



*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*April 27, 2025*



*HOLY COMMUNION*  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four)*  
*Congregational responses are in bold print*

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

*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 the parts 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.*



**Gathering**

**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.*

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.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

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.**



Gathering Hymn: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

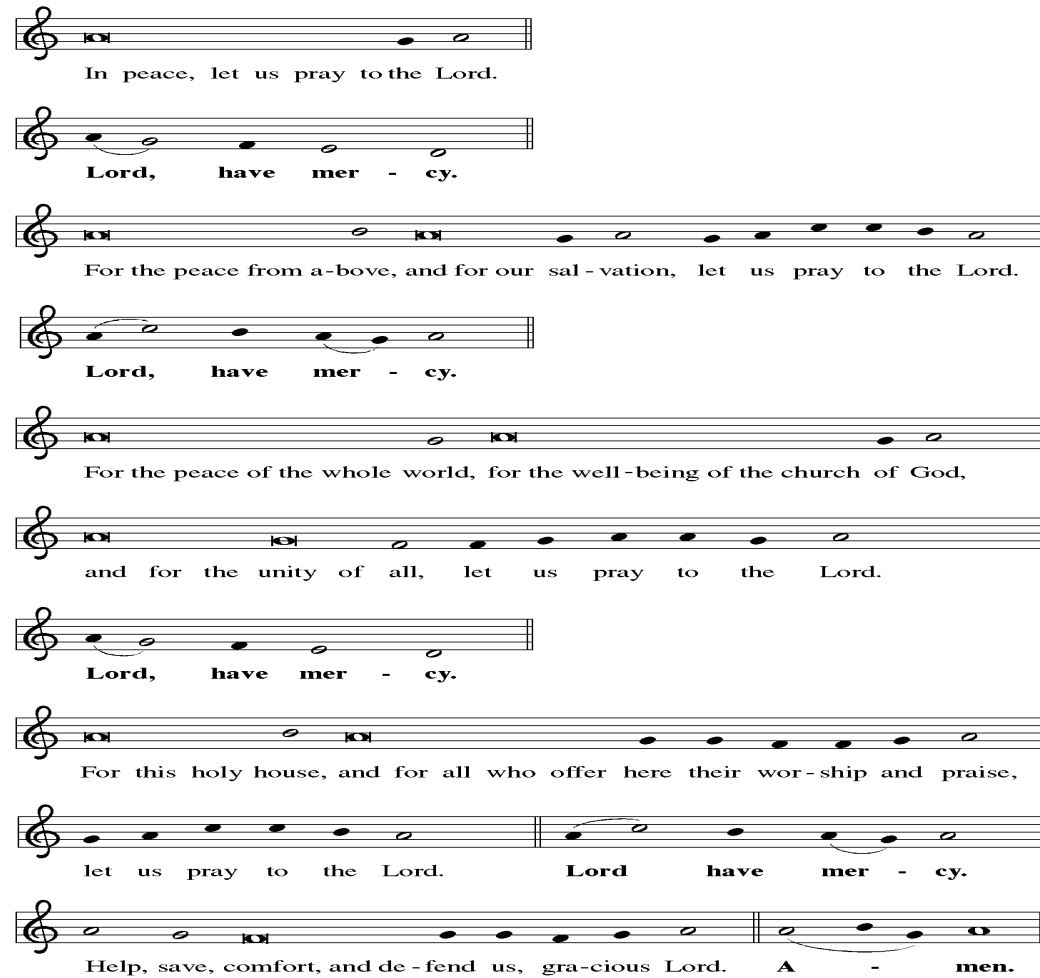
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**Canticle of Praise**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*All*



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

A reading from Isaiah:

- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

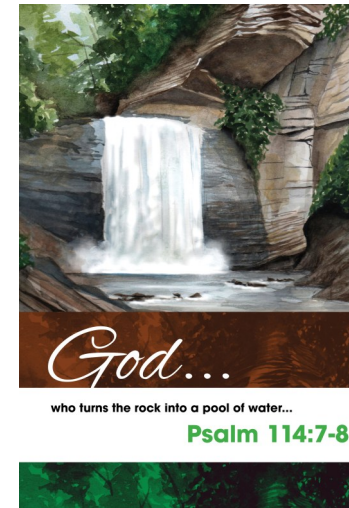
**Thanks be to God.**



Psalm: Psalm 114

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
<sup>2</sup>**Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**  
<sup>3</sup>The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.  
<sup>4</sup>**The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**  
<sup>5</sup>Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?  
<sup>6</sup>**O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?**  
<sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
<sup>8</sup>**who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.**



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>6b</sup> Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup> Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

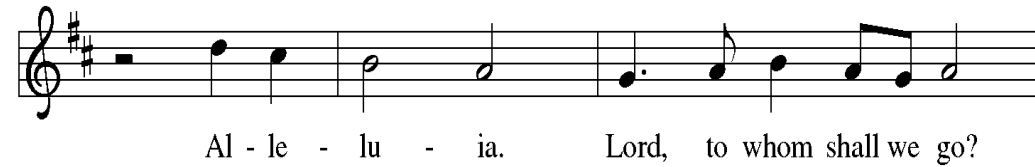
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



FOR EVEN  
OUR PASSOVER  
IS SACRIFICED *Christ*  
*for us.*  
1 CORINTHIANS 5:7, KJV

## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*



## Gospel: Luke 24:13-49

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>13</sup> Now 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, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the

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third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and 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. <sup>24</sup> Some 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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

*We sit.*

Children's Worship

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: *"The Day of Resurrection"*

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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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

### Meal

#### Peace

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

#### Offertory

*We stand.*

#### Offertory Response



### 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.



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

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

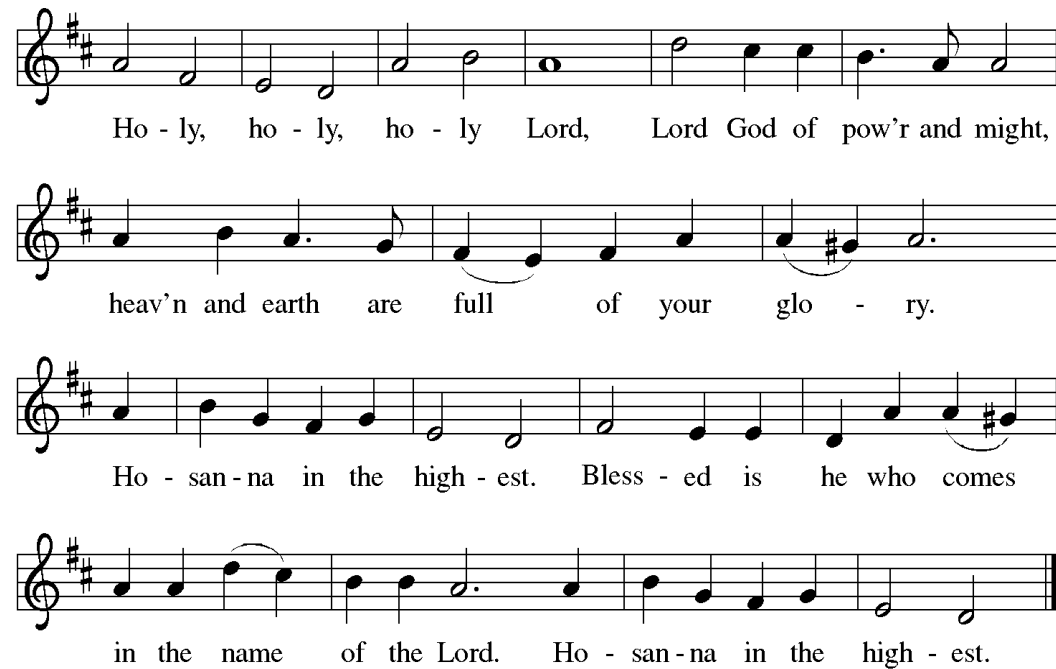
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name 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.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of the bread and drink from this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes;

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

### 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.



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.

### The Holy Communion

*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)*

***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.***

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

**Communion Hymn:** “*Dona Nobis Pacem*”

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**The Communion Blessing**

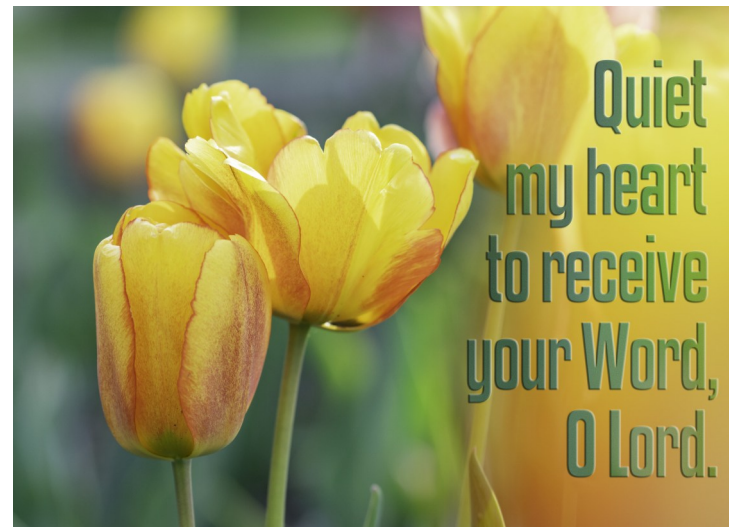
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Living One,  
**in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**  
**Send us now to tell of your wonders,**  
**sing of your glory,**  
**and proclaim your risen life**  
**to a wounded and weary world.**  
**Amen.**



## Sending

### Blessing

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“The Peace of the Lord”*

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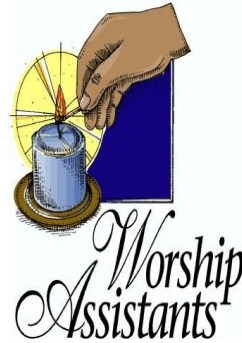
### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude:



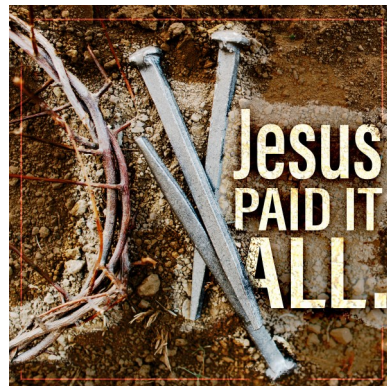
## *Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Pat Giesen</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jim &amp; Gloria Nelson</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Andrew Sell</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Karen Walck</i>
<i>Acolyte/Crucifer:</i>	<i>Zoey Mahoney</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>Robin Crowder</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>Jerry Kite</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the Glory of God, in memory of Pete Giesen  
and in honor of  
Pete and Pat's 42nd Wedding Anniversary.*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Sunday, May 4  
Second Sunday of Easter*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19*



*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet on the podium located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of the Grace congregation, the community and the world around us, names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks and names on the on-going prayer list will remain for three (3) months. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office.*

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

Chuck Goodrich

Jean Morgan

Lee Lynch

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

Lee Cary, Friend of the Hites

David & Judy Drayer, Parents of Peggy Caister

Louise Harris, Friend of the Hites

Tom Rutenberg, Friend of the Bumps

Katy Sauer, Daughter-In-Law of Pat Giesen

Lorraine Schwiesow, David Schwiesow's Mother

Carrington Williams, Friend of Isabelle Bokelman

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

Liz Ann Binns

Marge Cloutier

Phyllis Kite

David Schwiesow

Carol Wolf

Beth Brady

Bill Kelley

Dwight Moomaw

Bob Shumate

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**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

Lisa Barmore, Friend of Many at Grace  
Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Many at Grace  
Paul Brown, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
Harold Dickerson, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of BK Wilson  
Hugh Hall, Friend of Sarah Kite  
Kathy Joleaud, Sister of Mike Trauscht  
Rebecca Ray, Friend of the Schwiesows  
The Sipe Family, Friends of Many at Grace  
Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer

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

Family of Genevieve Arneson, Church Member  
Family of Emily Richter, Cousin of Susan Myers

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Betty Karol Wilson (4/28)**

**Ryan Blosser (5/1)**

**Cori Blosser (5/1)**



### Prayers for the World

**For the peace that only our God can give in the "Holy Land".**

For the nation of Ukraine, civil war in the Sudan.

**Earthquake victims in Myanmar.**

For continued recovery from natural disasters - wildfires and mudslides; winter storms and flooding; hurricane recovery from last year.

**For the Church's witness and courage in a changing world.**

For the poor, unhoused, for the diversity of our city and area, and the hospitality and compassion God calls us to.

### The Church

For our sisters and brothers at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, in their Mission, and in our partnership through the Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J)

**For the Roman Catholic Church upon the death of Pope Francis and for the Conclave to elect a new pope.**

Pr. Karen Van Stee and the people of Bethlehem Lutheran Church as she accepts a part-time call to Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Celebrating the birth of Liam Robert Hess, son of Revs. Daniel & Sarah Hess. Daniel is pastor of Christ Lutheran, Staunton.**





**Wednesday Community Meals Resume following Easter** - April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., we'll resume meals open to Grace members and those in our community. We also plan to invite other congregations to join us as well. Meals were an integral part of Jesus' ministry, welcoming friend and stranger alike to the table as a means of living out God's kingdom. Come and break bread together, regardless of whether you are a "regular," or are occasionally a part!



**Great Response from Lenten Food and Hygiene Drive!** - Grace, Christ Tabernacle, St. John's Episcopal, Bethlehem, St. James, & Zion collected easy to prepare foods and hygiene items that Middle School and High School students in need can take home for use. We had a great response: over 20 Boxes were sent to Waynesboro School District! Thanks to all who helped with this important project. Please continue to pray for the approx. 100 Waynesboro school district students that do not have a home to regularly live in!



If you have a **Graduate** in your family, please let the church office know the following by **Monday, May 5**: Name, parents' names, grandparents' names, school, degree, graduation date and plans for the future.



**Altar Flowers** - Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, that God has created a very good world for us to live in. Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on the flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**The Flower Girl**—The Flower Girl, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Suite 6, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477, (540) 414-8221 will be providing Grace's altar flowers. If you would like to provide Altar Flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the Nave. About a week before your Sunday, please call The Flower Girl and let them know your preferences and arrange payment directly with them. Also, please let the Church Office know how you would like to have them dedicated in that Sunday's bulletin by Wednesday morning.



**We welcome new members here at Grace**—Scott Winslow and Gigi Werner-Winslow joined Grace as a part of the Easter Vigil, continuing an ancient tradition where new members affirm their baptism or were baptized on this unique day in the life of the church. Welcome them to our household of faith!



**Virginia Synod Assembly in June (13-15) at Roanoke College!** - The theme this year is "Intertwining Hope" - taken from the passage from John's gospel: *"I am the vine, you are the branches...We gather together to experience and express what it means to be Church."* We have two delegate positions available (Grace is allotted three delegates). Please contact Pastor Paul, Allison Fink (Council President), or the Church Office if you would like to represent Grace!



**Conference Room Chairs Available** - Grace's Property Committee purchased a new (to us) set of Conference Room Chairs to replace the current chairs, which have provided decades of service. The old chairs are available for a minimum donation of \$25 - though some no longer have functioning adjustments or maybe signs of "wear and tear," others still are fully functional. Consider a larger donation for a fully functional chair. If you are interested, please contact Fred Biggers or Rew Walck.



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,114** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-one deliveries**, twenty-two to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



**Opportunity to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings!** Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithe.ly, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.

**Monday**

Daniel 1:1-12  
1 John 1:1-10  
John 17:1-11  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

**Tuesday**

Daniel 2:1-16  
1 John 2:1-11  
John 17:12-19  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

**Wednesday**

Daniel 2:17-30  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 17:20-26  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

**Thursday**

Daniel 2:31-49  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 17:20-26  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

**Friday**

Daniel 12:31-49  
1 John 2:18-29  
Luke 3:1-14  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

**Saturday**

Daniel 3:1-18  
1 John 3:1-10  
Luke 3:15-22  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114

**Life of Grace Church**  
**April 27-May 4, 2025**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	04/27	8:30a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Second Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class Sunday School  End of Life Class
Monday	04/28	7:00 p.m.	All God's Children (Conference Room)
Tuesday	04/29	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/30	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Community Dinner Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Community Meal Choir Practice
Thursday	05/01	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Meeting –Christ Tabernacle
Friday	05/02		Church Office Closed
Saturday	05/03	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil—Christ Tabernacle Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	05/04	8:30a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Third Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class Sunday School  End of Life Class

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