



Grace Lutheran Church
40 N. Main St., Hatfield, PA 19440
Gracelutheranhatfield.org

To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Prelude *(10:30, Harold Schaefer, Guitar)*

Welcome and Affirmation of Mission Statement

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The children are invited to gather around the font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism,
we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—
from war and violence, illness and hunger,
homelessness and prejudice,
national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness
give thanks for the gift of baptism,
and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us
by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the
everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud
and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is
born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

We praise you for your saving waters throughout history, and here at the holy font we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight

was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 (Psalm will be *read* today)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**⁶While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**⁸I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 21st chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Community Trauma of “These Things” Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

*PRAYERS

To the petition “God, in your mercy” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

*GREETING OF THE PEACE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the plates at the sanctuary entrances. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. You may choose various forms of safe and easy electronic giving by credit card or direct deposit. Forms are in the narthex, or ask us for help getting signed up.

*OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

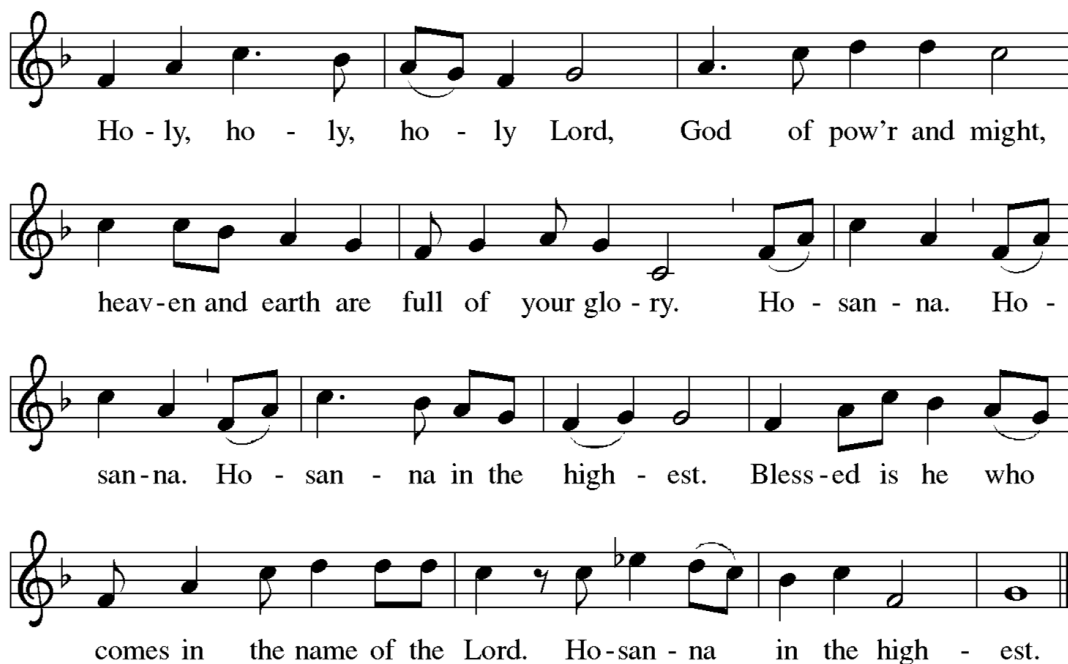
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.



P. 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:



In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

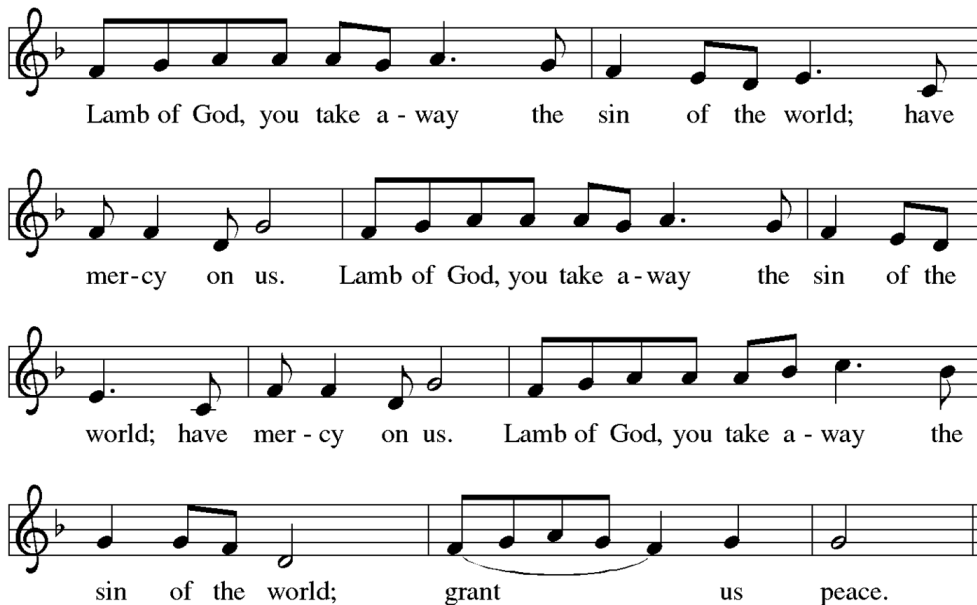
Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please wait for the ushers to invite your row forward following the Lamb of God. We kindly request that you keep at least six feet of distance from the person in front of or next to you.

LAMB OF GOD



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 indicate to an usher if you prefer to receive communion in your seat.

“Panis Angelicus”

by Cesar Frank

Soloist, Frank Stone, (10:30 only)

Panis Angelicus, Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum. Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

The angel's bread becomes the bread for all people. The heavenly bread ends all symbols
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish. The poor, poor, and humble servant.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

*BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Guest Organist, Annamarie Dieterle

Lector: 8:00 am, Peggy Schmidt; 10:30 am, Beth Krout

Ushers: 8:00 am, Bob Smyrl & Don Capanear; 10:30 am, Beth & Jeff Krout

Communion Assistant: 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, Janice Swartz; 10:30 am, Emily & Sue Weiland

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Lennon Kaler

Crucifer: 10:30 am, Jayson Tula

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Jeff Krout

Copyrights and permissions

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing,” text by Brian Wren, c. 1995 Hope Publishing Co. Used with permission under OneLicense A-739245.

Liturgical texts and music reprinted with permission under Augsburg Fortress Annual Liturgies License #SA-S025662.

John 21

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G | O | S | P | E | L | S | E | H | T | O | L | C | E |
| P | A | A | L | C | D | R | A | G | G | I | N | G | S |
| A | P | P | E | A | R | E | D | B | L | O | C | E | F |
| E | R | O | C | A | M | K | D | R | E | T | H | E | S |
| C | D | B | S | A | W | B | I | E | E | D | I | O | H |
| S | T | R | E | T | C | H | S | A | L | C | L | D | E |
| L | F | O | L | L | O | W | C | K | E | C | D | O | E |
| L | G | A | A | R | H | G | I | F | O | H | R | S | P |
| H | C | S | F | O | O | B | P | A | A | A | E | P | G |
| L | K | H | P | D | C | R | L | S | F | R | N | E | N |
| O | T | O | A | T | A | L | E | T | L | C | R | R | S |
| V | S | R | S | R | I | R | S | A | G | O | H | I | P |
| E | T | E | G | L | O | R | I | F | Y | A | A | S | R |
| E | O | O | O | L | G | O | L | A | H | L | P | E | O |

LOVE
GOSPEL
FOLLOW
ASHORE
LAMBS
DISCIPLES
GLORIFY
CLOTHES
APPEARED
CHARCOAL
DRAGGING
BREAKFAST
SHEEP
STRETCH
CHILDREN

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3594677/>

Grace Lutheran Church
Pastor Nancy M. Raabe

40 N. Main St., Hatfield, PA 19440 215-855-4676

Pastor: pastorgracehatfield@gmail.com

Office: graceassistant40@gmail.com

Stepping Stones: steppingstonesoffice@verizon.net, 215-368-2052



Thank you for worshiping with us today! A warm welcome to all extended families and visitors. Please join us again, if not in person then online; you can find the link to the livestream of our 10:30 service each week on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield, or on the Worship page of our website.

Mid-Week Worship Online includes brief, thoughtful services of Morning Prayer (Mon-Wed-Fri) and Evening Prayer (Monday). Join Pastor Raabe on our Facebook page.

We rely on your generous giving to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Please see the “Give” page of our website to direct your electronic giving. You can sign up with Pastor Raabe for direct deposit giving, you may text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815, or you may click on the adjacent QR code to make a gift. Thank you!



If you are in need of pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office at 215-855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639. Talk with her about prayer requests, concerns, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

Coming up at Grace:

- **Wine Tasting Fundraiser** for the Faith Build, May 7 from 7-9 p.m. Deadline to register for this is today. Don't miss this chance to sample wines from One Hope Vineyard and enjoy some good time together!

Next Sunday's readings:

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30