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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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 1, 2025



“DISCIPLESHIP IMPERATIVES”

AS WE GATHER

God calls, gather, enlightens, and sanctifies the Church on earth through the testimony and working of the Holy Spirit through His means of grace. It is clearly His work that is being done, but He has some “imperatives” for His Church to hold near and dear. Our discipleship is demonstrated as we live in accordance with God’s Word and His expectations for His people.

TEACHING CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Grace in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Ramey or the Elder on duty.

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

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 569 STS. 1-3

"In Adam We Have All Been One"



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel-lious man;
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
That we might hear His Shep-herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We are one at first because we all sinned. Let us confess our sin and sinfulness to God, our heavenly Father.

C We confess, Lord our God, that we have sinned in our thoughts, our rashly spoken words, and in acting for our own benefit, and not out of love. We cannot help ourselves, for we have fallen from being Your good creation. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us for Jesus' sake.

P In His great love our Father sent His only-begotten Son to pay for all sin and to rise victorious. We are one because of that gracious act! 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.

HYMN

LSB 569 STS. 4-6

"In Adam We Have All Been One"



4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,
5 Send us Thy Spir - it, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free
6 Then shall our song u - nit - ed rise To Thine e - ter - nal throne,



Thou great Good Shep-herd of man-kind, O hear us when we call.
From fan - cied wis - dom, self-sought ways, To make us one in Thee.
Where with the Fa - ther ev - er - more And Spir - it Thou art one.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy on us.
C Help us know the love that You have given us.
P Christ, have mercy on us.
C Help us show the love that You have given us.
P Lord, have mercy on us.
C Help us tell the love that You have given us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



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
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



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,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



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.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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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.

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:5-37

(God develops within His people all they need to know and do.)

L The First Reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter 4.

L ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,

and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

²⁷for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE

REVELATION 22:1-6, 12-20

(John sees a vision of heaven's perfection and glory.)

L The Epistle for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is from Revelation, chapter 22.

L ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." . . .

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 17:20-26

(Jesus prays for us, “that they may all be one.”)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 693

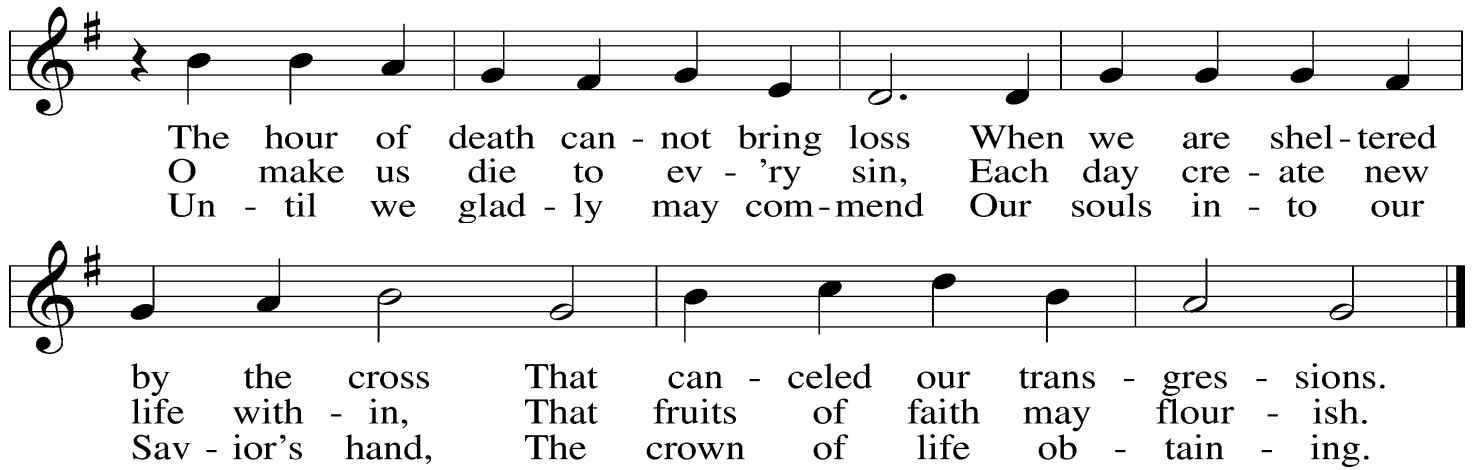
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”



- 1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



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SERMON TITLE: *“BE THE CHURCH! DISCIPLESHIP IMPERATIVES”*

(please stand)

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For our brothers and sisters in the one church here and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, that the Holy Spirit would guide and govern those who call Jesus Lord and that they be led into the way of truth, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Grant that they keep the faith in the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. Grant that they please You in all they do.**

P For those who sit in places of authority in this world, that God bless them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Grant that they respond to His grace by following His will and His commandments.**

P For those who travel, that they reach their destinations safely, serving Christ wherever they go, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Grant them wisdom and protection wherever they may be.**

P For all who raise crops and tend herds, all who distribute the world's bounty, and all who manage the resources of God's good creation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Open their eyes to see their efforts as serving God by ministering to the needs of people here and around the world.**

P For all who call out to God for healing and comfort, [*especially . . .*], that He visit and relieve them in His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Open doors of opportunity that we may aid their recovery and peace.**

P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, heavenly Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

ORGAN

“Es ist Gewisslich”

(please stand)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, holy Father, almighty and everlasting Lord, for You gave Your Son to take on Himself all sins and to raise Him victorious on Easter. Rejoicing to claim our place at His eternal feast, we unite our voices, evermore praising You and saying:

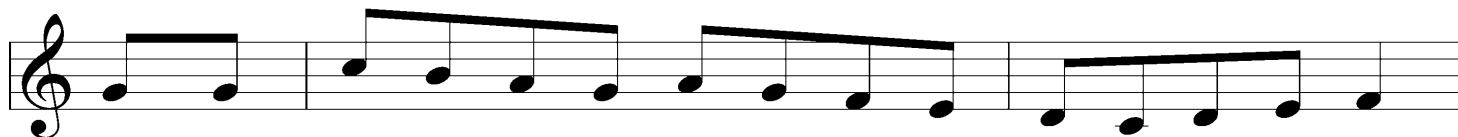
SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Thanks and praise to You, O Lord our God, King of all creation. We give thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

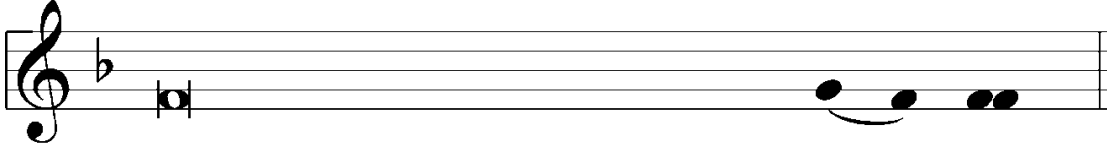
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

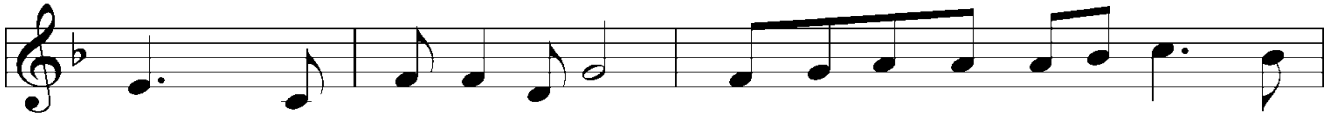
AGNUS DEI



C 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.

(please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"No Temple Now, No Gift of Price"

LSB 530

1 No tem - ple now, no gift of price, No priest - ly round of
 2 The dy - ing Lord our ran - som paid, One fi - nal full self -
 3 In faith and con - fi - dence draw near, With - in the ho - li -
 4 For Christ is ours! With pur - pose true The pil - grim path of

sac - ri - fice, Re - tain their an - cient pow'rs.
 of - f'ring made, Com - plete in ev - 'ry part.
 est ap - pear, With all who praise and pray;
 faith pur - sue, The road that Je - sus trod;

As shad - ows fade be - fore the sun The day of sac - ri -
 His fin - ished sac - ri - fice for sins The cov - e - nant of
 Who share one fam - i - ly, one feast, One great im - per - ish -
 Un - til by His pre - vail - ing grace We stand at last be -

fice is done, The day of grace is ours.
 grace be - gins, The law with - in the heart.
 a - ble Priest, One new and liv - ing way.
 fore His face, Our Sav - ior and our God.

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"In Christ There Is No East or West"

LSB 653

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

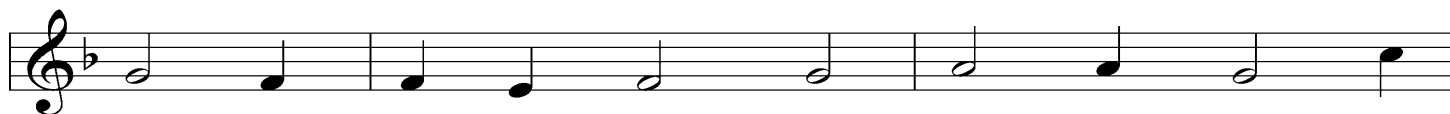
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“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

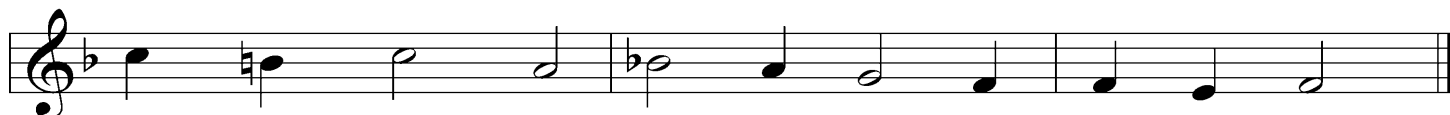
LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



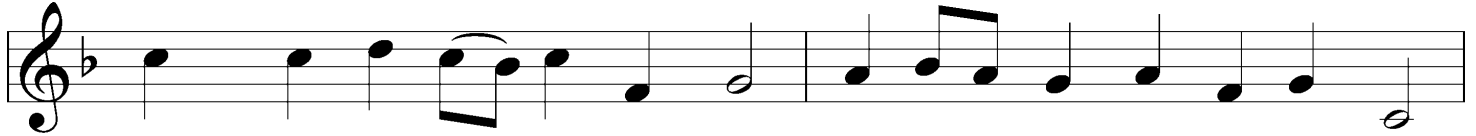
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164

"Thank the Lord"



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

BLESSING OF OUR CAMPERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 700

"Love Divine,, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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POSTLUDE

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 *To God Alone Be the Glory* 

THOSE WHO SERVE

- Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Mike Ramey
Reader Stacy Baker
Acolyte..... Dax Hritz
Organist..... Pat Lufholm
Elders Tim Benton / Mark Zimmerman
Ushers Steve DeShaw/Jerry Gilmore/Josh Jones/Brent Keese
Altar Guild Kelli Jones / Michelle Wolfmueller
Teller..... ?
Nursery Attendants Alanna & Kate Stansell

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- For our congregation as we make our way through this time of transition, that God would bless and guide us as we discover and affirm the mission and ministry of our congregation.
- For our Early Childhood Program (ECP) and the lives of the children and their families that are impacted as we share Jesus with them.
- For our community, that we see our neighbors with eyes of love and compassion, remembering that for each and every one of us, Jesus willing died on the cross to make us all children of the heavenly Father.
- For the upcoming Texas District Convention in Houston; for all delegates and participants for safe journeys; and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as new leaders are chosen, new boards determined, and decisions for our future are made.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

✝ Mike Barbian, Jo Burris, Jerry Damm, Eleanor Dillenburger, Mary Ann Johnston, Marilyn Richmond, Bernice Weinkauff, and their caregivers.

ILL AND RECOVERING

- ✝ Bill Hartzoge is scheduled to have his valve replacement surgery at Baylor-Scott in Plano this coming week.
- ✝ Pat Whitaker (friend of Chan Price) is undergoing radiation at MD Anderson.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ✝ Paul King (cousin of Gwen McWhorter) died unexpectedly on 5/15.
- ✝ Grandmother of Jonathan McCann & mother-in-law of Juli McCann died on 5/22 in San Diego, CA.
- ✝ Charles Colgan, member, died on 5/28 after receiving last rites from Pastor Ramey.



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

The Bibleville Team

In loving gratitude to the staff of Grace Lutheran Church

Grace in Action

For the Week Beginning June 1, 2025

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts is entitled, “Be the Church!” This series will run through the end of July. From God’s Word, we see how the early Christian Church began and how it was led by the Holy Spirit to live out its faith before others.

New Bible Study - June 15 – Pr. Ramey is starting a new study on S.T.E.P. – which will focus on Spiritual Gifts, Time, Experiences, and Passions. Included will be a Spiritual Gifts inventory and a personality assessment called DISC. All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this time of self-study and reflection.

Church Council Email: If you have questions, comments, or concerns for the Church Council we have a new email that will make it easier to connect. Please send emails to:
council@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org.

Dead Sea Scrolls at Midland Bible Church: *Treasures from the Hall of Faith* will be at Midland Bible Church May 8 – June 30. This exhibition includes various fragments of early Christian writings. Call 432.684.9722 for information. Brochures are available on the entryway table.



Mission Agape Servants: We serve this Tuesday, 2:30-3:30pm.

Midweek Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10:30am!

We are studying the Gospel of St. John each week in the Community Room; please join us. Bring your own Bible and (perhaps) a pad for notes!

This Week's Bible Verse



2025 Tellers Needed: Servants are still needed to assist in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. Check the **PINK SHEET** and sign up for the month you are available.

Readers Needed: There are still some open dates. Please check your calendar to see when you are available and sign up on the clipboard on the table in the entryway.

Transitional Task Force: It has begun! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30pm.

Father's Day: is June 15. Don't forget to celebrate your dad or that special person who fills that role in your life.

Donuts: Are you willing to pick up donuts for a month? It's super easy! You go to the drive-up window, say "Grace Lutheran" and they'll give you 3 bags. That's It! They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. Pick up at T & T Donuts at Wadley

and Garfield. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out on one of the available months.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays through the summer (excluding holidays) from **1 – 3pm** in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. Come join us! *New quilts will be on display May 11th – TODAY. Prices are \$65 for full quilts & \$45 for lap quilts. Make sure to tag your choice(s) quickly. They disappear FAST!*

Our Next Pillow Pal Party is on Sunday June 22nd. Grab some lunch and join us at noon in the Community Room. No experience needed. If you can tie a knot or write out a prayer card, you can make a pillow. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** to let us know you'll be there.



Grace Lutheran Church is excited to partner with ROPE Youth for the third year in a row for a service project **June 2nd – 6th**. This collaboration gives our church the opportunity to serve food-insecure families during the summer months—a time when many children lose access to regular school meals. Throughout the week, volunteers will be working at various locations, preparing, cooking, and handing out meals

to families in need. We need 5-6 volunteers each night. **SIGN UP ON THE PINK SHEET!**

VBS Meeting: All who signed up to help or didn't sign up and would like to help with VBS this year are asked to meet with Ms. Carol on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00. We will hear the plans for crafts, snacks, science, Storytime and games. If you signed up for one of these areas, please be ready to share your thoughts and ideas. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you will be there!

VBS: is July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 – 12:00. Use the QR Code below to register your child BY June 15. Children 3 yrs (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade are welcome! Invite your friends to join you In an Epic Australian Adventure!



2025 Flower Chart: is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. There are still a few dates open. Please help keep expenses down for our Altar Guild by signing up today for your special dates. Each vase is \$50. Complete an envelope next to the flower chart and **make sure to include your dedication.** Also, let us know if you want to keep your flowers or not by checking “yes” or “no” at the bottom the envelope. Flowers need to be picked up by Tuesday morning. **Make your checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.**

Our Next Blood Drive: Will be July 30th. Details are in the May newsletter. Location will be announced as we get closer to that date. Then you can sign up for your preferred time. Thanks for your understanding.

Life Quotes: “Watch and prepare for Jesus to return. Set your hearts on Him and on your life in Him. He is the beginning and end, the purpose and goal of your life. So there’s no need for tears as you see Him ascend. He is with you always. He will come back for His people soon. Then we will appear with Him in glory.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The Holy Spirit calls us to turn from the darkness of a self-centered life and come into the light of Jesus' self-giving love. (*John 16:20*)

Last Week’s Attendance at Grace

Sunday Divine Service (05/25)	101
Sunday School Attendance (05/25)	45
Adults	25
Bibleville.....	12
Youth	8
Pastor’s Bible Study (05/28)	14

Contributions as of 05/25/2025		
Weekly:	Need	\$19,598
	Received	\$ 8,277
	Balance	\$11,321
YTD:	Need	\$411,558
	Received	\$310,423
	Balance	(\$101,135)

*ECP is on Summer Break.
Keep our teachers and staff and their plans
for the next school year in your prayers.*

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Adult Fellowship Hall
..... *Pastor Mike Ramey*
Adult.....Parlor
Bible Stories Josh/Kelli Jones
Grades 7-8..... Youth Room
..... *Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton*
Grades 9-12 Youth Room
..... *Chad & Lisa Dalager*
Adventure Zones in Bibleville.....
..... *Ages 3 years – 6th Grade*

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday 06.01.25
7:30.....*The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
..... 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15..... Sunday School
10:30..... Divine Service w/Communion

Monday

JH/ HS Focal Point: Service Project
ROPE Food Truck Monday - Friday

Tuesday

2:30Mission Agape

Wednesday

Pastor Ramey at TX District Conv. 6/4 – 6/8

Thursday

1:00 Quilters

Next Sunday

06.08.25

7:30*The Lutheran Hour* KWEL AM
..... 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Elder Led Divine Service



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