



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ

**May 15, 2022**  
**Fifth 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

**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.

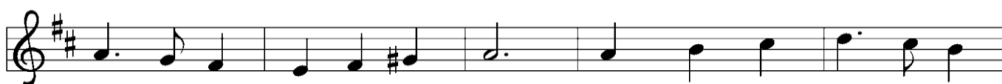
**Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## **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**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus

Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148

### *Refrain*

Carl Schalk

The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD! from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,
- <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**
- <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD! from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- <sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup>young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together. **R**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

Psalm prayer

### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 13:31-35

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon: “Uncompromising”**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



## **\*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.*

### **Music at the Offering: Trust and Obey**

**Lloyd Larson**

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

#### *Refrain*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

## \*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.**

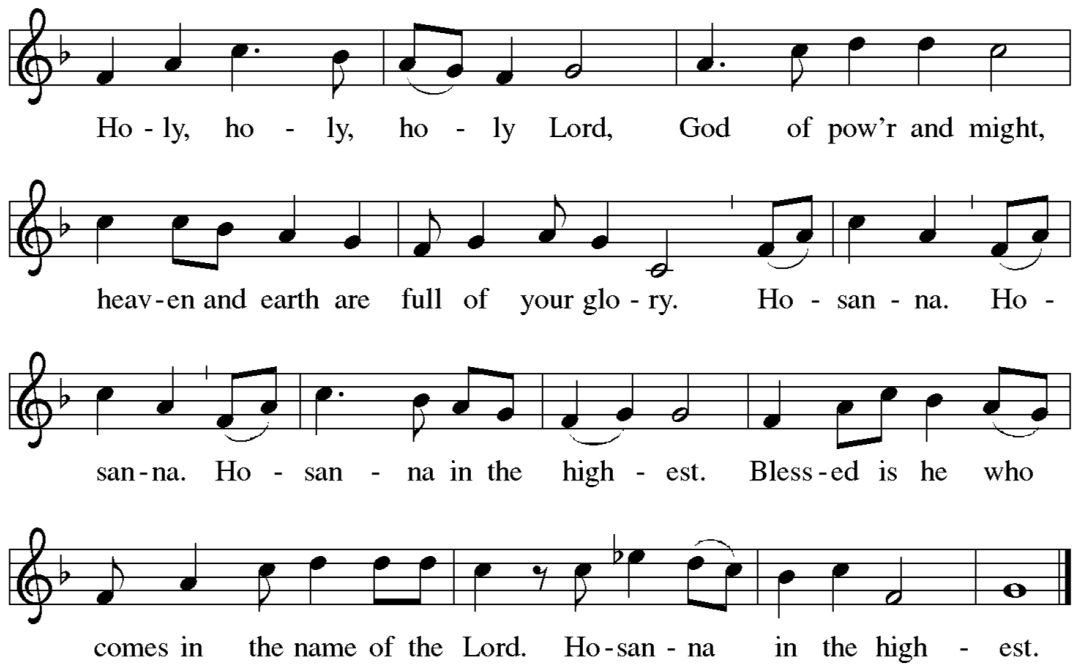
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.*

## \*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.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude: “Toccata in F”**

**Dietrich Buxtehude**

**Serving today**

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, Peggy Schmidt; 10:30 am, Jean Shaffer

Ushers: 8:00 am, Bob Smyrl & Don Capanear;

10:30 am, Kay Stone & Kathy Stawasz

Communion Assistant: 8:00 am, Bruce Schmidt; 10:30 am, Frank Stone

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

Video Team: Dan & Tami Sarm

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# Revelation

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**Mid-Week Worship Online** includes brief, thoughtful services of Morning Prayer (Mon-Wed-Fri) through May 27, and Evening Prayer (Monday), ongoing. Join Pastor Raabe on our Facebook page.

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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:**

**May 22:** Farewell reception for John and Bonnie Stangl after the 10:30 a.m. service

**Saturday, June 25 from 9 am-1 pm:** Grace Lutheran Day at the Faith Build site, 2714 Cowpath Rd. Twelve spots are available for Grace members to help frame the house. No experience needed! Lunch provided. Sign up in the narthex.

**Next Sunday's readings:**

**Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5; John 14:23-29**