

May 8th, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**My sheep
hear my
voice**

JOHN 10:27

Grace Lutheran Church

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~Welcome~

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

~Mission Statement~

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be.....

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- ◆ Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ.
 - ◆ Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus, and...
 - ◆ Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.
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~Serving in Worship Today~

Worship Assistant: Carol Frye Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

~In Our Hearts and Prayers~

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

If you notice someone missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea by phone, Facebook, email or by calling the church office so we can lift their name in prayer next service.

Members of Grace: Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B., Carol F.

Family & Friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Annmarie, Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg LaSpina*); Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny, Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine & Sal (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dottie Currie (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene, Family & Friends of Betty Neupauer.

Those serving our country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home: Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon & Skip Uhrmann

Shores @ Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

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*While following along with service please refer to your brown Celebration Hymnals (CH),
the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (ELW),
as well as the blue With One Voice Hymnal (WOV)*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

by: Robert J Hughes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compas-
sion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have
failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Worship Christ, the Risen King

CH # 361

{Verses 1, 3 & 5 (All) Verse 2 (Women) Verse 4 (Men)}

GREETING

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.**

Please turn to the front section of the red ELW hymnals:

KYRIE

ELW p. 147

THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now 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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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.”

³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile 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

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

“Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Please to your red hymnals to the front section, as we will now sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 151

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

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So 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.”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

*All Children are invited to follow our Sunday school teachers downstairs
for a children’s lesson. Children return for Communion.*

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen

WEEKLY OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace.

Offering may be received through the mail, church office or "Simply Giving" online.

Please call the church office if you require assistance.

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

by: David Ashley White

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please refer to the blue hymnal With One Voice (WOV)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV p. 732

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pastor: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to God for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Brief silence.

Leader: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, and calm our fears as we join in Jesus' ministry and in the work of renewing all things and serving others.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: God, warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send your presence to all who need your love and care as they await healing or consolation especially all those people whom we have on our hearts today... Set people in their path who can provide the care they need.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life.

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 LORD

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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 Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you make yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

THE 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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. **Come to us, Lord Jesus.**

COMMUNION RESPONSE

Lamb of God

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Surely Goodness and Mercy

CH #691

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Chorale

*Adapted & extended by:
Van Denman Thompson*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**

~DEDICATIONS~

The bulletins for today's service are dedicated by Roberta Blumenthal in memory of her beloved husband, Larry Blumenthal for his birthday.

The sanctuary flowers are dedicated in loving memory of, Pam La Spina. Dedicated by Mike, Meg, Alicia, Joe, Joseph, Juliana & James, Happy Mothers Day.



May 8th 2022 - May 15th 2022

Events with Grace

Sunday May 8th

8:00 am - Spoken Service

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical

Worship

3:30 pm - AA Group

Monday May 9th

9 am - 11:30 am - Grace Place
Food Pantry - Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm - NA Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday May 10th

9 am - 11:30 am - Grace Place Food Pantry
- Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm - Walking with Grace
(Walking group will meet in the lounge)

Wednesday May 11th

9 am - 11:30 am - Grace Place Food
Pantry - Fellowship Hall

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Duplicate Bridge
(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday May 12th

9 am - 11:30 am - Grace Place Food
Pantry - Fellowship Hall

5pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Antique Collectors Board

6:00 pm - AA Meeting—12 Steps

7:00 pm - Antique Collectors Meeting

7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting (Lounge)

Friday May 13th

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Lounge)

Saturday May 14th

4:00 pm - Walking with Grace
(Walking group will meet in the lounge)

Sunday May 15th

8:00 am - Spoken Service

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship

{Baptism Ceremony for Guinevere Lily Phillips}

3:30 pm - AA Group



Welcome

If you are visiting our church for the first time or have been away for a while, please sign in our book in the Narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card located in the seating areas of the sanctuary. Thank you for visiting our church and please join us again.

~CHURCH OFFICE HOURS~

MONDAY—FRIDAY

10 AM - 3 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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Please stay tuned Pastor Althea and Dream Team members are working hard on many new and exciting things in our church. We will update the congregation soon.
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