



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

May 22, 2022
Sixth 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: Berceuse

Louis Vierne

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: God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Refrain

Carl Schalk



- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on
earth. R
- ⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the

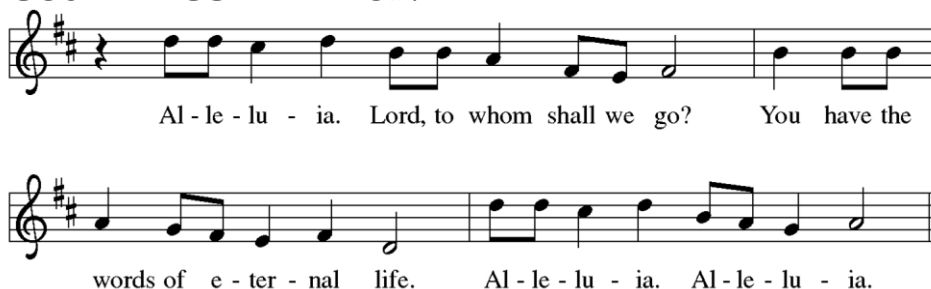
nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then 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. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. 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 there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Gospel: John 14:23-29

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 14th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and

do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Led by the Spirit"

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: The Spirit Led By Day (Acts 16:9-15)

1 The Spi - rit led by day, God spoke the word by night: So
2 One qui - et riv - er - side, one Sab - bath space for prayer: God's
3 Christ's ser - vants speak the word, and o - pen ears they find; they
4 One house - hold is bap - tized in this stra - te - gic place; one
5 Paul's com - pan - ions found their way; the Lord was all their light. The
cho - sen mo - ment to pro - vide life for his peo - ple there. They
see a - fresh the liv - ing Lord who o - pens heart and mind. So
o - pen door for Je - sus Christ, the first fruits of his grace: God,
9 miles a - cross the sea, the strug - gles o - ver - land, that
wor - ship Is - rael's God, and Ab - r'ham's Lord they fear; but
Ly - di - a be - lieves and finds her Christ has come; the
raise us from the dead, the ris - en Christ to know; his
13 one small group reach Phil - i - ppi, by grace to break new ground.
now from travel - lers on the road the mis - sing news they hear.
truth in - to her heart re - ceives, the church in - to her home.
name be praised, his gos - pel spread by church - es born to grow.

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***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....

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Bonnie and John, as you leave Grace, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The LORD said, “I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.” (Exodus 23:2)

Brief comments about those who are leaving and their life in the congregation may follow.

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his church. When you came to this congregation, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God’s loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God’s gifts in your new home and church, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for John and Bonnie
and for the time we have shared with them.

As they have been a blessing to us,
so now send them forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***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: In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when stirrings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

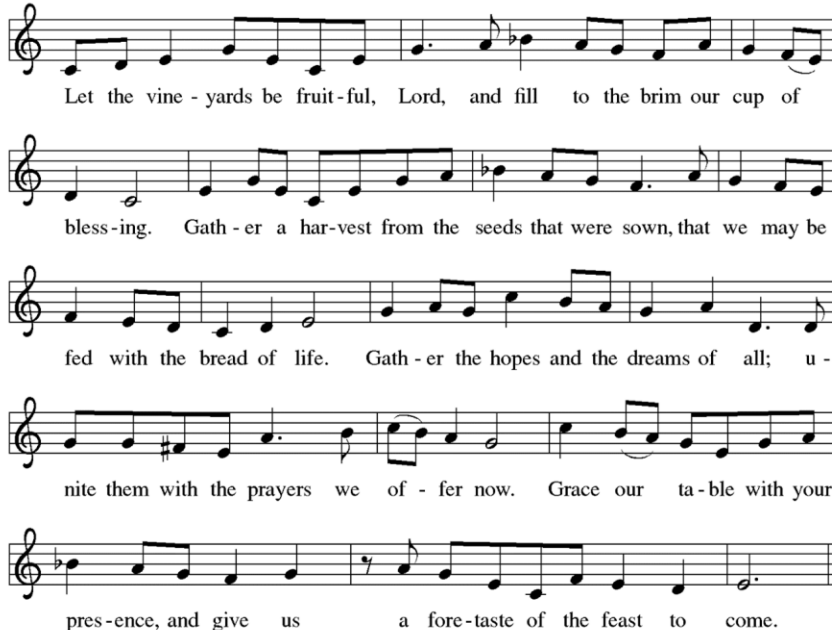
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones, He came to save,
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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*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.**

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: Fanfare

Richard Proulx

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, Walter Family; 10:30 am, Jean Shaffer

Ushers: 8:00 am, Walter Family; 10:30 am, TBD

Acolyte & Crucifer: Jayson Tula

Video Team: Dan & Tami Sarm

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Acts 16 Missionary Journey

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- NEWS
- VISION
- PURPLE
- LYDIA
- LISTEN
- PRAYER
- BAPTIZED
- ROMAN
- PROCLAIM
- HEART
- NEAPOLIS
- CONVINCED
- URGED
- SABBATH
- COLONY
- MACEDONIA
- CROSS
- TROAS
- FAITHFUL

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! A warm welcome to all extended families and visitors. If you would like to join us online at any time 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) through May 27, and Evening Prayer (Monday), ongoing. 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 arrange for your 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 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14; John 17:20-26