

WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord. If you are a GUEST with us today, we hope you feel welcome in our church family and invite you to worship with us again. If you are interested in membership at Grace or want to know more about our church and our faith, please indicate your interest on the ATTENDANCE FORM in the pew.

Grace's Mission

✝ Sharing God's Grace

✝ Living His Word

✝ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available. A nursery is available for children age 3 and under. Ask an usher for directions.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

 **WORSHIP FOLDER** 
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2024

“MAKE THEM ONE AS YOU AND I ARE ONE”

AS WE GATHER

The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose in making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for His disciples and those who will believe through their witness. As we confront the mission of the church to be His witnesses still, He does not relent praying for us still. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.

[If your health limits you, please don't feel required to stand during the worship service.]

In the Name of the



*Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit*



✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CHIMES CALL TO WORSHIP

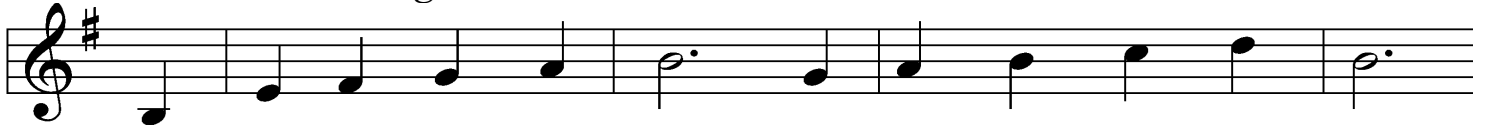
WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 564

“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”



1 Christ sits at God’s right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
3 Christ’s al - tar was the tree, Where on the world’s be - half
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - ’ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
“A priest for - ev - er - more,” An oath God would not break,
To seal God’s guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”
“A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek.”
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

**5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.**

**6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 204

“Gloria in Excelsis.”



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(please be seated)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:12-26

(The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot among the Twelve created by Judas' death.)

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

PSALM 1; ANTIPHON: V. 6

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- P** Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
- P** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**
- P** The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
- P** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE

1 JOHN 5:9-15

(“Whoever has the Son has life.”)

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 17:11B-19

(Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

^{11b}[Jesus said] Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 539

“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”



1 Christ is the world’s Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav’n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
And now, to heav’n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf - f’ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
Whence He had ne’er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther’s and His own.
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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(please be seated)

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 17:11B-10

SERMON TITLE: “JOB TO DO”

(please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY

“Be Still My Soul, Before the Lord”

ORGAN

“FOR ALL OUR FAITHFUL MOTHERS”

(Tune of LSB 523)

**1 For all our faithful mothers
Who reared us in the faith
Of Jesus as our Savior –
To You, our voices raise.
We give You thanks, O Father,
For all our mothers dear
Who birthed and then cared for us
And loved us, far and near.**

**2. When Adam named creation
No help-mate he could find;
So woman You created
With rib from Adam’s side.
"The Mother of All Living,"
So Adam named his wife
Thus promising to women
God's gift of newborn life.**

**3. Eve and all her descendants
Waited for Promised Seed.
From age to age You promised
The sinners' cries to heed.
When fullness of the time came
Christ Jesus You did give
By birth to Virgin Mary
He, as her Son, to live.**

(please stand)

**4. To Father, Son, and Spirit
All thanks and praises be.
You made, and saved, and blessed us,
Almighty Trinity!
You give us gifts of mothers;
Help us this gift to love,
To honor, and to cherish
This gift, from You above. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 644

“The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

**5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.**

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POSTLUDE

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To God Alone Be the Glory

THOSE WHO SERVE

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.....	Steve DeShaw
.....	Josh Jones
.....	Jim Raven
.....	Mark Zimmerman
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Teller.....	Fern DeLaGarza
Nursery	Rachel Schimank

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

❖ Jim Hill & Melinda Richmond.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Diane Richey (Carol Massie's sister) Meds are working and all tumors have shrunk. Her wrist is healing well with exercises continuing.
- ❖ Walther Marcis (Pastor's father-in-law) is still waiting on a few more appointments to determine if he is a candidate for the TAVR procedure.
- ❖ Charles Hall, (former JP in Midland & friend of Todd & Vicki Byars.) his heart procedure was done on 4/19 with 2 stents inserted.
- ❖ Mary Ann Johnson is in Hospice Care as of 4/4.
- ❖ Jeff Turner saw his neurologist on 4/17. Doctors are fairly certain it's not ALS, but possibly an autoimmune disease with similar symptoms. Next appt. was 5/2 for more tests & study.
- ❖ Andy Zinkgraf (Dean at MCA) had a heart attack on 4/18. He went home last weekend to recover.
- ❖ Royce Parsley (Gary's dad) had the stent removed, on antibiotics & released to the nursing home.
- ❖ Harper from Cisco. Has bone flexs on both knees from torn ligaments or damaged femur. Waiting on MRIs and surgeon referral.
- ❖ Gabriella Willis (3 yr. old friend of Doris Anderson) had liver transplant & small bowels reconstruction on 4/29 in New Mexico.
- ❖ Mary Morgan's recent scan shows 1 flare-up. She continues with a stronger chemo.
- ❖ Manuel Gardea (former custodian) has viral meningitis and will be in MMH #527 for the next few days.
- ❖ Sandy Lanchaster (friend of Jessica Diaz) her grandmother was in a car accident & has multiple broken bones.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ❖ Mary Groshans (Dylan Caylor's grandmother) died on 4/19.
- ❖ Matt Miller (Aimee Miller's son) died on 5/7.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the Glory of God by

Dennis & Caren Stephens

In celebration of our 44th wedding anniversary
and

Khristi Moritz

Happy Mother’s Day to my mom, Mina Fitting

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