



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

May 12, 2024
The Ascension of Our Lord
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: You are Holy

ELW 525

(8:00, Kevin; 10:30, Harold Schaefer, Lou Marucci and Dan Sarm)

GATHERING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**



Look, here is water!

C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through
the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the
sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

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GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
(10:30am with Handbells)

ELW 392

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



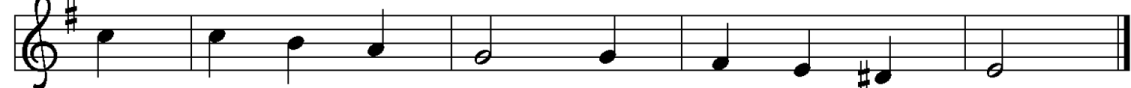
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
3 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lú - ia!
Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.



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Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11



[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1



The LORD knows the way of the righ - teous.



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The third staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The sixth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. 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Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: Jesus, Everywhere

Pastor Nancy Raabe

Please stand.

HYMN of the DAY: Though I May Speak



Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the
Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing
Come, Spir - it come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, and have not love,
so my love pro - fess, but not be giv'n
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love



my words are vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
by love with - in the pro - fit soon turns strange - ly thin.
guide ev' - ry deed, by this we wor ship and are freed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

To the petition “God of grace,” 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

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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Music at the Offering: Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

(10:30, Harold Schaefer, Lou Marucci and Dan Sarm; Kevin, piano)

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: O Christ, Our Hope

ELW 604

DISMISSAL

P. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: A Simple Celebration (bell choir)

arr. Kevin McChesney

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8am, The Seilers; 10:30am, C. MacDonald

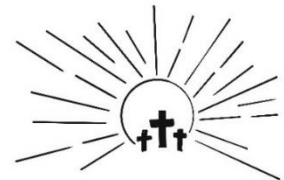
Ushers: 8am, The Seilers; 10:30am, C. & P. MacDonald

Acolyte: 8am, Usher; 10:30am, C. MacDonald

Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt

Council Offering & Lockup: 8am, D. Capanear; 10:30am, TBD

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



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Mother's Day Carnations

In memory of Jeanette Schussler, Thresa Schlossman, Grace Wenhold, Anna Schussler, and Anna Detweiler from June Detweiler

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

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

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

In memory of her mother, Ruth Karcewski and her mother-in-law, Dorothy Kratz from Laura Kratz

In honor of her daughter, Tammy Dempsey, her daughter-in-law, Melissa Kratz and her granddaughter, Emma Dempsey from Laura Kratz

In memory of Helen Wolf from Phyllis McKeefrey and Karen Heacock

In memory of her mother, Dorothy Gibson, her mother-in-law, Marie Miller, her grandmother, Blanche Hagginbothom, and her grandmother, Caroline Gibson from Diane and Ron Miller

In memory of her mother, Mary Rufe, her mother-in-law, Helen Alderfer and her grandmothers from Mary Jane Moyer

In honor of Cora Moyer, Suzanne Morrell, and Jessica Herbert from Mary Jane Moyer

In memory of Karen Barr, Joan Plawa, and Rose Oxenford from Mike and Lynn Oxenford

In honor of Lynn Plawa-Oxenford, Jessica Hartshorn, Ashley Reiss, Ashley Lynn Plawa and Ashley Nicole Plawa from Mike Oxenford

In honor of Ashley Plawa from Zachary, Olivia and Ayla Plawa

In honor of Lynn Plawa-Oxenford from her Grand Babies, Olivia and Ayla

In memory of Theresa St. Mary from Linda Pribbernow

In honor of Amy Woleslagle, Jody and Jen Pribbernow from Linda Pribbernow

In memory of Shirley (Oma) Raabe and Macky (Grandma Miller) Miller from Pastor and Bill Raabe, Margaret Van Horn, and Martin Raabe

In memory of their mothers, Lucille Price and Marie Salter from Joyce and Tom Salter

In honor of Kristin Boldon (Fischer) and Laura Slugg from Joyce and Tom Salter

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

In honor of Peggy Schmidt from Mr. Smart T. Pants and Hazel Marie

In memory of Betty Schultz, Ann Pesavento, and Mina Schultz from Ken and Karen Seiler

In honor of Anita Spisak, Loretta Seiler and Karen Seiler from Ken Seiler

In memory of Bill's mother, Clara Catherine Shaffer and Jean's mother, Jean Estevez from Bill and Jean Shaffer

In honor of Jean's daughter, Jeanine Cabrera and Tori Shaffer from Bill and Jean 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, Lisa Boyer, and Crystal Tula 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, Ruth Walter, Mildred Fenstermacher, Jeanette Schussler, and Thresa Schlossman from Dan and Wendy Walter

In Honor of June Detweiler and Nancy Sellers from Dan and Wendy Walter

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

In honor of all the ladies at Paradise Manor from Barbara Watts

In memory of Betty Stout from the Weierman Family

In honor of Jean, Cindy, Katie and Johanna Weierman from John Weierman

In memory of Gertrude McClary, Gertrude Walter and Gretal Bundshuh from Sue Wieland

In Honor of Robin Moseng and Sue Wieland from Sue Wieland

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

In memory of Elizabeth Younger and Marilyn Forst from the Younger Family

Happy Mother's Day!



Pastoral Care



If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life. She may be easily reached by phone or text at 614.214.2639.



Thank you for worshipping with us today! A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us again in person or online; find the link to the livestream of our 10:30 am service each week on our website or at www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield

Thank you for your gifts to Grace!

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost Sunday.
- Sunday, May 26 is Holy Trinity Sunday and we begin ONE worship service at 9:15 am.
- Also on May 26th, following worship you are invited to the first of our summer forums in Fellowship Hall. On that same day at 4:00 pm we have the first of our healing services on fourth Sundays.
- Confirmation Sunday takes place on June 2.



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