



Grace Lutheran Church  
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 18, 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

*We rejoice today in the baptisms at 10:30 a.m. of  
Bryson Callaghan-Croley and Blakleigh Bellesfield!*

**Prelude: Soufiane**

**by Halim El-Dabh  
(1921-2017)**

**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 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. **C. 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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148



- <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**

## 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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message (10:30 a.m.)**

**Annette Dittman**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**ELW Setting 6**



**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon: A Daily Journey of Conversion**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

**HYMN of the DAY: You Are the Way**

**ELW 758**

**Liturgy of Holy Baptism**    *(please see insert)*

## **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: Let Us Come**

**by Karen Marrolli  
(1975- )**



## 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.**

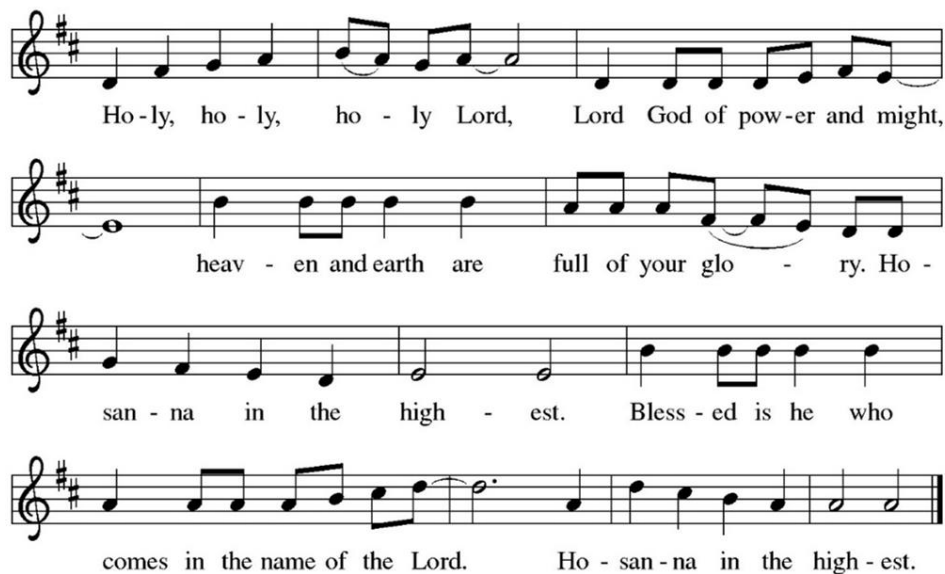
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW 708

*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 and Stepping Stones art presentation

*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: Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

## DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Just a Closer Walk**

**by Marianne Kim**

## **Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: 8:00am, G. Lockner; 10:30am, F. Stone

Ushers: 8:00am, D. Kunkel & D. Capanear; 10:30am, J. Krout & J. Kaler

Communion Assistant: 8:00am, G. Lockner; 10:30am, F. Stone

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

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

Altar Flower Prep: K. Stawasz

Coffee Hour: Pastor Raabe

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

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*Note that next week we move to our summer schedule of one service at 9:15 a.m.*



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