



**“I AM GOING TO  
THE FATHER.”**

JOHN 14:28

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*May 25, 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: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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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

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems of five staves each. The first system contains the first four staves, and the second system contains the last six staves. The lyrics are: 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.

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.*

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.**

*We sit.*

## **Word**



The Lord opened her  
heart to respond to  
Paul's message.

Acts 16:14, NIV

## **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

A reading from Acts:

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When 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.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>On 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. <sup>14</sup>A 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. <sup>15</sup>When 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.

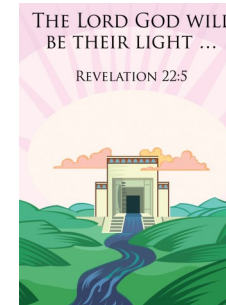
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 67**

*We read responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup>**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**  
<sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.



## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

A reading from Revelation:

- <sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
- <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- <sup>22:1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>through 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. <sup>3</sup>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; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*



## Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "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. <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>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.**

*We sit.*



Children's Worship

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: "The Peace of the Lord"

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GIVE  
thanks  
TO THE  
Lord;  
FOR HE IS GOOD.  
PSALM 107:1, NIV

## **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



### 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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## 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.

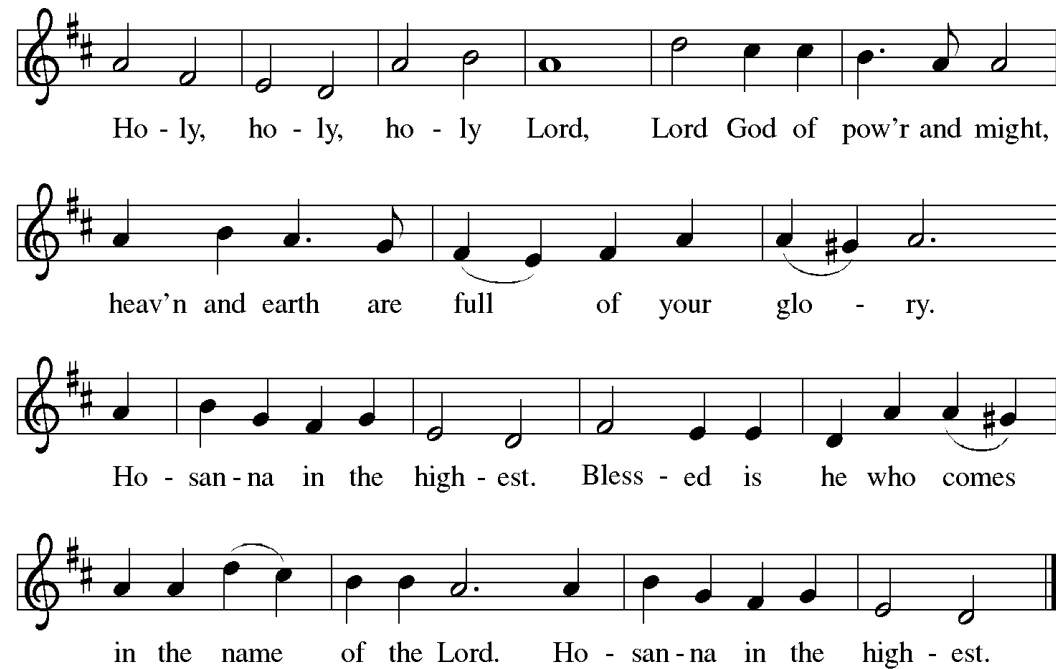
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

**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**

*We sit.*

### **Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Karen and Stephen Van Stee**

*We stand.*

## **Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”*

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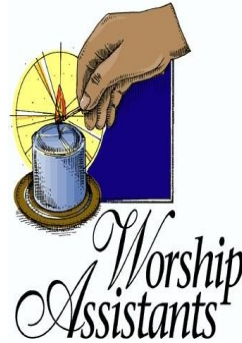
## **Dismissal**

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**



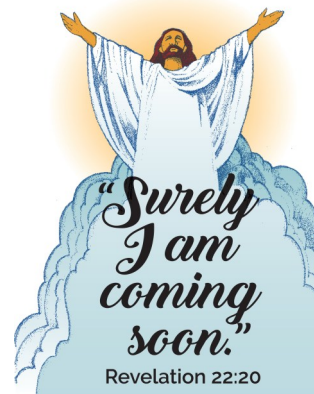
## *Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Carolyn Hite</i>
<i>Acolyte/Crucifer:</i>	
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jerry Kite</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>Vivian Proctor</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
	<i>Jim Nelson</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today  
are given  
to the Glory of God*



### *Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*Sunday, June 1*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Acts 16:16-34*

*Psalms 97*

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

*John 17:20-26*



*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)**

Lee Lynch

Vivian Proctor

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

Ray Ashton, Friend of the Barrettes

Dave Barker, Friend of Gloria Nelson

Jan Dolan, Mother of Jake Dolan

Angie Engleman, Friend of Grace

Brandon Fink, Son of the Finks

Darlene Hicks, Friend of Linda Tomey

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

Michaela Spellman, Daughter of Alexandra Spellman

Hal Walck, Brother of Rew Walck

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

Liz Ann Binns

David Schwiesow

Beth Brady

Bob Shumate

*Continued*

**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 Carl Kerby, Nephew of Minnie Moyer  
Family of Patricia Morrison, Gary Morrison's Mother  
Family of Lorraine Schwiesow, Mother of David Schwiesow

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

Jean Franklin (5/28)

Roger Bowers (5/28)

Rew Walck (5/28)



### Prayers for the World

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

For our High School, College, and Graduate School Graduates finishing their studies in May.

**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 Former President Joe Biden and many in our nation struggling with cancer.

**For our LGBTQIA siblings in Christ on their walk with us in Faith.**

### 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)

**Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV.**

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.**

For the Madawa/Mimeswe family as they celebrate their 3rd year living in the United States (sponsored by Westminster and Grace Lutheran).



**Congratulations to our New Council Members!** Allison Fink, Linda Meyer, Jim Nelson, Kate Van Bremen and Donna Yobs were elected to 2-year terms which will begin in June. Jim and Kate are serving their first new terms, while Allison, Linda and Donna are serving their second consecutive terms. In addition, Allison Fink was re-elected President of Council, and Linda Meyer re-elected to Vice-President. Ron Almarode continues as Treasurer. We will install these New Council members next Sunday, June 1st as a part of worship. Pray for our entire Council as they help to lead the Mission and Ministry of Grace!



**Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Karen and Stephen Van Stee**—Pastor Van Stee has accepted a call to Bethlehem Lutheran, and we pray for the mission God has for our sisters and brothers just down the road! We offer our prayers and blessings to Karen and Stephen with thanks for their blessing as a part of Grace.



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



**Wednesday Community Meals** - We have resumed meals open to Grace members and those in our Community on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., 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!



**Issues at the End of Life Class** - Today's class focuses on **Hospice and Palliative Care; Extended Care, Assisted Living and Skilled Care.**—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.)



**Pastors to be Installed in June in the Southern Valley Conference** - Please keep Pr. Daniel Hess in prayer as he is installed Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Christ Lutheran, Staunton as pastor - and as chaplain at The Legacy at North Augusta, also in Staunton - at 4:30 p.m...as well as Pr. Karen Van Stee, who will be installed as pastor at Bethlehem, Waynesboro, on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. We give thanks for our friends in Christ at both congregations, as well as The Legacy as they continue to serve God's kingdom in Mission and Ministry!





**Quilt Blessing on June 1st!** Our worship space will be wonderfully decorated with quilts ready to be sent around the world through Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will bless the quilts so they will be a blessing to those around the world who use them for warmth, comfort, and also for carrying, swaddling and many other purposes.



**Hiker Ministry Begins June 2nd!** - Two decades of a unique ministry continues as we host Hikers from the Appalachian Trail looking for respite while on the trail. For four weeks, Grace offers hospitality in a peaceful and friendly place to stay, a meal on Wednesday, showers, and chapel worship once per week. **YOU ARE NEEDED!** There are numerous ways to volunteer; see the sheets in the back of the worship space. and please sign up!



**Address Change for Bob Shumate:** Brookdale Senior Living, 1900 Hillsmere Lane, Apartment 144, Staunton, VA 24401



**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.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**May 25-June 1, 2025**

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
Sunday	05/25	10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m.	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Service of Holy Communion <b>Farewell and Godspeed to the Van Stees</b>  <b>End of Life Class</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	05/26	 Memorial Day	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
Tuesday	05/27	9:30 a.m.	<b>Quilting</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	05/28	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15	 <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Community Meal</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	05/29	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	05/30		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Saturday	05/31	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	06/01	10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Service of Holy Communion <b>Blessing of Quilts</b> <b>Council Installation</b>  <b>Graduation Reception</b>  <b>Installation of Pastor Daniel Hess</b> Christ Lutheran, Staunton

**Monday**

Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
James 1:1-15  
Luke 9:18-27  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

**Tuesday**

Deuteronomy 8:11-20  
James 1:16-27  
Luke 11:1-13  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

**Wednesday**

Deuteronomy 19:1-7  
James 5:13-18  
Luke 12:22-31  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

**Thursday**

Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b  
Hebrews 2:5-18  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

**Friday**

Ezekiel 1:28-3:3  
Hebrews 4:14-5:6  
Luke 9:28-36  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

**Saturday**

Ezekiel 3:4-17  
Hebrews 5:7-14  
Luke 9:37-50  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114



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