



Surprise

The Unexpected ACTS of God

Grace Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 15 2022 9:00am Worship

Gathering

Prelude

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Charles Callahan

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Hymn

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

ELW #377

(Please turn to face the cross as it is carried in procession)

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you call us to gather around tables of fellowship with the most unexpected mix of people. Pour your love into our hearts and into our lives so that we might make a beloved community out of that unexpected mix of people. Make us alive with goodness and peace in your Holy Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Please sit

Word

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not

⁹mountains [|] and all hills,
fruit trees [|] and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts [|] and all cattle,
creeping things and [|] flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth [|] and all peoples,
princes and all rulers [|] of the world;

young [|] men and maidens,
old and [|] young together. Refrain

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

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! Refrain

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he 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."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

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

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes of both staves.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By 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.**

Please sit

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Torgerson

"Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God: An Unexpected Change of Menu"

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

"O Living Breath of God"

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer for the Offering

Let us pray.

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

Invitation to Communion/Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Please sit

Lamb of God

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.

Communion

All are welcome. Communion is by intinction; please dip the wafer into the cup. White grape juice is found in the smaller portion of the divided cup. Ushers will direct you to one of the communion stations. Gluten-free wafers and individual self-administered celebration kits are available at each communion station. Gluten-free cups are available only on the small tables in the front of the Sanctuary. Please return by the side aisles.

Communion Music

"I Come With Joy"

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"I Received the Living God"

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Please stand

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Living God, in this meal we have tasted your goodness. Through this sacrament, open our hearts to recognize your surprising, unexpected work in our lives and in the world. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sending

Blessing of New Altar Linens

Benediction

May the God of Surprises delight you, inviting you to accept gifts not yet imagined.
May the God of Justice confront you, daring you to see the world through God's eyes.
May the God of Embrace hold you, encircling you in the hearth of God's home.
May God Who is Present be with you, awakening you to God in all things,
all people, and all moments. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Camera

Ready for summer? Plan on joining us... and invite a friend!

Back by popular demand...



Worship on the Catherine Lawn
Begins Sunday, June 12 at 9am



Worship in the Sanctuary
Continues at 10:30am

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MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO
Volunteer Scheduling and Service Planning

Worship and Welcome Ministry Teams

It's time to update your availability for serving during our next Volunteer Schedule period (June/July/August).

Please log into your MSP account by May 20 and update your preferences, availability and information.

If you have no scheduling conflicts, you'll automatically be scheduled.

If you have any technical issues or questions, contact Becky Rulich at b.rulich@gracelg.org.

If you would like to join one of our worship or welcome ministry teams, please contact Karen Janik at k.janik@gracelg.org for more information.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Kathy Dobias	Gladys Schroeder	Jane Ronning	Sarah Bloecks
Bill Davis	Alice Oscarson	Sarah Figueroa	Dan Hermes
Bonnie Brown	Missy Kopp	Andy and family	David Anthony Kopp
Grace Puls	Al Mungai	Sharon Ballard-Johnson	Debbie Granger
Grace Lawson	Bill Lawson	Joyce Ciner	Mary Klonowski
Beth Wagley	Barb	Jim Bornhoeft	David Brown
Dave Kopp	Lori Wenig	Marj Jung	Annette Arkema
Philip Lund	Mark (Nissen) Nelson	Riley Maggette	Helen Kwiatkowski
Peter Rieckmann	Diana Thal	John Guy	
Lyn Rains	Sandy Sheridan	Sandi Guy	

- ◇ All those in Ukraine and those suffering from violence and war.
- ◇ All afflicted with COVID-19 and those who remain physically separated from loved ones.
- ◇ All healthcare workers and emergency responders.
- ◇ All those suffering from the effects of mental illness and addiction.
- ◇ All caregivers, including Stephen Ministers at Grace and those for whom they care.

Prayers for Homebound Members

Margaret Hilgendorf, Shirley Kozak, Grace Lawson, Virginia Riedel, Mary Beth Webster.

Prayers for Missionaries Philip Knutson and family serving in Southern Africa.

Prayers for Family and Friends

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 3 MONTHS.

Pr. Bob Besalski (family of Gary Hill)	Zane Marret (<i>family of Susan/Joe Walton</i>)
Marvin Lanzel (<i>friend of Meribeth & John Tooke</i>)	James Bush (<i>friend of Bonnie/Dave Brown</i>)
Carol Niemi (<i>sister of Nancy Lund</i>)	John Umbs (<i>nephew of Meribeth/John Tooke</i>)
Mia Cortez (<i>friend of Dale Machacek</i>)	Don Van Winkle (<i>brother of Sue Tellinghuisen</i>)
Bob Pusateri (<i>friend of Dale Machacek</i>)	Ashley Powers (<i>friend of Debbie Dolman</i>)
Michelle Reid (<i>friend of the Chaggaris family</i>)	Jack Simms (<i>father of Kyle [Rebecca] Simms</i>)
The Birkland Family (<i>friends of the Chaggaris family</i>)	Rick Nissen (<i>brother of Cindy Nissen</i>)
Kathie Nommisto (<i>goddaughter of Meg Graf</i>)	Jeff Orton (<i>cousin of Sue Bloecks</i>)
Pvt. 1st Class Jake Peters (<i>grandson of Ed/Marilynn Campbell</i>)	Linda Hunter (<i>friend of Bonnie Brown</i>)
Kristin Pilson (<i>daughter of Debbie Dolman</i>)	Sara Lovell (<i>friend of Meg Graf</i>)
Arlene Silwa (<i>friend of Bonnie Brown</i>)	Carol Woodworth (<i>sister of Cathy Thoss</i>)
Gina Lucas (<i>friend of Bonnie Brown</i>)	Joyce Danisevich (<i>friend of Bonnie Brown</i>)
Silvija Salna (<i>friend of Bonnie Brown</i>)	Lynn Tellinghuisen (<i>daughter-in-law of Sue Tellinghuisen</i>)

Please secure the permission of those we pray for before submitting them to be included in print.

God invites us to pray for each other.

The Grace Prayer Team humbly brings your requests before God and continues to pray for all those listed above, as well as those on our ongoing prayer list.



Our Mission:
*To be the heart, hands, feet and voice
of Christ in the world.*

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If you'd like to talk to a pastor or have an after-hours emergency,
please contact Pastor Heidi at 312-636-9171

SOLES 4 SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

Collection Box in Fellowship Hall
through the month of May



Pentecost Sunday is June 5 and as is tradition, we will decorate the Sanctuary in **RED**.

If you'd like to order a red geranium (\$20) in memory/honor of loved ones or just to commemorate the day, order forms are available at the Welcome Center or at www.gracelg.org/give.

Orders are due no later than May 30.

Thank You!

Your generous gifts continue to support the ongoing ministries at Grace.

How to Give

Online

www.gracelg.org/give

Mail

200 N. Catherine
La Grange, IL 60525

Mobile Device

Use your mobile device to scan the QR code and click the link to complete your gift.



Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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!

O Living Breath of God

Soplo de Dios viviente

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- 1 *So-plo de Dios vi-vien-te que en el prin-ci-pio cu-bris-te el a-gua,*
 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-ning up-on the wa-ters;
 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a-mong us;
 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa-ters;



- So - plo de Dios vi - vien - te que fe - cun - da - ste la cre - a - ción:*
 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain / Estribillo

- Ven hoy a nues-tras al - mas, in - fún - de - nos tus do - nes;*
 Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



- So - plo de Dios vi - vien - te, oh San-to_E-spí - ri - tu del Se - ñor.*
 O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

- 2 *Soplo de Dios viviente*
por quien el Hijo se hizo hombre,
Soplo de Dios viviente
que renovaste la creación: Estribillo

- 3 *Soplo de Dios viviente*
por quien nacemos en el bautismo,
Soplo de Dios viviente
que consagraste la creación: Estribillo

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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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DOVE OF PEACE
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I Received the Living God

Refrain

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: Anonymous

LIVING GOD
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We Know That Christ Is Raised



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!

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