



**Easter**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*May 11, 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: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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### Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

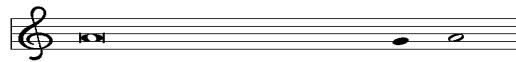
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.



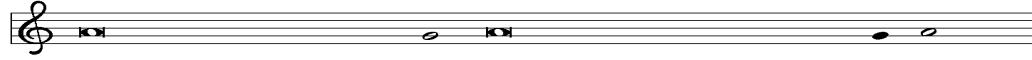
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



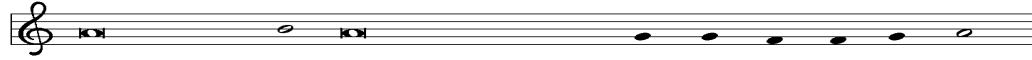
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

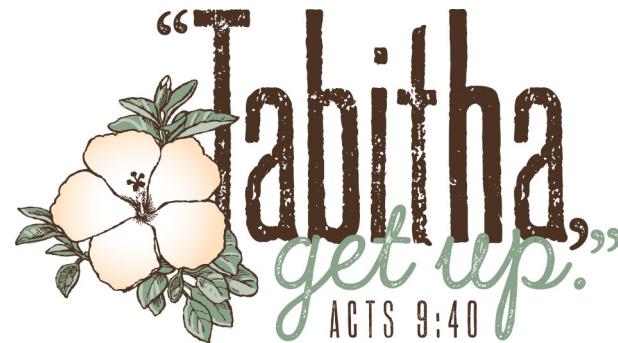
*We sit.*

**Word**

### First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts:

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



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

## Psalm: Psalm 23

*We read responsively.*

**1**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**2**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

**3**he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**4**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

**5**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**6**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.



## Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelations:

**9** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. **10** They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

**11** And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

**13** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” **14** I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

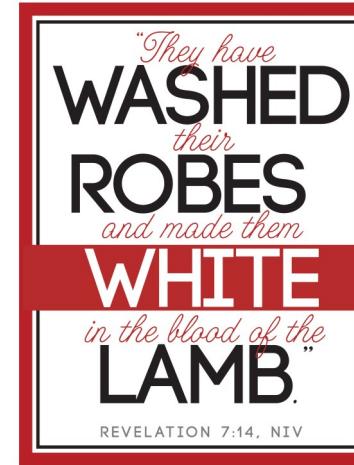
<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**We stand.**



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

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

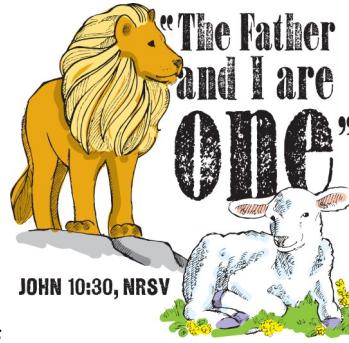
**Gospel:** John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

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

***We sit.***



**Children's Worship**

**Pastor Long**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Long**

***Silence for reflection follows the sermon.***

***We stand.***

**Hymn of the Day:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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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 command 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



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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### 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 also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

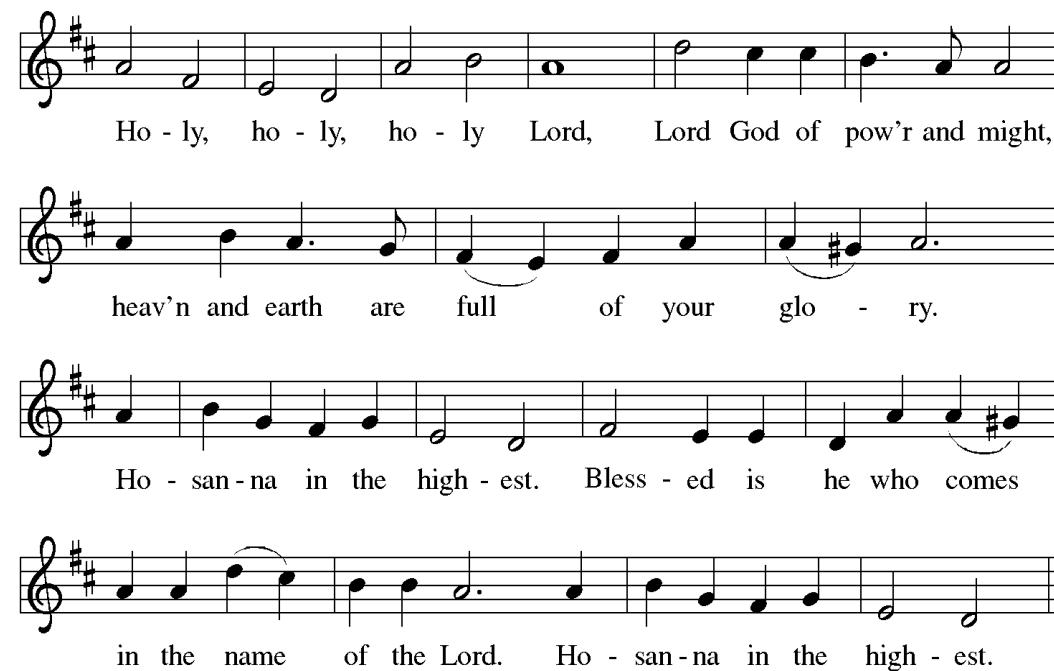
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music notation: Four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The first three staves have a treble clef, and the fourth staff has a C-clef. The first three staves have four sharps (F#-C#-G#-D#), and the fourth staff has one sharp (F#).

### 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.

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako urike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe walotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



### Invitation to Communion

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

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.

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.

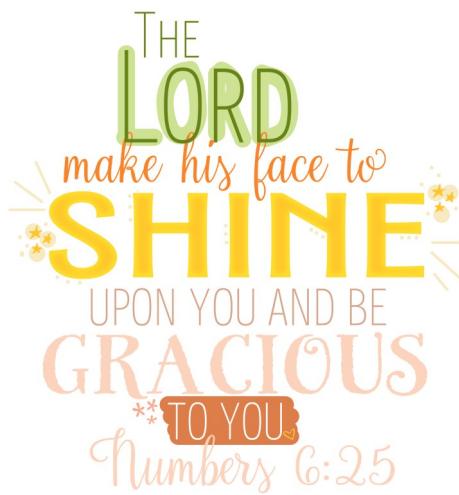


## Sending

### 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:** "Lead Me, Guide Me"

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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:

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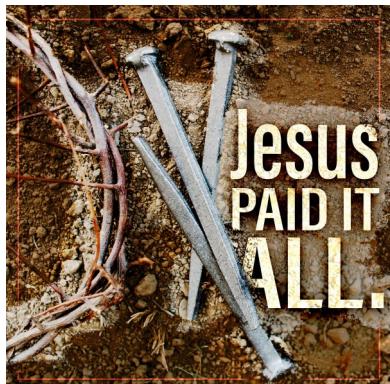
## Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



*Altar Flowers:* Gail Johnson  
*Altar Guild:* Gigi Werner Winslow  
*Assisting Minister:* Jake Dolan  
*Communion Assistant:* Kathy Bump  
*Acolyte/Crucifer:* Libby Caister  
*Council Person of the Week:* Karen Walck  
*Offering Stewards:* Pat Brady  
*Ushers:* Jean Morgan  
Ron Almarode  
Lee Lynch



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the Glory of our Lord in memory of  
Tyrea H. Reid, Peggy R. Johnson, and  
Myrtle F. Reid  
by their children and grandchildren*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Sunday, May 18  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube  
Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35*



*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**

**Lee Lynch**

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

**Ray Ashton**, Friend of the Barrettes

**Lee Cary**, Friend of the Hites

**David & Judy Drayer**, Parents of Peggy Caister

**Angie Engleman**, Friend of Grace

**Louise Harris**, Friend of the Hites

**Tom Rutenberg**, Friend of the Bumps

**Hal Walck**, Brother of Rew Walck

**Carrington Williams**, Friend of Isabelle Bokelman

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

**Liz Ann Binns**

**David Schwiesow**

**Beth Brady**

**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  
**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

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

**Family of Willemina Akers**, Wife of Church Member, Hunter Akers  
**Family of Genevieve Arneson**, Church Member  
**Family of Lorraine Schwiesow**, Mother of David Schwiesow

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

<b>Nathan Skelton (5/04)</b>	<b>Kathy Johnson (5/06)</b>
<b>Jim Nelson (5/07)</b>	<b>Allison Fink (5/07)</b>
<b>Carolyn Barrette (5/10)</b>	<b>Lisa Gray (5/12)</b>



### Prayers for the World

**For all who are suffering in Gaza and Israel: men, women and children; including Palestinian Christians facing great risk.**

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

**Earthquake victims in Myanmar.**

For all the children suffering from wars they cannot control—in Gaza, the Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia.

**Continued Severe Weather and Flooding**

For Homeless students in Waynesboro and other area schools (100 students in Waynesboro alone!).

### 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.**

For the installation of Pr. Daniel Hess at Christ, Staunton and The Legacy at North Augusta (as chaplain) on Sunday, June 1st.

**For the installation of Pr. Karen Van Stee at Bethlehem, Waynesboro on Sunday, June 8th.**



**Many thanks to Pastor Cynthia Long!** - Pr. Long is chaplain at Sunnyside Communities in Harrisonburg and a long-time Grace member. We're thankful for her bringing God's Word and presiding over the Sacraments this morning! Pr. Paul and family are celebrating Lily's graduation from American University and will return this evening.



**Annual Church  
ELECTION**

**Called Congregation Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:** There will be a called Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, after worship for the purpose of electing Grace Council members for terms of service from June 2025 through May of 2027. The following Grace members have been nominated by Church Council: Allison Fink, Linda Meyer, Jim Nelson, Kate Van Bremen and Donna Yobs. Biographies of those nominated have been sent by email and U.S. Mail and will be available on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the bulletin.



**Happy Mother's Day**—We give thanks to mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other significant women whom God has given to be a blessing in each of our lives!



**Nominations for Grace Church Council Deadline is TODAY**— Per Grace's Constitution - *"additional nominations may be made in writing [to Grace Administrative Secretary, Nancy Dowdy] at least one week prior to the Congregation Meeting (May 18th)...All nominees must have consented to serve, in order for the name to be put on the ballot."*



**Wednesday Community Meals Have Resumed!** - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., we have resumed 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!



**Graduation Reception follows Worship** - We will give thanks to our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school with a reception following Worship on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. An invitation has been sent to graduates and their families.



**Issues at the End of Life Class—there will be NO Class Today** - On Sunday, May 18th, the class will focus on **Advance Directives, Medical Power of Attorney, Wills, etc.** The end of life often involves some very practical—and necessary—"nuts and bolts" issues. What needs to be in place as we approach the end of life medically, legally, and religiously? Class is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to attend! (And if you can't attend, but are interested in an audio recording of the class, please let the Church Office know, and we can share an audio copy of the class.)



**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 one delegate position 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!



**Valley Music Academy** would like to invite the GELC family to join them for their Spring Student Recitals: Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Sunday May 18, at 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Recitals are free and everyone is welcome. Each performance will be followed by a brief reception. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Lemasney at [Programs@valleymusicacademy.org](mailto:Programs@valleymusicacademy.org).



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to Pantry 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

Genesis 18:22-33  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 6:1-11  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

#### Thursday

Jeremiah 31:1-14  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Luke 6:39-49  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

#### Tuesday

Jeremiah 30:10-17  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Luke 6:12-26  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116



#### Friday

Jeremiah 31:15-22  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 7:1-7  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

#### Wednesday

Jeremiah 30:18-22  
Colossians 1:24—2:7  
Luke 6:27-38  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

#### Saturday

Jeremiah 31:23-25  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 7:18-28, 31-35  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114



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**May 11-18, 2025**

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
 <u>Happy Mother's Day</u>	05/11	8:30a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Pastor—Vacation</b>  <b>Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Service of Holy Communion Reverend Cynthia Long  <b>Confirmation Class</b>  <b>Sunday School</b>
Monday	05/12		<b>Pastor—Vacation</b>
Tuesday	05/13	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting (Fellowship Hall)</b>  <b>Finance Committee (Conference Room)</b>
Wednesday	05/14	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	 <b>Community Dinner</b>  <b>Prayer Group (Chapel)</b>  <b>Yoga (Seminar Room)</b>  <b>Community Meal</b>  <b>Choir Practice</b>



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Thursday	05/15	8:00 a.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		2:00 p.m.	Willemina Akers Committal and Interment
		6:00 p.m.	CCEJ at Christ Tabernacle
Friday	05/16	9:00—2:00	Church Office Closed
			VA Synod Lay Ministry (Fellowship Hall & Conference Room)
Saturday	05/17	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		2:00 p.m.	VMA Spring Student Recital (Sanctuary)
		4:00 p.m.	VMA Spring Student Recital (Sanctuary)
Sunday	05/18	8:30a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)
		10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion <i>Called Congregational Meeting</i>
		11:15 a.m.	End of Life Class (Fellowship Hall)
		2:00 p.m.	VMA Spring Student Recital (Fellowship Hall)
		3:30 p.m.	VMA Spring Student Recital (Fellowship Hall)
		5:00 p.m.	VMA Spring Student Recital (Fellowship Hall)

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