

# GRACE

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. 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.

## Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## Flowers

Flowers are sponsored by Mike and Diane Carioscio in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

# As We Gather

The world can be a difficult place. Sickness stalks. Violence erupts. Sin and death remain. Still, on this Seventh Sunday of Easter we cry with full-throated joy, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" On the night before his death, Jesus prays for his disciples in all times and places. The victory he wins for us is not one that removes us from the difficulties and dangers of this world. Instead, we remain as witnesses of the gospel and workers for the Kingdom. Abiding in Christ, we are like trees nourished by streams of living water. While we await the joys of heaven, we claim the full joy of Christ in this world, too, even as we work to make this world a more just place.

# + GATHERING +

#### **PRELUDE:** Alleluia Fanfare

ENTRANCE HYMN: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light; 1 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word; 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place; praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace. Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand; sing for Let us joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done. calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Fred Gramann

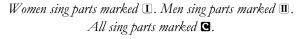
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#### GREETING

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

#### HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

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Richard Hillert
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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **G** And also with you.

#### **P** Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

#### PSALM 1

ANTIPHON: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

L Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,\* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

# Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,\* and they meditate on his law | day and night.

L They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;\* everything they | do shall prosper.

# It is not so | with the wicked;\* they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

- L Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,\* nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,\* but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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



SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt. Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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#### HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:6–19

- ▶ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Joy in the World

Pastor David R. Lyle John 17:6–19, Psalm 1



HYMN OF THE DAY: Son of God, Eternal Savior



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932 Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

#### 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.



#### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** God Has a Plan for All

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace. <u>Click here</u> to give online, or visit <u>GraceRiverForest.org</u>.

God has a plan for all born children of the night, and calls the victims of the fall to live in light, where love and grace their fears replace and fill their hearts with pure delight.

God has a plan for us new children of the light, delivered from our ominous and hopeless plight, to know the peace of Christ's release, and how his death sets all things right.

God has a plan for each to play an honored role with Christ to teach us how to reach God's gracious goal. Reborn and one with God's dear Son, we learn and grow, in church and school.

Ascended Lord, we ask and wonder at the grace that calls us to this noble task, this time, this place! What love you show, what gifts bestow on those you seek and find and bless! Jaroslav Vajda

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### Each petition concludes:

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

#### G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

We offer words of welcome:

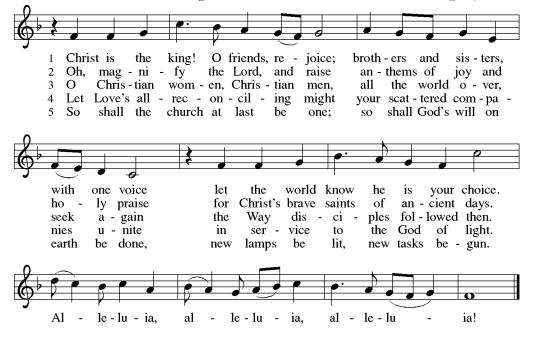
- **P** Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.
- We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

# + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

- May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk in newness of life.
   Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ Is the King!



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#### DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE:** Acclamation in G minor

#### Karen Thompson

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister Ellie Anderson, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor Dan Krout, tenor Christa Krout, flutist Grace Bells, handbell ensemble Lisa Wolfanger, director Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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# LET US PRAY...

#### Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Jim Barker Len Berghaus Ed Borg Rosemary Cheatem Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Don Heimburger Patricia Herendeen

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Pat B. (friend of Pat Anderson) Greg Ball (friend of Irmgard Swanson) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Sophie Bartell (granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Francis Benson (sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) Nancy Brinkman (friend of Karen Brunssen) James Cordes (brother of Bruce Cordes) Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro) Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel) Stella Dillberg (mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace School student Julia Weaver) Clara Dorsey (mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Seth Flanders (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May) Luke Gawencka (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Thomas Griffith (son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner) Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Tom Kuehnert (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell) Lily (friend of Carrie Douma) Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

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#### **Benevolence** ministries

The Night Ministry

#### Thanksgiving for

The birth of **Benjamin Edward** and **Christian Dean Lueking-Parker** (sons of Christopher Lueking and Cameron Parker; grandsons of Dean and Beverly Lueking) The baptism of **Rory Aiden Phillips** (son of Kim and Mike Phillips) The reception of new members Kirk Carpenter; Patrick and Katie Murphy, Miles and Preston; and Katharine Roller The 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mike and Diane Carioscio

#### Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) 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)

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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)* Drew Krueger *(England)* 

#### Those who are homebound

Carolyn Martin
Joanne Nelson
Barbara Rinnan
Kathleen Wrobel

#### Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center 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) Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

#### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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- □ I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) □ Phone or □ E-mail.

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