

Grace Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 15 2022 9:00am Worship

<u>Gathering</u>

Prelude

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Charles Callahan

ELW #377

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!" (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

<u>Word</u>

First Reading

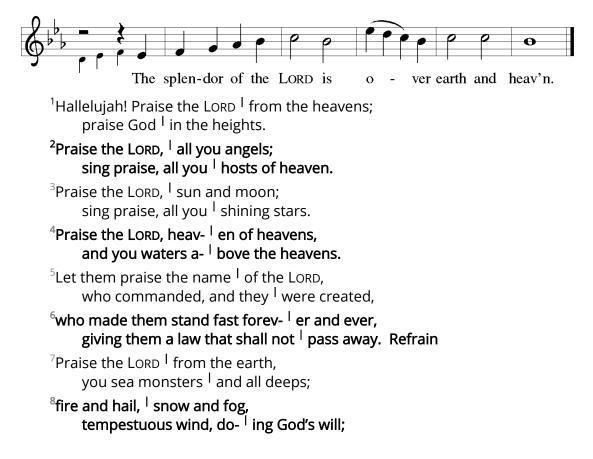
Acts 11:1-18

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 to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148



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



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"

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Hymn of the Day	"O Living Breath of God"	<u>ELW #407</u>

Apostle's Creed

Plasca stand

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

<u>Meal</u>

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.

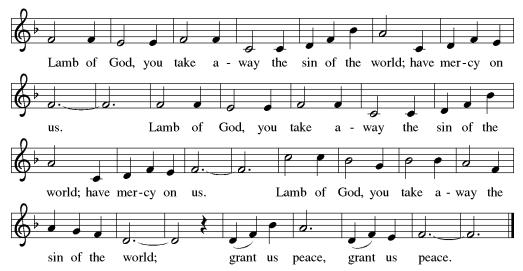
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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



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" "I Received the Living God" <u>ELW #482</u> ELW #477

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.

<u>Sending</u>

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"	<u>ELW #449</u>
Dismissal Go in peace. Share t	he 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...



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Weekly Prayers

May 15, 2022

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

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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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.

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! 377 0 Al - le ia! en! lu Je sus ris 1 -is 2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen ter 3 Je - sus the vine, the branch es; we are -Weep-ing, be gone; sor - row, be si lent: 4 -Eas - ter 5 Cit - y of God, for ev er, light! sound - ing glo - ri -Trum - pets re in ous tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Spir - it tree; life in the the fruit of the sun - der, bright. Eas - ter death put a and is gold - en Je ru - sa lem, Je sus the Lamb, P Splen-dor, heav - en er! the Lamb, for ev break-ing our bread, giv - ing us glo ry: heav - en earth, Christ to the peo ple, to Cher - u sing: 0 grave, be pen! bim 0 riv - er of lifc, saints and arch an gels, 0. Oh, what a mir - a cle God sight! has in bless - ing, con - stant prise. Je sus our our sur gift of the fu - ture flow - ing me. now to light. Clothe us in won - der, a dorn us in a - tion God the Ι AM! sing with cre to Refrain shall is ris rise. Je - sus - en and we a -



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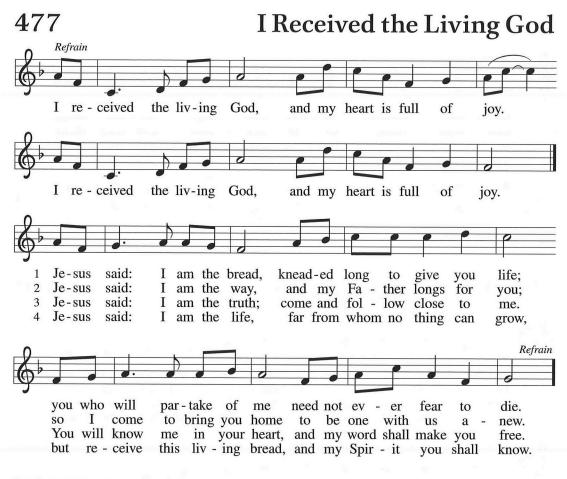
- 2 Soplo de Dios viviente por quien el Hijo se hizo hombre, Soplo de Dios viviente que renovaste la creación: Estribillo
- 3 Soplo de Dios viviente por quien nacemos en el bautismo, Soplo de Dios viviente que consagraste la creación: Estribillo

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HOLY COMMUNION

482 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
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