



This Sunday

8:30am Pastor's Study
(Fellowship Hall)

9am Sunday
Discussion Group
(Campus Ministry Center)

9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

Meet & Greet DCO
Candidate
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

12:30pm GAB Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter



David H. Brooks, Pastor

*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

TODAY'S VERSE:

*I made known to them Your name, and I will continue
to make it known, that the love with which You have
loved Me may be in them, and I in them. –John 17:26*

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

Worshiping with us for the first time?

*Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.
If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!*

*We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.*

INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples “may become perfectly one” in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from “before the foundation of the world” (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world “with one accord” as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, “Come” (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us “the water of life without price” to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from “the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit.” (Rev. 22:2)

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN — *O Word of God Incarnate* (LBW 231)

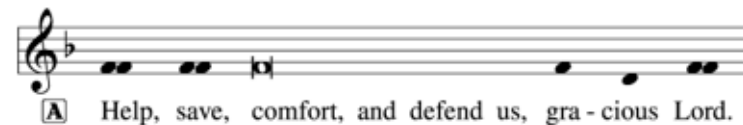
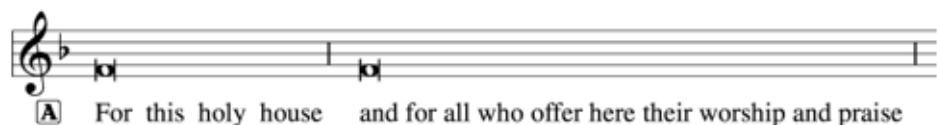
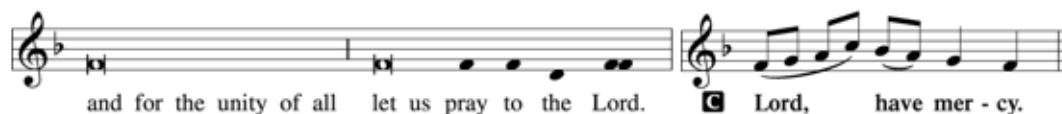
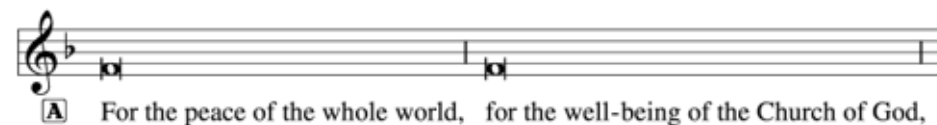
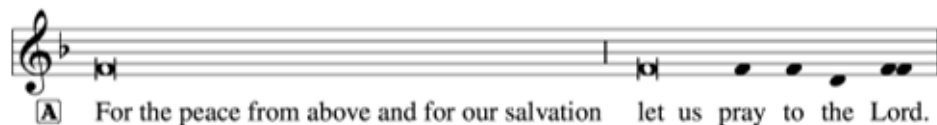
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold

O Truth un-changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise you for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
Oh, teach your wan-d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

KYRIE



THIS IS THE FEAST



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

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, al - le - lu - ia.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:12–26 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 909)

The First Lesson is from the First Chapter of Acts.

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David

concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; And “‘Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—

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one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen

²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

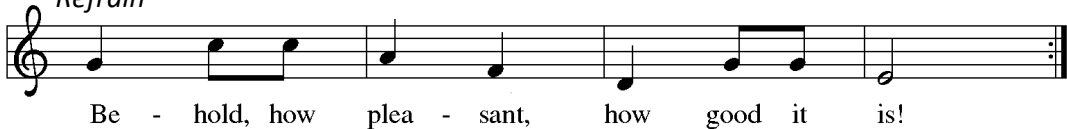
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 - *Behold, How Pleasant* (ELW 649)

Congregation sings refrain; Choir sings verses

Refrain



Verses



- 2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
- 3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1–20 (Pew Bible, pg. 1041)

The Second Lesson is from the 22nd Chapter of Revelation.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.

⁴They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,

⁹but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book.

Worship God.” ¹⁰And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy

of this book, for the time is near.

¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20–26 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 903)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

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

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. ²²The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

HYMN OF THE DAY — *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (LSB 395)



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
 own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
 Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
 ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
 Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
 Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

**6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning for the day of Your returning!**

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF QUILT

Ella Michael, Graduate

NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

† meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people
according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds:

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

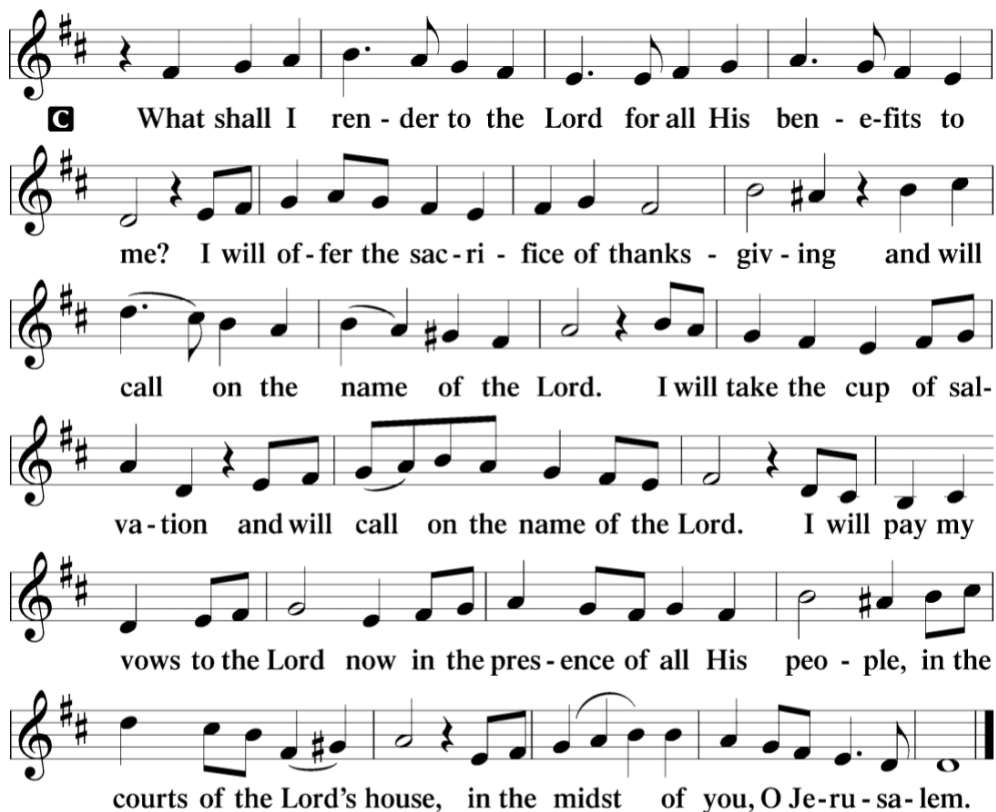
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem." The score ends with a double bar line.

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness; You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence . . .

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.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of Your Son . . . with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

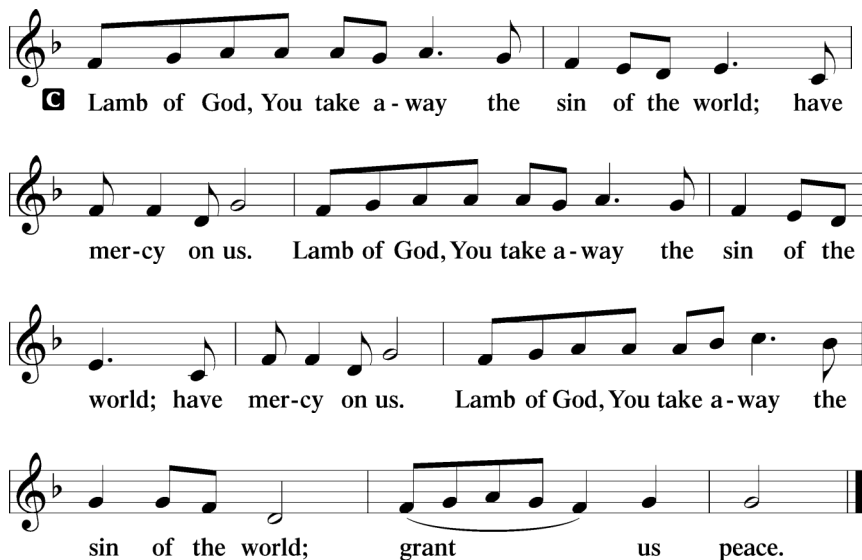
C **Amen.**

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

AGNUS DEI



HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* (LBW 301)

1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re - new - ing flood.

Here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain Flows to you, to me, to all,
Here the guilt - y, free re - mis-sion, Here the trou-bled peace may find.
God is faith-ful; God will nev - er Break his cov - e - nant of blood,

In a full per - pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Health this foun-tain will re-store; Those who drink shall thirst no more.
Signed when our re - deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Let Us Break Bread Together* (LBW 212)



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

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THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Almighty God, Who does all things well;
we praise You for this foretaste of the feast of victory
that You provide for Your people.
Let the gifts we have received from You this day--
the precious body and blood of Your Son--
be for us strength and hope
until You call us forth from the tomb to life with You.

C Amen.

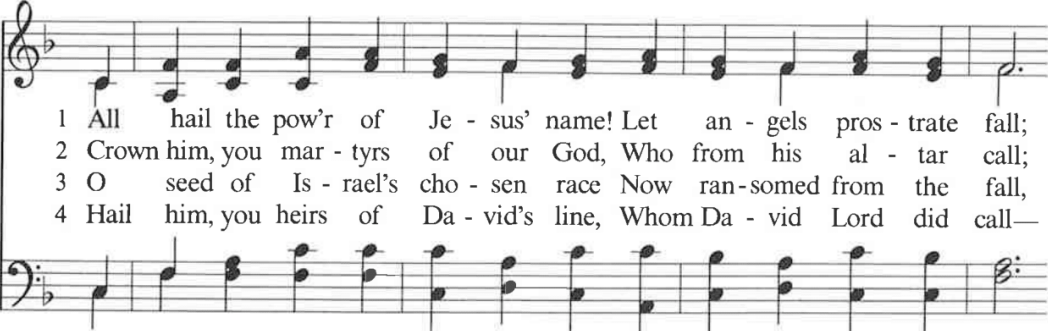
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION

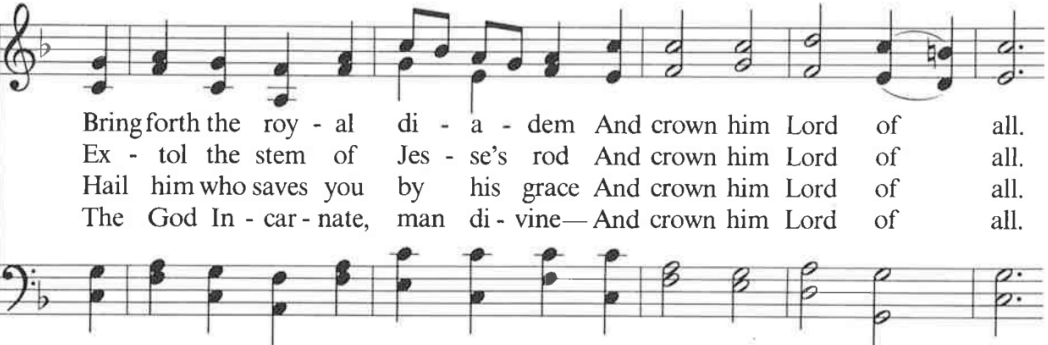
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

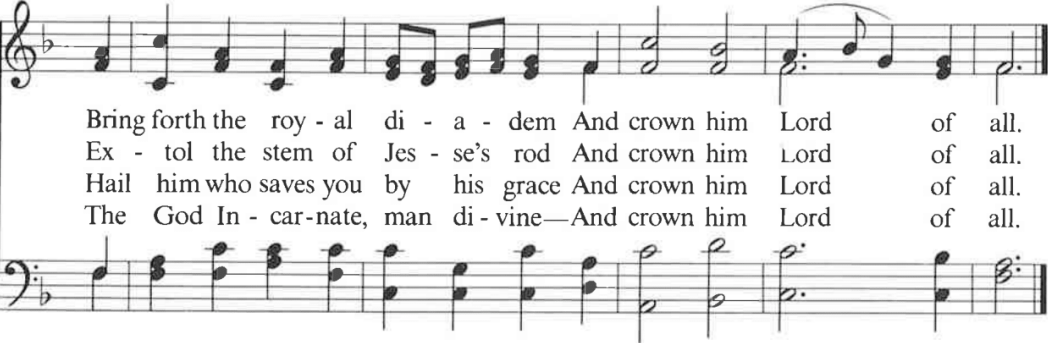
CLOSING HYMN — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (LBW 328)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran - sored from the fall,
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
 The God In - car - nate, man di - vine— And crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at his feet
 And crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 On this terrestrial ball
 To him all majesty ascribe
 And crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

- P** On the evening of that [Easter] day,...Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”
(John 20:19-21)
- C** **We go in the power of the Resurrection,
to be ready to be witnesses to our Lord’s work and to bless our neighbors
in daily life, for we seek to be Church wherever we are.**
- P** Go with Good News! Teach what you have learned!
Serve as you have been served! Share what you have been given!
- C** **To the glory of God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Musician

Erin Hodge, organist

Ushers

Frank Oruwari
Tom McGill, Acolyte

Reader

Kent Silvernail

Communion Assistant

Gary Stuhlmiller

Greeter

Kathy Peterson

Altar Guild

Vivian Harris, setup
Kae Huggins, clean up

A/V Operator

Barb Tippin

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Monday, June 2nd

Pastor's Brown Bag Bible Study (11:30am)

Stephen Ministry Meeting (6pm)

Tuesday, June 3rd

Growing Thru Grief (4pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, June 4th

LWML Quilting Group (10am)

Noon Prayer Service (12pm)

Choir Practice (6:30pm)

Saturday, June 14th

Grace Community Farmers Market (1-4pm)

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