

**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**   
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 9, 2024**

“WE DO NOT LOSE HEART”

**AS WE GATHER**

In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal “world,” God’s Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily “lose heart” when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that troubles us. For “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

[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 570

*“Just as I Am, without One Plea”*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE

LSB 204



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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 204

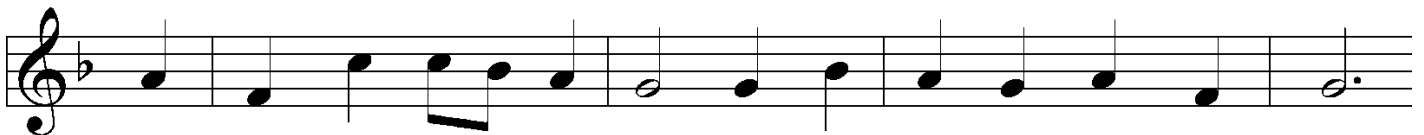
*“Gloria in Excelsis.”*



- 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. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 3:8-15

*(The first promise of a Savior from sin.)*

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM

## PSALM 130; ANTIPHON: V. 7

- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- P** Out of the depths  
**C** **I cry to you, O LORD!**
- P** O Lord, hear my voice!  
**C** **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- P** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
**C** **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But with you there is forgiveness,  
**C** **that you may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
**C** **and in his word I hope;**
- P** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
**C** **more than watchmen for the morning.**
- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
**C** **and with him is plentiful redemption.**
- P** And he will redeem Israel  
**C** **from all his iniquities.**
- 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** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

## EPISTLE

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

*(Therefore we do not lose heart)*

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. <sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*(please stand)*

## VERSE AND ALLELUIA

**P** Alleluia. Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.  
Alleluia. (*Psalm 127:1a.*)

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



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 3:20-35

*(Jesus accused by His family and teachers of the Law.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup>“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(please be seated)*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 668

*“Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”*



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for  
 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-stroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.  
 heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
 fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be  
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all  
 When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-protects you from them all.  
 harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.  
 fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.  
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
 Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure



Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
 Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,  
 Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.  
 Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.  
 To that great glo - ry which we sing.

**SERMON TEXT:**                2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 – 5:1  
**SERMON TITLE:**            “KEEP YOUR PERSPECTIVE”

*(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**

*“Wachet Auf”*

**ORGAN**

## 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.

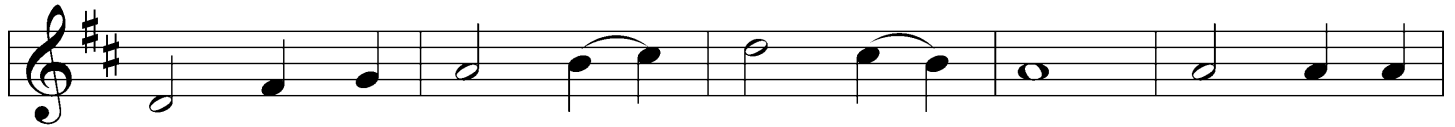
*(please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 461

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.**
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

# POSTLUDE

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## *To God Alone Be the Glory* **THOSE WHO SERVE**

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.....	Steve DeShaw
.....	Jerry Gilmore
.....	Dennis Wehmeyer
Altar Guild.....	Margie Norton / Michelle Wolfmuller
Teller.....	Merle Raven
Nursery .....	Michelle Boyles

## 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, Mary Ann Johnson, Diane Richey, & Melinda Richmond.

## **ILL OR RECOVERING**

❖ Walther Marcis (Pastor's father-in-law) has received all test results and he is not a candidate for the TAVR procedure.

❖ Kinsey Pase's scheduled delivery date is 7/3.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

❖ Allie Rambur had scans on 5/21 to make sure her cancer is still gone. All scans are clear!



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

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In memory of Jim Moritz

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