



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

150 Years of Grace

Celebrating a
century and a half
of serving God
and our community

April 28, 2024 | 9:30 A.M.

Program Following the Service/Dinner at 11:30 am

All are welcome!

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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/PRELUDE “All Night, All Day” Bell Choir

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GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

P:: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

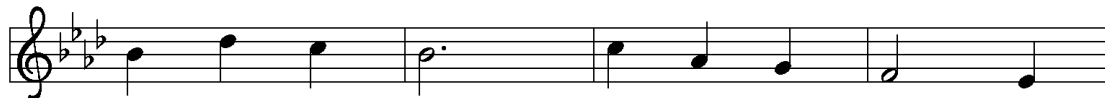
C: Amen.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

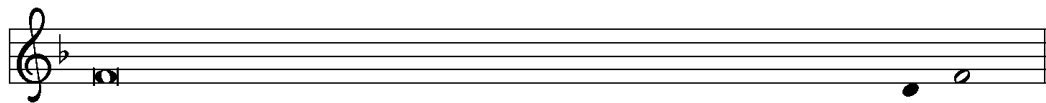
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



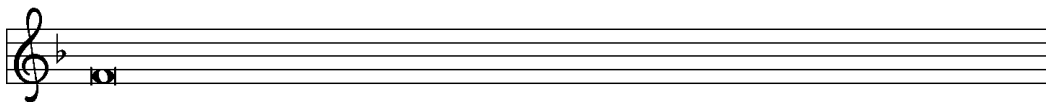
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



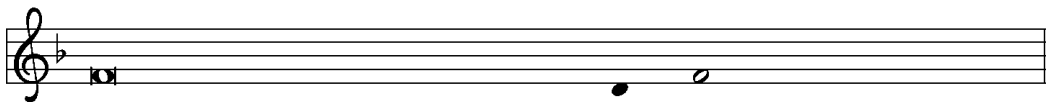
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



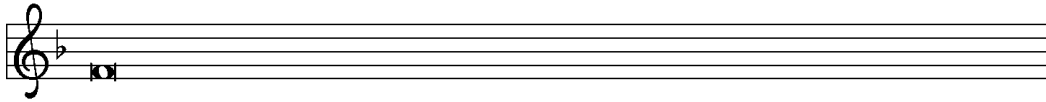
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



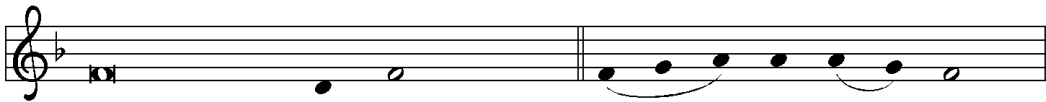
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



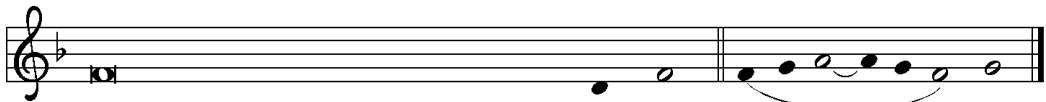
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “May This Church Be Like a Tree”

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”

³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”

³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who

say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Bishop Craig Satterlee

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

B: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

B: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY Bishop Craig Satterlee

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

R449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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NICENE 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

(Response after each petition)

P: ... let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

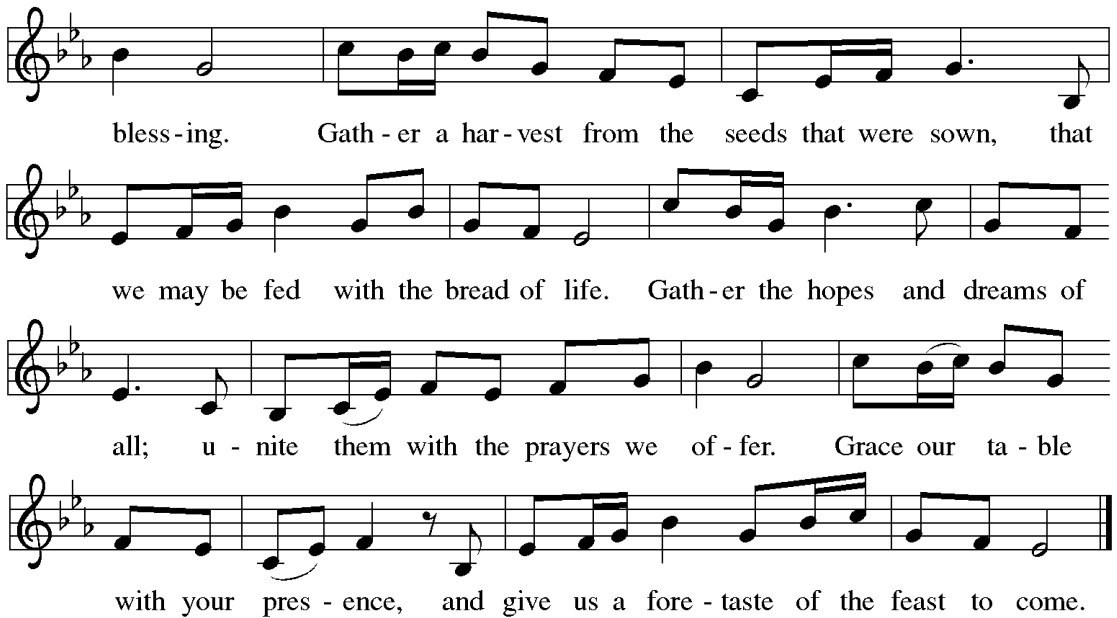
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

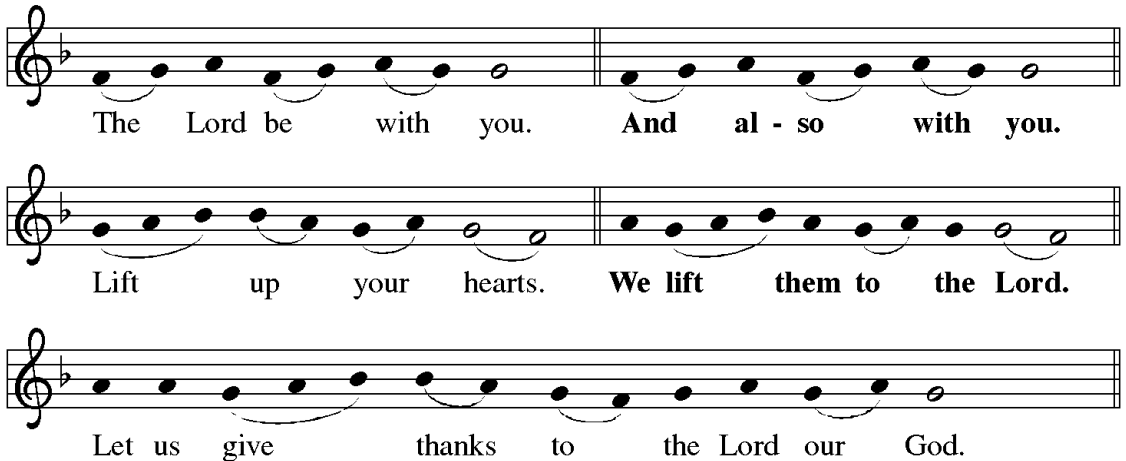


bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,
C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after 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. Amen.

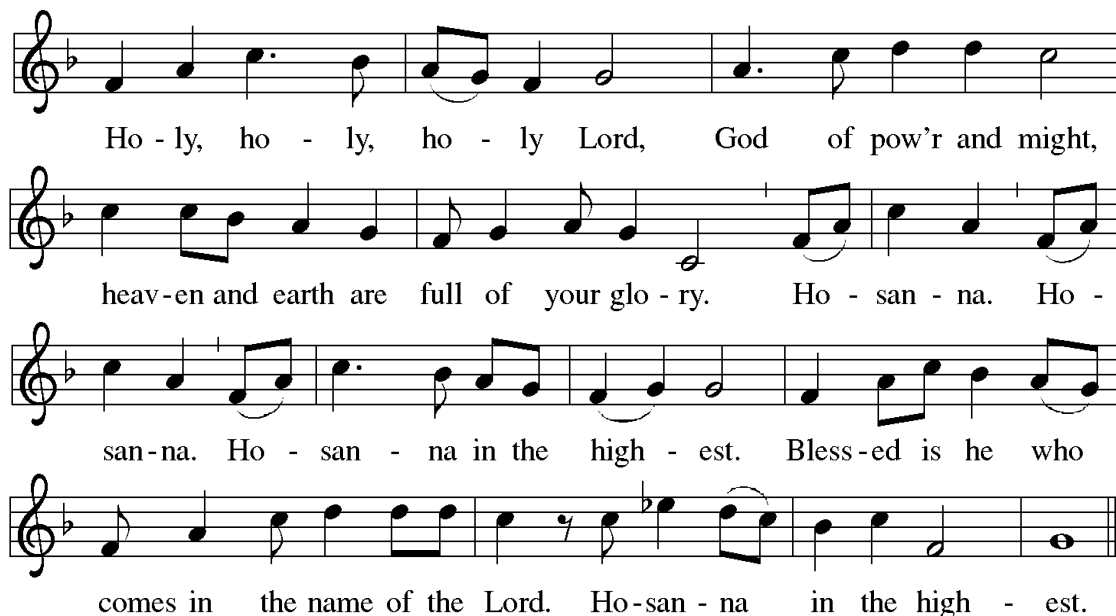
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



B: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- B: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
- B: O God of resurrection and new life ...
Grace our table with your presence.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- B: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

B: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

B: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of text, the second and third staves cover the second line, and the fourth staff covers the third line. The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

R474

Refrain



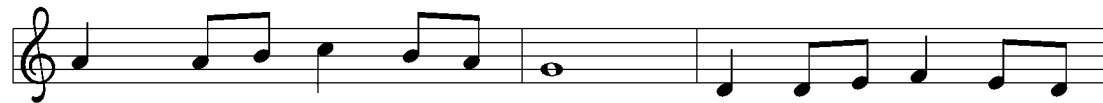
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

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

B: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,

C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

B: 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.

SENDING HYMN

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

R452



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Loving Memory
of
Gloria (Bertrand) Moore
by
Her Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Adam Kamyszek, Diane Prevost, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Administration Ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Bethany Lutheran Church/ Northport, Rev. Chrysanne Timm and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Sunday School class today, April 28 before we conclude for summer break. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA - MAY 4

Grace Lutheran is hosting an afternoon tea on May 4 from 2-3:30 p.m. All ladies, and young ladies, are invited. Come and enjoy the festivities steeped in old traditions and new traditions. Sandwiches, desserts and tea provided. **Dress is casual.** There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Office Lobby. Cost: \$5 Suggested Donation. All proceeds will go to Grace Lutheran's Little Food Pantry.

BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May. Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed. A list of needed items may be found on the table in the Office Lobby.

THANK YOU

Some say it takes a village to raise a child. Over the past week, I have seen the congregation of Grace help to provide a lovely fellowship for the family and friends of our beloved child of God, Taylor. Thank you and God bless all who helped. -- Jeanne

DISCUSSION ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN/ RELATIVES - MAY 1 AT 7 PM

Join the MLK Committee of Northeast Michigan on Wednesday, May 1 for their monthly discussion series on issues of justice and equality. The topic for May is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Relatives facilitated by Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis. It is held in the Lounge at Grace Lutheran and also online. Contact Pastor Tom for the resources to read or the Zoom link.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA

Proclaiming Christ and prayerfully participating in Jesus' own work of reconciling the world to God's very self!



We are the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. As one of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we work to support the congregations and pastors across our geographic region.

In supporting congregations, the Synod provides resources for candidates for rostered leadership, mission, outreach, renewal, youth, faith formation, outdoor ministry, social ministry, worship, public engagement, global mission, and much more.

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The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee. Ph.D., Bishop

Bishop Satterlee finds visiting the congregations of our synod to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments a great joy and Bishop Satterlee and his wife Cathy are excited to be with us today for worship!



Ordained in 1987, Bishop Satterlee has served congregations in Upstate New York and Michigan. Prior to being elected Bishop, he served as Professor of Homiletics (preaching) at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Dean of the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program and adjunct professor in the Department of Theology at The University of Notre Dame. Learn more at <https://craigasatterlee.com>.

When they arrive, Bishop Satterlee and Cathy will want to settle in and see the worship space. Since the bishop is focused on worship and concentrating on the sermon, conversations on other matters are best had after the service. Bishop Satterlee either holds a forum as part of his visit or is around after the service to meet people and answer questions informally. During worship, Cathy does her best to be available to the bishop if needed.

Bishop Satterlee is legally blind and generally leads worship from memory. Memorizing is a prayerful and time-consuming discipline for him. Bishop Satterlee invites the assembly to put down their bulletins and watch and listen to the service. When his words differ from what is printed, Bishop Satterlee's are the "right" words. In fact, since he has a reservoir of liturgical texts in his head and at his disposal, Bishop Satterlee has been known to spontaneously, yet intentionally, change the liturgy.

In keeping with *The Use of the Means of Grace*, Bishop Satterlee's default practice is to commune baptized children. Children and adults who receive a blessing can aid him by folding their arms across their chests when they come forward.

Bishop Satterlee genuinely desires to meet you. Please understand that he cannot recognize people by sight and sometimes by voice. When you greet Bishop Satterlee, it is best to remind him of your name. Although we call this "The Bishop's Visit," Bishop Satterlee is our synod's pastor and he and Cathy are among us as partners in the gospel and siblings in Christ. Please welcome them!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –28th

8:50 am Choir Practice
9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am 150th Anniversary
Celebration

Monday - 29th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Tuesday - 30th

8am-noon Church Office Open
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am Pastors Text Study

Wednesday - 1st

8am-noon Church Office Open
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm MLK Committee-Lounge

Thursday - 2nd

8am-noon Church Office Open
1:30 pm ReBoot Meeting

Friday - 3rd

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 4th

2:00 pm Ladies Tea
5:00 pm Worship

SERVING APRIL 28

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Witt
Organist/AccompanistKat Tomaszewski
LectorCorinne Fraley
Comm. Asst...... Jeanne Pankey, Brandi Stone
Ushers..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
..... Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
GreetersJoe & Dawn Gentry
Altar Guild..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters..... Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour 150th Anniversary Dinner

SERVING MAY 4/5

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director..... Claire Witt
Recorded Accompaniment..Kat Tomaszewski
Lector Mike Urlaub
Comm. Asst... Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Ushers.....Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske
..... Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
Greeters Wayne & Chris Christopherson
Altar Guild..... Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour .. Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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