

Grace Lutheran Church

Traditional Worship



Our Mission: Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 11:15 a.m.



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you and be sure to pick up a gift bag from our welcome desk at either entrance.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Good Shepherd Medley

David Ensley, mountain dulcimer
Traditional Hymn tunes

Welcome/Announcements

We will share a moment of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW Hymn 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

***Greeting**

P: This is the message I have heard from him and now celebrate with you: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed.

P: Blessed are you who have not seen him, yet you truly believe and trust him.

C: See how good and delightful it is when Christians gather together as one.

P: The Lord has commanded a great blessing:

C: Life for evermore.

***Kyrie Vs. 1 &4 only**

ELW Pg. 184

P:



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for

hun-gry and the poor; that

friends and fam-i-ly; for

wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: ...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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23

Evangelical Lutheran Worship tone 10



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

A:

¹ The 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.**

³ You 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**

⁵ You 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."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 171



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

***Holy Gospel**

John 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

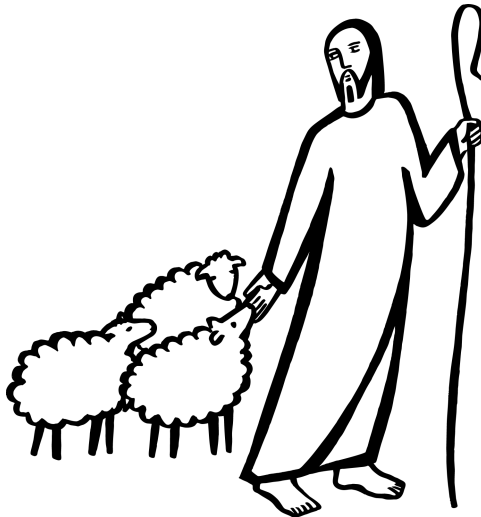
²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "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.

Sermon

Pr. Paula Smith





1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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***Nicene Creed**

**C: 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**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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Offering Music

I have Felt The Hand of God

By Courtney

***Offering Response**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW pg. 152

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: 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.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.**

*Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: ... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the words Jesus taught us.

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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

We will commune beginning with those people on the right side of the sanctuary, facing the altar. You will walk around to the rear of the railing first and fill in all the way around to the front. Once at the railing you may kneel or stand to receive communion. When the last person in the row in front of you has vacated their pew, please follow behind them. Once the right side has communed, the left side begins, and communes as noted above. You will carry your empty cup and discard it in the small basket located at the ends of the first pew. All are welcome to receive the bread and the cup, who believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior, or if you prefer, a pre-packaged communion cup is available to pick up on the front left pew. All wafers are low gluten and are approved for celiac disease with less than 20 PPM gluten, they meet the FDA standard for "gluten free".

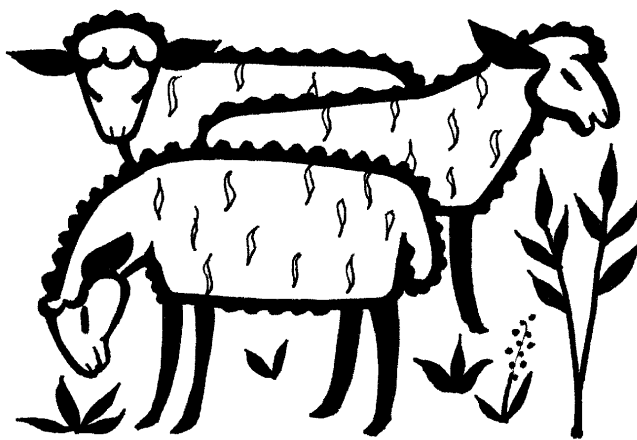
Communion Song

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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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion

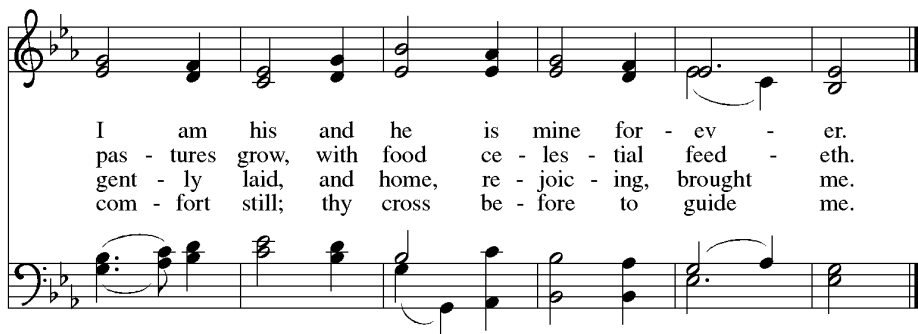




1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: ...strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

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.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: 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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW Hymn 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

***Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

La Réjouissance

arr. Hal Hopson

from Music for the Royal Fireworks G.F. Handel

Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Viva Senior Care (formerly Commonwealth): June Peishel

Homebound: Sy Moua, Julia Stockstill

The Groves: Evelyn Lorenz

The Reserve at Spring Hill TN: Vicki Quraishi

Members: Carol Hulsey, Evelyn Lorenz, Pr. Steve Damos, Julia Stockstill, Pam Williams, Vicki Quraishi, June Peishel, Caryl Thompson, Brittany Moua, Sy Moua, Penny Frew, Greg Long, James Bauman, Becky Ball, Kris Brenner.

Friends and Family: Michael Peterson, Julie Collins, Patricia Dooley, Alan & Bonnie Becker, Reina Piñero, Caroline Fragoso, Luis & Maria Teresa Vega, Elizabeth Edwards, Cheryl Scappaticci, Elizabeth Stone, Zoe Moore and family.

Missionaries: David and Alicia Brondos, and all members of Grace Church.

Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners: Pastor Karen Castillo, her sister Ms. Beatriz Castillo and son Diego.

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Pat Hunsicker passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Funeral services are pending and will be announced at a later date. Please keep her cousin Eileen Neri (Collins), and her family in prayer as they grieve.

Long time member Claudia Lever passed away peacefully on April 29, 2025. The memorial service will be on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:30am here at Grace. Please keep her sister Janet Lockhart, and son Ed Lever and their family in prayer as they grieve.

This Week at Grace

Monday, May 12

| | | |
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| 5:30pm | Administering Meeting | Room 101 |
| 7:00pm | Boy Scouts | Pavillion |
| 7:00pm | Serving Meeting | Online |
| 7:30pm | Stewarding Meeting | Online |

Tuesday, May 13

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| 5:30pm | Proclaiming Meeting | Room 101 |
| 7:00pm | Stephen Ministry | FH |

Wednesday, May 14

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| 4:30pm | Nurturing Meeting | Room 101 |
| 5:45pm | Ringspiration | Sanctuary |
| 7:00-8:00pm | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |

Thursday May 15

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| 10:00-2:00pm | Blanket Workshop | FH |
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Friday, May 16

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| 10:00am | Food Pantry | Drive-thru |
| 6:00-9:00pm | Boating Safety Class | Room 101 |

Saturday, May 17

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| 9:00-12:00pm | Boating Safety Class | Room 101 |
| 2:00pm | Grace Photographers | Room 101 |

Sunday, May 18

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| 9:00am | Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10:00am | Adult Sunday School | Room 101 |
| 10:05am | Sunday School | JL, Room 254 |
| 11:15am | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |

ESOL Classes:

Beginners- T, W, Th 9:30-11:30am
Tue. 6:00-8:00pm
All classes are in Room 210

Early Intermediate- 9:30-11:30am
in Room 213

Intermediate- T, Th 9:00-11:00am
Wed. 6:00-8:00pm
All classes are in Room 210

Advanced- Friday 9:30-11:30am
in Room 101

GED Class- T, W 10:30-12:30pm
in Room 107

Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars

Grace's Purpose Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and
Inspire others to seek Jesus and
Experience God's grace in their lives.

Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding Pastor: Rev. Paula Smith

Reader: Judy Joy

Liturgist: Heidi Joesten

Young People's Message: Pr. Paula

Offering Stewards: Crista Froeling, Chris Parton

Altar Guild: Kathy Olsen, Ingrid Busch

Flower Guild: Carnations

Greeters: Pat Hope, Betty Anne Domm

Ushers: Chuck Thompson, Mack Bailey

Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at www.graceoakridge.org.

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