



Grace Lutheran Church
40 N. Main St., Hatfield, PA 19440
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

May 8, 2022
Fourth 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: Harold Darke

Brother James' Air

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: Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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 God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Shepherd Me, O God

ELW 780

Congregation, refrain; cantor/choir, verses)

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my
hope. **Refrain**

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 10:22-30

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 10th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: “Dorcas: Clothier of Righteousness”

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, ev - er glad at heart I
Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
Noth - ing e - ver shall I fear know - ing that my Lord is
am; for my shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
near. In God's mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing,
knows my need and well pro - vides me,
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me;
through my days I tra - vel know - ing
loves me ev - 'ry day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
when I thirst he bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
I am shel - tered from all harm in my Sav - ior's lov - ing arms.

Text: Henriette Luise von Hayn (1724-1782), st. 1 and 2; Nancy Raabe, st. 3
Musical setting: Nancy Raabe

*PRAYERS

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

*LORD’S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven....

***GREETING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING and welcome to those watching from home

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.

***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.

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: Jesus Shall Reign**

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, The Seilers; 10:30 am, Slugg Family

Ushers: 8:00 am, The Seilers; 10:30 am, Slugg Family

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Elijah Krout

Crucifer: 10:30 am,

Video Team: Dan & Tami Sarm

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Mother’s Day Carnations/Sunflowers

In memory of his mother, Ellen and his mother-in-law, Dot from Richard Badman

In honor of his wife, Faye and his daughters-in-law, Caroline, Lonna, and Lianne from Richard Badman

In memory of Carol Capanear and Ida Capanear, from Don Capanear

In honor of Kate Capanear and Sue Snyder, from Don Capanear

In honor of his mother, Kate Capanear from Dean Capanear

In memory of Jeanette Schussler, from June Detweiler (carnation)

In memory of Anna Schussler and Grace Wenhold, from June Detweiler (sunflowers)

In honor of Wendy Walter, Vicki Barnes, and Nancy Sellers, from June Detweiler (carnations)

In memory of her mother, Gretal Bundschuh, from Kay Deussing

In memory of her mother, Virginia Fluck and her mother-in-law, Ella Hess, from Barbara Hess

In honor of her daughter-in-law, Susan Hess and her granddaughter, Rachel Berry, from Barbara Hess

In memory of her mother, Bertha Kulp and her mother-in-law, Mary Hoepfl, from Mabel Hoepfl

In memory of Ruth Karcewski and Dorothy Kratz, from Laura Kratz

In honor of Melissa Kratz, Tammy Dempsey, and Emma Dempsey, from Laura Kratz

In honor of Beth Krout and Laura Slugg, from Jeff and Elijah Krout

In memory of Rita MacDonald, from Paul and Carol MacDonald

In honor of Janet Williams, from Paul and Carol MacDonald

In honor of the brave mothers throughout the world, from Paul and Carol MacDonald

In memory of Helen Wolf, from Phyllis McKeefrey and Karen Heacock

In memory of their mothers, Mary Rufe and Helen Alderfer, and their grandmothers from Dale and Mary Jane Moyer

In honor of wife, mother, and nana, Mary Jane Moyer, from Dale, Mike, Cora, Allie and Mark

In honor of Cora Moyer, from Dale, Mary Jane, Mike and Allie

In memory of Karen Barr, Joan Lattanze, and Rose Oxenford, from Lynn and Mike Oxenford (carnations)

In honor of Lynn, Jessica, Ashley Lynn, Ashley Nicole, and Ashley Susan, from Mike Oxenford (sunflowers)

In honor of Ashley Plawa, Cheryl Groff, and Lynn Oxenford, from Zachary, Olivia and Ayla Plawa

In memory of Shirley Raabe and Mary Miller, from Pastor and Bill Raabe (sunflowers)

In honor of the people of Ukraine, from Pastor and Bill Raabe (sunflowers)

In memory of Muriel Rosenfelt, from Sue Rowbottom (carnation)

In honor of her daughters, Faith Rowbottom and Joy Rowbottom, from Sue Rowbottom (sunflowers)

In memory of Wanda Przybylski and Lillian Schmidt. from Peggy and Bruce Schmidt

In honor of Peggy Schmidt, from Mr. Smart T. Pants and Ellie Mae

In memory of Betty Schultz from Ken and Karen Seiler

In honor of Karen Seiler, Anita Spisak, and Loretta Seiler, from the Seiler Family

In memory of Clara Catherine Shaffer, Jean Estevez and Karen Cannon, from Bill and Jean Shaffer

In honor of Jean Shaffer, from Bill and Will Shaffer

In memory of their grandmothers, from Frank and Kay Stone

In memory of Frank's mother, Mildred Stone and Kay's mother, Sarah Smith, from Frank and Kay Stone

In honor of Amy Taylor, Kerry Stone, Jennifer Stone, Joan Buschman, Sally Stone, Julie Buschman, Carolyn Stone and Cady Stone, from Frank and Kay Stone

In memory of Betty Coyle, from the Tula Family

In honor of Patricia Boyer and Lisa Boyer, from the Tula Family

In honor of Wendy Walter, from Anna Walter

In honor of Wendy Walter from Bryan and Lauren Walter

In memory of Gail Walter, from the Walter Family

In Honor of June Detweiler and Nancy Sellers, from the Walter Family

In memory of their mother, Evelyn Watts, their grandmothers, Amy Detwiler and Anna Watts, their aunts, Ruth Watts and Marion Fretz, from Barbara and Beverly Watts

In honor of all the mothers at Paradise Manor, from Barbara Watts

In memory of Betty Stout, from Cindy and John Weierman

In honor of Jean, Cindy, Katie and Johanna Weierman, from the Weierman Family

In memory of Jean Meibohm and Thea Woltmann, from Emily and Rich Woltmann

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Thank you for worshipping 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:

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 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35