



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

4th Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Susanna Faust, Minister of Music
Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized.

Prelude: Andantino from Sonata for Organ

**by Florence Beatrice Price
(1887-1953)**

GATHERING

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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



Look, here is water! *Water is poured into the font.*

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.

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.

Look, here is water!

C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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.**

Look, here is water!

C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW Setting 6)

James Capers (1948-2025)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

Prayer of the Day

P. 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. **C. Amen**

WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

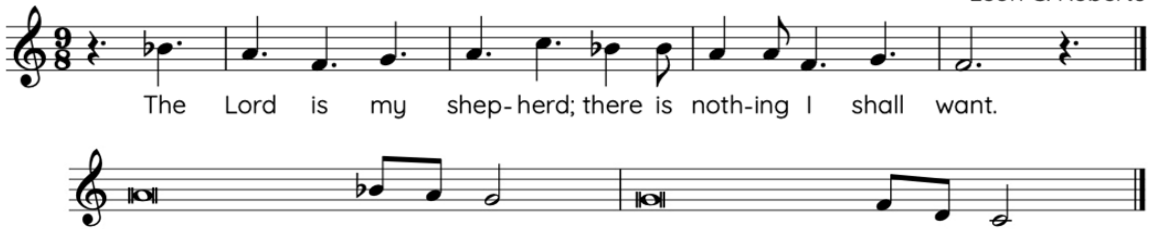
³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So 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. ⁴⁰ Peter 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



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

Psalm 23

Leon C. Roberts



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹ And 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, ¹² singing,

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

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I 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.

¹⁵ For 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.

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

¹⁷ for 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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message (10:30 a.m.)

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So 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.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do

not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon: Listening

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

PRAYERS

To the petition "Hear us, O God," please respond: "Your mercy is great."



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time. You may also use this QR code to give using your credit card, or you may text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815.



Music at the Offering:

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

**Undine Smith Moore
(1904-1989)**

We shall walk through the valley in peace,
We shall walk through the valley in peace,
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there,
There will be no trials there,
If Jesus himself shall be our leader
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

OFFERTORY

ELW Setting 3



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. Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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....
....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins_ of the world, grant_ us_ peace, grant_ us_ peace.

Communion Hymn: Shepherd Me, O God

ELW 780

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

DISMISSAL

A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A. Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**by Anne Krentz Organ
(1960-)**

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: 8:00am, D. Kunkel; 10:30am, J. Shaffer

Ushers: 8:00am, Walter Family; 10:30am, The MacDonalds

Communion Assistant: 8:00am, D. Kunkel; 10:30am, C. Farrell

Altar Guild: 8:00am, J. Swartz; 10:30am, J. Kaler

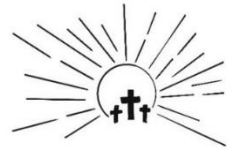
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, Usher

Altar Flower Prep: C. MacDonald

Coffee Hour: D. Capanear

Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, Walter Family; 10:30am, J. Krout

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm





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, Greta 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 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 Gail's mom, Arlene Wayland and Chris's mom, Dolores Lockner from Gail and Chris Lockner

In honor of their daughter, Brittany and their daughter-in-law, Tina from Gail and Chris Lockner

In memory of Helen Wolf from Phyllis McKeefrey and Karen Heacock

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

In honor of her daughter-in-law, Cora Moyer, her sister, Suzanne Morrell, and her niece, 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, Ashley Nicole Plawa and Maddie Oxenford from Mike Oxenford

In honor of their mommy, Ashley Plawa, from Olivia, Ayla and Marvis Plawa

In honor of Ashley Plawa, Cheryl Groff, and Lynn Plawa-Oxenford from Zach Plawa

In memory of Theresa St. Mary from Linda Pribbernow

In honor of Amy, Jody and Jen from Linda Pribbernow
In memory of Karen's mom, Betty Schultz, Karen's grandmother, Mina Schultz
and Ken's Grandmom, Ann Pesavento from Ken and Karen Seiler
In honor of Ken's mom, Anita Spisak and Ken's stepmom, Loretta Seiler
from Ken and Karen Seiler
In memory of Bill's mother and father, Clara and Earl Shaffer, Jean's mother and
father, Jean and Joe Estevez and Edward Mika and Karen Cannon from Bill and
Jean Shaffer
In honor of Jeanine Cabrera and Tori Shaffer from Bill and Jean Shaffer
In memory of Geneva Kutcher from Bev Smith
In honor of Bev Smith from Heather Bell
In memory of Mary Zuech from Bob and Debbie Smyrl
In honor of Enda Kebble from Bob and Debbie Smyrl
In honor of Debbie Zuech-Smyrl from Bob Smyrl
In Memory of Bob's mother, Jane Stawasz from the Stawasz family
In honor of Kathy's mother, Ruthann Rex from the Stawasz family
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, and Joan Buschman
from Frank and Kay Stone
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, Jeanette Schussler, and Thresa
Schlossman from the Walter Family
In Honor of June Detweiler and Nancy Sellers from the Walter family
In memory of Betty Stout from the Weierman Family
In honor of Jean, Cindy, Katie and Johanna Weierman from the Weierman family
In memory of Gertrude McClary, Gertrude Walter and Trudy McClary
from Sue Weiland
In Honor of Robin Moseng from Sue (Mom) Wieland
In memory of Jean Meibohm and Thea Woltmann from Emily and Rich
Woltmann
In honor of Dorothy Shiffler and Lori Woltmann from Emily and Rich Woltmann

Word Search: Names for “Mother” in other languages

G	M	Y	X	Y	P	I	O	Q	S	Z	O
A	J	O	B	M	A	J	K	A	Y	C	O
V	Z	T	T	Q	A	H	M	J	L	B	E
U	Z	F	S	I	N	D	U	K	M	M	M
D	W	A	P	W	N	A	R	A	T	X	O
P	F	N	P	A	B	A	K	E	C	P	E
G	N	Y	M	U	T	T	E	R	D	I	D
O	K	A	A	S	A	N	M	X	Z	N	E
B	M	V	N	M	A	M	M	A	Z	A	R
G	Z	C	W	A	N	W	Z	I	I	U	V
I	J	Y	F	N	Y	M	K	T	D	K	U
E	X	I	Q	G	U	E	O	I	H	V	O

AHM
ATTI
ANYA
INDUK
MADRE
MAIKO
MAJKA

MAMAN
MAMMA
MATKA
MOEDER
MOTINA
MUTTER
MZAZI

NANAY
OKAASAN

(See next page for
countries of origin)

Mother names:

Ahm (Arabic)
Maiko (Bulgarian)
Majka (Croatian)
Matka (Czech)
Moeder (Dutch)
Nanay (Filipino)

Aiti (Finnish)
Maman (French)
Mutter (German)
Anya (Hungarian)
Induk (Indonesian)
Madre (Spanish)

Mamma (Italian)
Okaasan (Japanese)
Mzazi (Swahili)
Motina (Lithuanian)

Copyrights and Permissions

Used with permission under OneLicense A-739245 (includes podcasting) and CCLI #21382258 and 21382265:

Andantino from Sonata for Organ (1927) public domain

Psalm 23 refrain by Leon Roberts, c. 1998 Augsburg Fortress

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, by Anne Krentz Organ, c.1995 Augsburg Fortress

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace, arr. Undine Smith Moore, c. 1977 Augsburg Fortress

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



Thank you for worshiping 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 service each week on our website, with this QR code, or at www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield.



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

