

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN CHUR CH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As we gather:

It is easy during the COVID-19 crisis to feel abandoned. Those who live alone are, well, alone. Those who are working while helping their children learn at home are overwhelmed. Those who have lost work and income are being left behind. There are days we feel forsaken, forgotten. Jesus speaks to us in our despair. As to children without parents, so does God speak to us: "I will not leave you orphaned." In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God adopts us into God's family. God has chosen you. Having chosen you, God will not abandon you. Although Jesus returns to the Father, another Advocate and Helper is sent to us. The Holy Spirit descends, restoring us to hope and equipping us to fulfill Christ's commandment to love one another.



+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Come Down, O Love Divine

Raymond H. Haan

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, Thou Almighty King

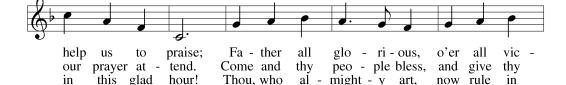
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- Come, thou in car nate gird on thy Word, might sword; У
- Com fort er. 3 Come, ho - ly thy sa - cred wit ness bear thee, great One Three. e - ter - nal be prais es



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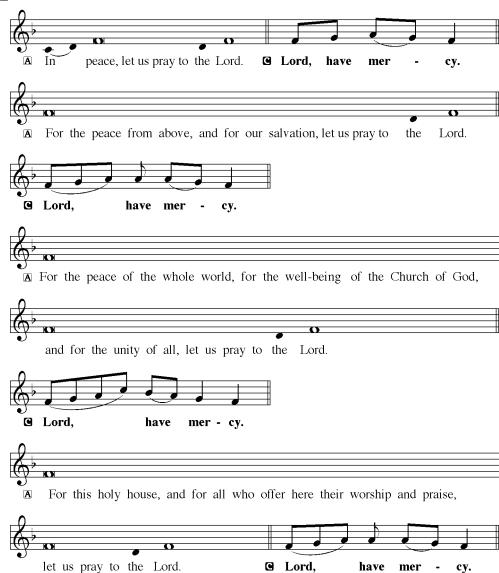
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GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **a** And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18

- Bless our | God, you peoples;*

 make the voice of his praise | to be heard,
- who holds our | souls in life,* and will not allow our | feet to slip.
- For you, O | God, have proved us;*
 you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- You brought us in- | to the snare;* you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.
- Let You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,* but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,* which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- L I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;* I will give you ox- | en and goats.
- © Come and listen, all you | who fear God,* and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

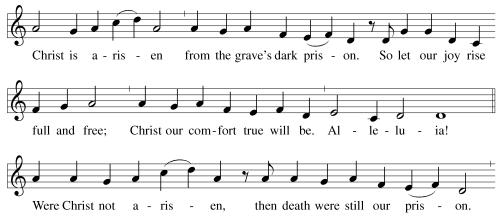
- L I called out to him | with my mouth,* and his praise was | on my tongue.
- If I had found evil | in my heart,*
 the Lord would | not have heard me;
- L but in truth | God has heard me;*
 he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
- Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,* nor withheld his | love from me.

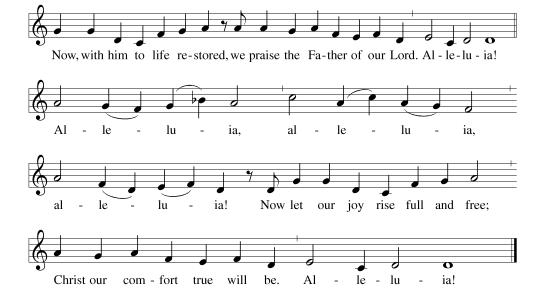
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen





HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Love That Abides, Not Abandons

Pastor David R. Lyle John 14:15–21



Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



NICENE CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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.

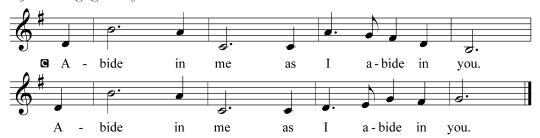
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

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.



We join in singing this refrain:



- L I am the vine, you are the branches. You are the branches, I am the vine.
- **©** REFRAIN
- Those who abide in me and I in them, those who abide in me bear much fruit.
- **©** REFRAIN
- © For apart from me you can do nothing. For apart from me you can do nothing.
- **G** REFRAIN (twice)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A Cour 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- **@** Amen.





- 1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
- By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
- 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ 4 Now has Christ tru ly ris'n, and his Spir it is giv'n to all those



we be long: children of our maker, God the great life giver. ders dis-played, we to rule creen a tion from its first foundation. teous to call—by his cross and passion, bringing us sale vaction. Under heaving who now walk be side him, though they once defined him.



Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: PERSONENT HODIE, Piae cantiones, 1582

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

• He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Fanfare John Cook

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Ellie Beck, Katrina Beck, and Sadie Beck, soloists
Eunice Eifert, videographer
Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Ken Folgers Ken Heppner Paul Nelson Annalise Balock Dennis Forgue Rachel Hindery Adrienne Rott Cathy Barker Belen and Ron Gresens Joan Koerber Tim Sandvoss Ruth Barker Carl and Donna Gruendler Jerry Koenig Pat Scala Jeanne Bloch David Gruendler Drew Krueger Carl Schalk Ed Borg Marlene Hallman Dan Lehmann Nikki Schmidt

Sophia Cetin Kathy Hale Karen McMahon Rich and Bonnie Stasack

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Patricia Carey (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

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Rebecca Graves (daughter of Scott and Linda Street)
Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns)
Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason)

Ruth Hanson (mother of Sue Ames) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)

Ellen Hinz (mother of Julie Hinz)
Marian Hogue (mother of Merrily Smith)
Gale Holmlund (friend of Deb Maxwell)
Kathy Howard (friend of Pat Anderson)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)
Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)
Lenny Kobilca (friend of Deanna Marotz)
Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)
Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)
Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Mary Jane Kuehnert (friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson) Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin)
Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell)

MaryJo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Don Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) John Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) Donald Mullins (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Misty Olson (friend of Sara Chizzo)
Marilynn Paulson (mother of Mary Paulson)

James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples)
Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)
Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson)
Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

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Nate Tiemann (son of Evie, brother of Leslie Sleuwen)
Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Valparaiso University

Thanksgiving for

The 90th birthday of Bill Brown

The baptism of Kathryn Ann Flahive (daughter of Kelsey and Jason Flahive)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)

Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)

Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)

David Danford (son of John and Karen)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)

Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Ruth Laux

Christopher Davis Walt and Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Institution

Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)
Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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