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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Introduction to the day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
[Please stand as you are able.]*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator (ACS 1091)

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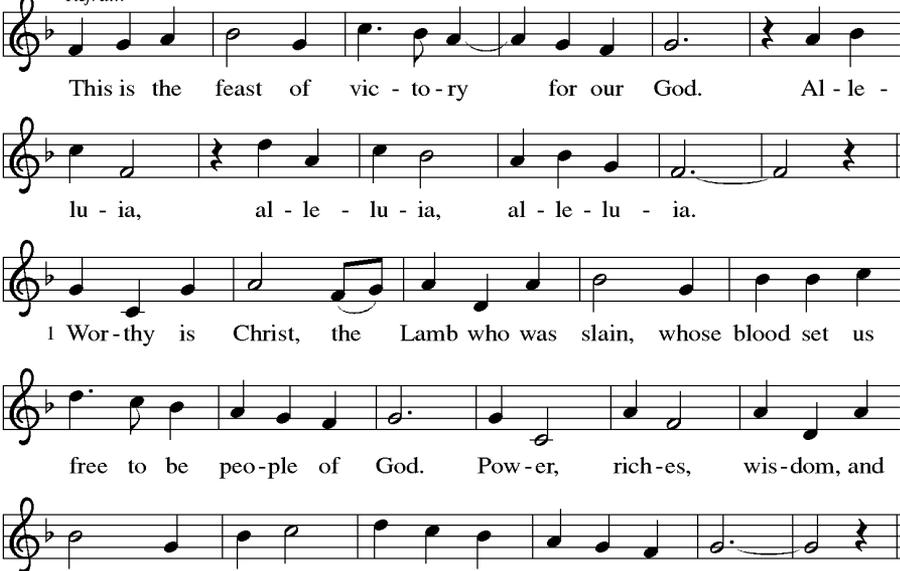
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
I Wor - thy 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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

(At this time all the children (pre-k thru 2nd grade) who would like to join us for children's church are asked to join us in the back.)

[The assembly is seated]

FIRST READING : : Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is
exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**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!**

SECOND READING: : Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the
holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud
voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's people, and that very God will be with them,⁴ and 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.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new,” and also said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then the one seated on the throne 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.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able.]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are ¹ my disciples* if you have love for ¹ one another. *Alleluia.* (John 13:35)

GOSPEL: : John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

[The assembly is seated]

SERMON

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)

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CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(other prayers may be offered at this time, silently or loud.)

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

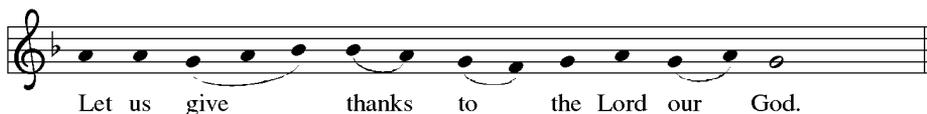
(At this time share peace with your neighbor around you.)

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, **Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "Ho - ly" and "Ho - san - na".

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

[The assembly is seated]

COMMUNION *(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)*

*The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The blood of Christ; shed for you. **Amen***

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INSERTED MUSIC

Where Charity and Love Prevail (TWENTY-FOURTH) (ELW 359)

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Beloved, God's Chosen (ANDREW'S SONG) (ELW 648)

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[Please stand as you are able]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (TURNBULL) (ELW 383)

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD LOAF FOR THE MONTH OF MAY IS GOING TOWARD KENTUCKY STORM RELIEF.

For the last two weeks, we have been reading stories and learning more about Indiana-Kentucky Synod Disaster Response. The offering at our upcoming Synod Assembly is designated for this program to help with recovery from the Kentucky tornadoes in December and to prepare for future disasters. You can use the envelope and donation card provided in your bulletin today to give a gift that we will take with us to the synod assembly this year. Or, you can scan the QR code with your phone and donate a gift online on the synod website. We look forward to hand delivering your offering for this vital ministry of our synod as our voting members attend Synod Assembly in June.

Permanent Endowment Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 years are available in the church office. Deadline to turn in your applications is July, 2022. If you have any questions please see Pastor Matt, or any of the following committee members, Brad Nelson, Penny Samuels, Janet Knafel, and Pam Shanahan.

If you know someone that is Graduating from college or high school, please let the office know, by calling us at 260-244-7118 or emailing us at office.gracelutheran@gmail.com

If someone you know needs some extra prayers through a hard time or sickness, please email the office at prayers.gracelutheran@gmail.com

Life Line Screening will be here at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Fliers are on the tables in the hallway, there is also posters by the kitchen, nursery room, and just down from the council board. There is no time like the present to take action!

Fundraiser to support the Preschool: Shop with Scrip through the RaiseRight App or through the website shopwithscrip.com.

→Buy gift cards for places you already shop at with reloadable gift cards, e-cards or physical gift cards. There is no extra charge to you.
→Example: If you shop at Walmart for groceries, you can purchase a gift card for \$100.00. You can purchase a physical gift card that will be sent straight to your house, or you can choose a reloadable card that will be put right on your App. You are already spending that money at the grocery store so why not buy a gift card before you go to the store to help the Preschool?

Organization name: Grace Lutheran Church Preschool

Enrollment Code: AL22LAE586216

Weekly agenda at Grace Lutheran church

Monday May 16,2022

Parents of addicted loved ones (PAL) 6pm

Cub scouts 3082 6pm

Alcoholics anonymous 7:30pm

Tuesday May 17,2022

T.O.P.S 9-11am

Care team 10:30am

Spring Luncheon 11:30am

Wednesday May 18,2022

Men's breakfast 8am

Food pantry 12pm

Food voucher distribution 4pm

Thursday May 19,2022

Preschool field Day 8:30-11:30am

Helping hands 12:30-2pm

First Communion Class 3pm

AA/AL anonymous 7:30-8:30pm

Friday May 20,2022

Pastors day off

Food pantry 12-2pm

Preschool field Day 8:30-11:30am

Preschool field Day 12:30-3:30pm

Saturday May 21,2022

Sunday May 22,2022

Worship at Hope 8:15am

Worship at Grace 10am

Fellowship Hour 11:15am

Girl scouts 5pm

**We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour.
Coffee hour will be after church service, for any one that would like
to stay.**

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)



God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

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