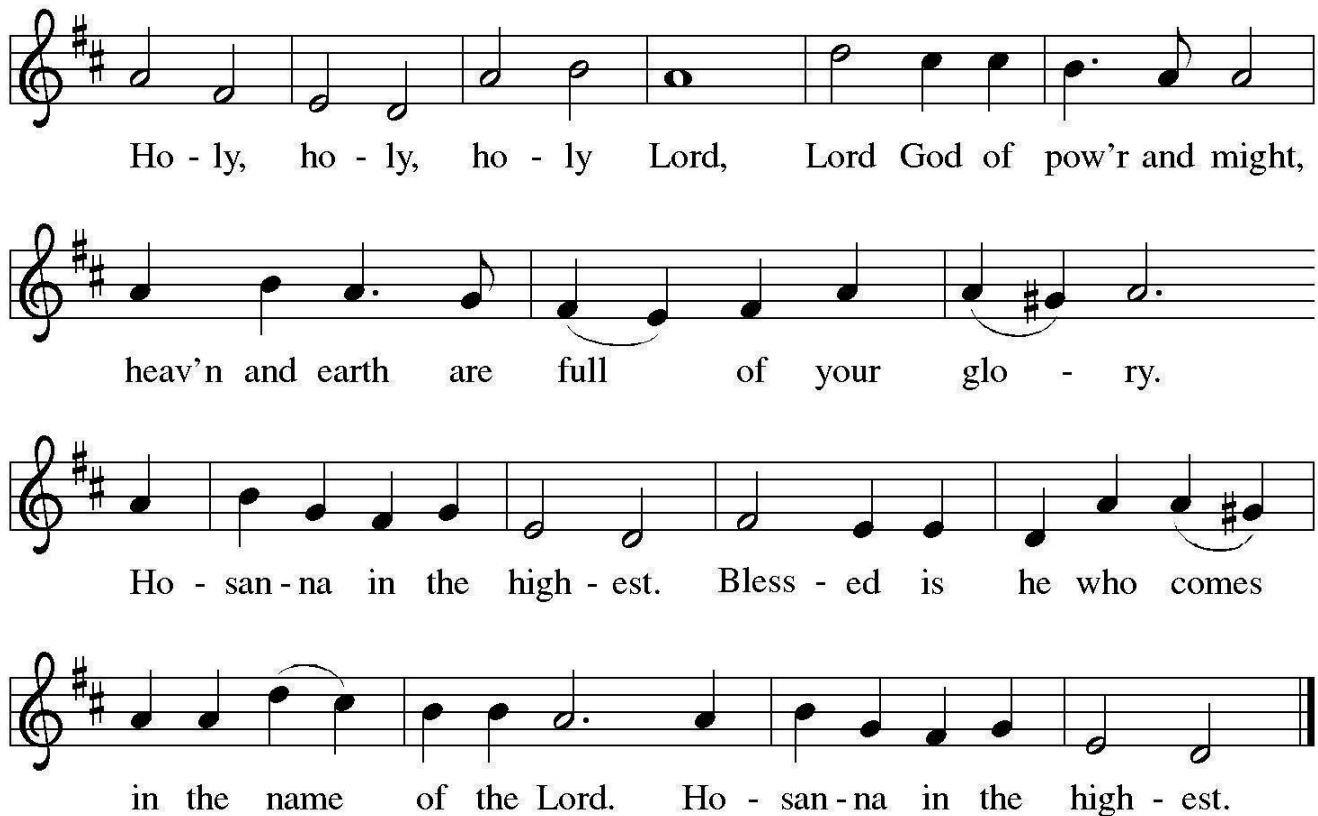




## PREFACE

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 Assistants: Hannah Fletcher,  
Barrett Davis, Vince Caruso, Collin Troisi

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.*

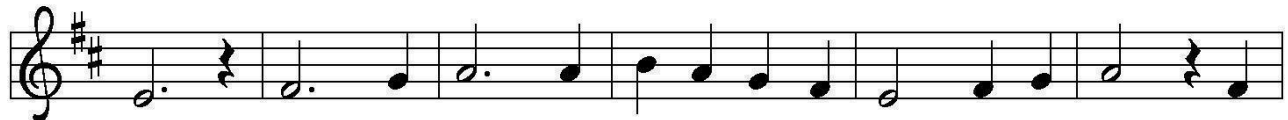
*Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)*



## COMMUNION SONG



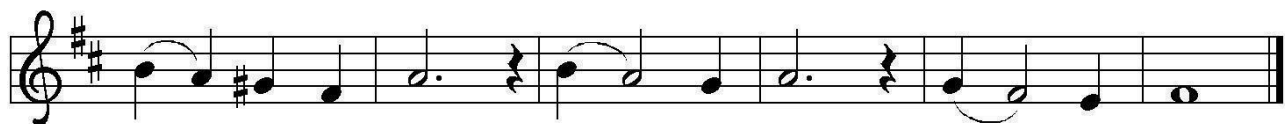
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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

*"In the Singing"*

ELW 466

*"Drawn to the Light"*

ELW 593

## BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Lilly Barnett  
Hannah Fletcher  
Grace Tillery

✠ **SENDING** ✠

## 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

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

ELW 866

## 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

*"Hyfrydol"*

*David Bednall*

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the Wallins' and  
Clemmers' wedding anniversaries  
by Charlie & Shelley Wallin  
and Peggy Clemmer.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God  
and in hopes for a safe and  
happy summer for our Youth  
by Andy & Jan Burgess.

## READINGS FOR MAY 25

Acts 16:9-15 | Psalm 67 | Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 | John 14:23-29

## 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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