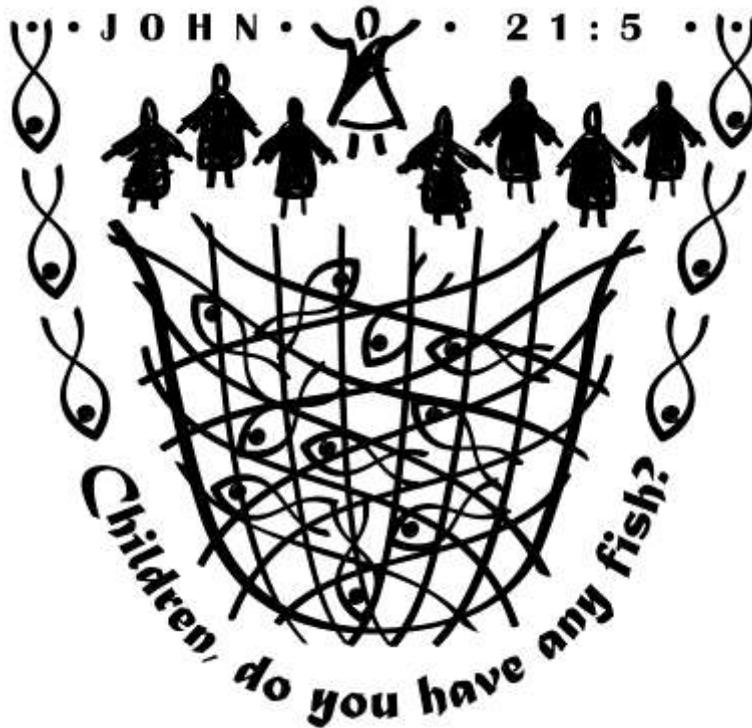


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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: *“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15).*

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration, cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Stand

Invocation (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession: (We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution: *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit: *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*
Ps. 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: Ps. 145:10

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

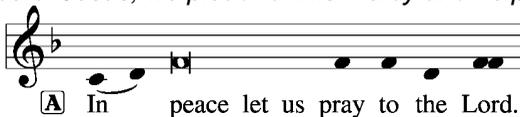
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

Kyrie: *(Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)*

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



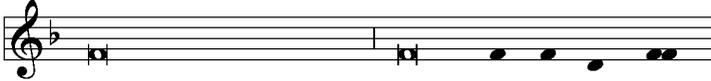
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



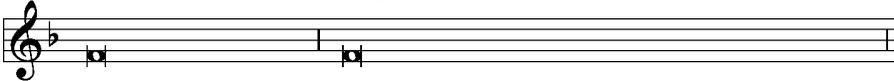
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



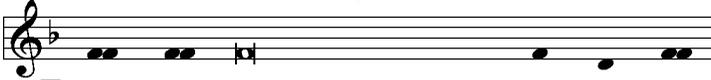
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



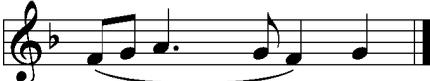
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise: (Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation: (The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect: *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)*

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Sit

Scripture Readings: *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

P Today's First reading is from Acts, the ninth chapter

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them

bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 5:8-14

P Today's Epistle reading is from Revelation, the fifth chapter.

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,

and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in

them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His

free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set
 ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Sermon **“Again and Again”** *John 21:1*
(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God’s Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- G** Amen.

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God’s forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

LSB 956

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: (The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)

Rite of Confirmation



Nicole Claiborne

John 3:16

Amber Hurst

Revelation 2:10

Mackenzie Peres

Philippians 4:4

Stand

Prayer of the Church: (The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface: (The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.) LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).) LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.)* LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G 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.

Words of Our Lord: *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)* LSB 163



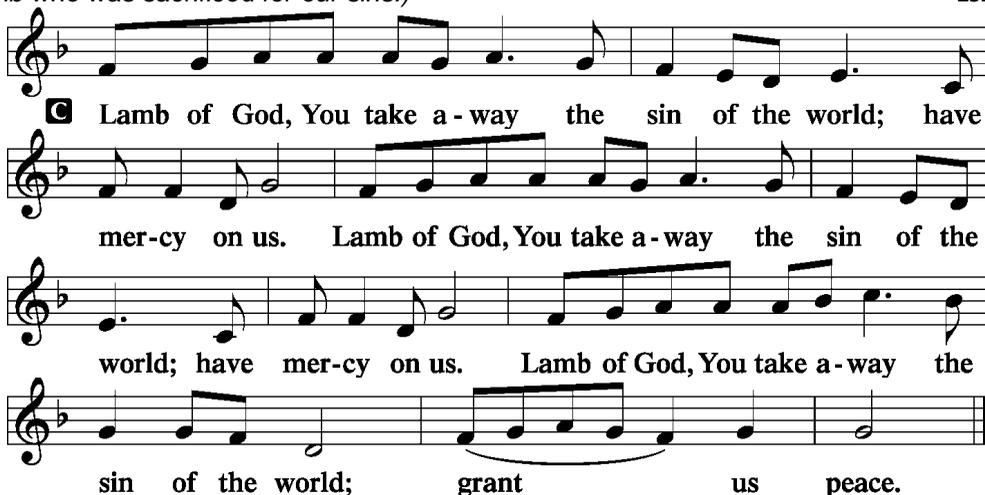
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei: (*Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.*)

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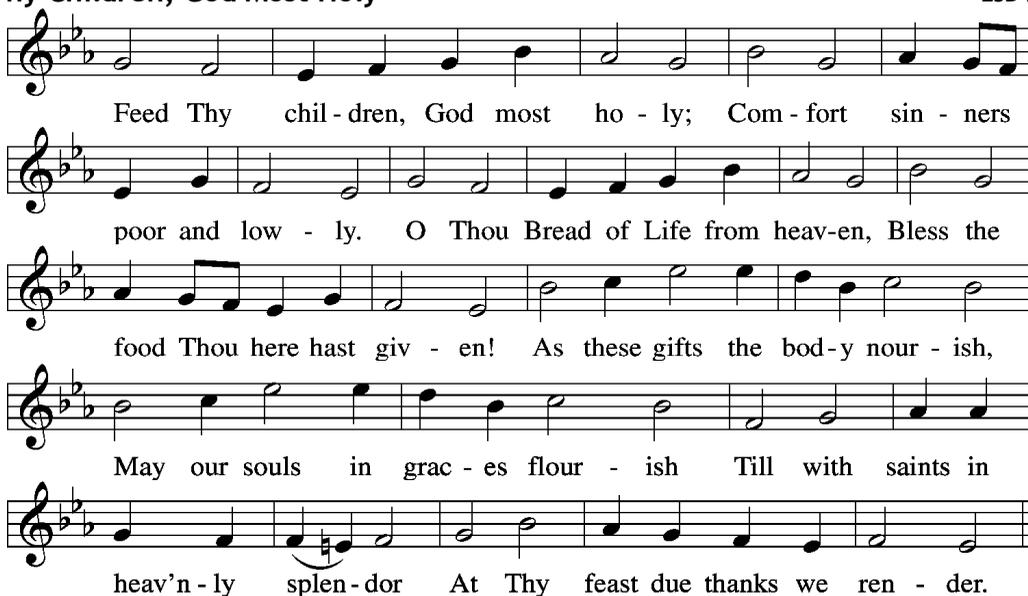
□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

LSB 774



Feed Thy chil-dren, God most ho-ly; Com-fort sin-ners
poor and low-ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv-en! As these gifts the bod-y nour-ish,
May our souls in grac-es flour-ish Till with saints in
heav'n-ly splen-dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren-der.

The Lamb

LSB 547

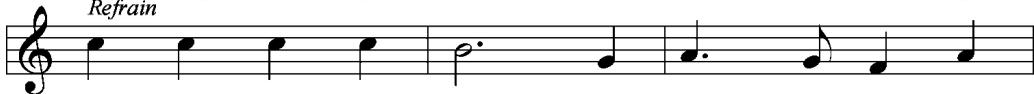


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle: *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

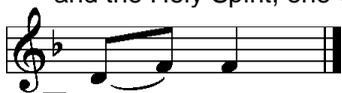


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect: *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

P Let us pray.

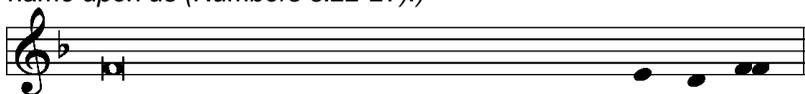
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: (Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

May 5th, 2019

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

May Elders: Bert Bunte Organist(s): June Parker
MW Kasper Esther Wolff (Sub)
Ushers: Vince Kaiser Kim Appel (Sub)
C. Johannessen **May Altar** June Parker
Trustees: Allan Hancock **Guild:** Libby Caldwell
Johnnie Kalina

	Acolytes:
May 5	Joshua Zimmerhanzel & Thomas Brown
May 12	David Wolff & Marianna Peres
May 19	Juniper Smith & Adrian Wolff
May 26	Ramon Wolff & Baylor Watson

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the lesson is, "Jesus Calls Disciples." Jesus preached, taught, and healed, and He called His first disciples to do the same. The children learn that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Underscore that in Jesus' forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is His Son and our Savior. Ask your children, "Through whom does Jesus continue His saving work where His Word is preached and His Sacraments are administered today?"

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

FINANCIALS – as of April 7th, 2019

	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28	Y-T-D
General Offering	5,364.42	4,044.00	4,917.00	3,778.40	71,018.84
2019 Weekly goal	4,440.02	4,440.02	4,440.02	4,440.02	75,480.34
Difference	924.40	(396.02)	476.98	(661.62)	(4,461.50)
SS Offering	35.00	30.00		29.00	
GLLC Donations	145.00	720.00		10.00	

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Each week, our congregation live streams the Sunday morning on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. If you have any questions about how to make use of this resource, please speak with Pastor Appel

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. May 5</u>	<u>Mon. May 6</u>	<u>Tue. May 7</u>	<u>Wed. May 8</u>
8:45am-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion Youth Confirmation	7pm-Elders Mtg		10am- GLLC Chapel 7pm- FLHS Spring Thing! -Warda
<u>Thur. May 9</u>	<u>Fri. May 10</u>	<u>Sat. May 11</u>	<u>Sun. May 12</u>
11am- Bible Study	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45am-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion

Caring for Towers Residents

The staff at Towers Nursing Home was very appreciative of our congregation's recent donation of toiletries for their residents. The Evangelism Committee is continuing to encourage the members of our congregation to donate various toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) to the residents at Towers. You can place them in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you for showing this love to our neighbors at Towers!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), Mildred Karcher , Annie Mae Rohde , Teresa Slusher , Katherine Benedix , Mildred Buscha
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace , Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Daniel Rice (friend of Rose Pietsch), Michelle Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), Lanice Oeltjen-Hunger (friend of Juanita Bertsch), Addi Ghanes (infant friend of Juanita Bertsch), Jerry Aplin (Brenda Sander's brother), Kade Ryman (friend of Bennights), Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Mike Davis , Sherry Cook (relative of Nancy Fritsche), Rosie Williams (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend

	of Kimberly Craig), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller)
Recent Health Concerns:	Antoine Campbell (friend of Wendy Rhode), Terri Harris (Kimberly Craig's sister), Ivan Fritsche, Mark Kirk (friend of Sherri McCullough), Bridger Ethridge (Gene Brown's nephew), Preston Young (Don Young's relative), Lee Hampton, Dr. Newt Hasson (friend of David Rohde), Janet McMahan (daughter of Ivan & Nancy Fritsche), Harold Galipp (Gracie Harmon's brother), Cameryn Higgins (friend of the Smith family), Melissa Brown, Scott Penn, Donna Kadlecek, Abigail Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), Charlie Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), Gracie Harmon, Tamara Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper, Eugene Randle, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Aaron Atsye (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie Kalina, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	Justin Teague, Madison Whitney, Weston Roudebush (son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

May 12th, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Passion Reading: John 10:22-30

Board of Education Question of the Week

He laid his right hand on me saying, " _____ _____, I am the first and the last.

Last week's answer: alive

Youth: 9 Adults: 8



The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department - including a choir concert, skit, and art displays. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

Junior High Game Night

Come on out for our last game night of the school year! Friday, May 12th from 7:00 until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School for students in 7th to 10th grade. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

Youth Camps

FLHS is excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer.

- June 3-5 - Soccer - Pre-K to Grade 3
- June 10-12 - Basketball - Grades K to 8
- June 17-19 - STEM Camp - Grades 1 to 4
- July 8-10 - Volleyball Camp - Grades 3 to 8
- July 22-24 - Art Camp - Grades 1 to 4

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in any subject areas, but particularly in the fields of science or English may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on June 8, 2019 at Pine Forest Golf Club in Bastrop, TX. Shotgun start at 8:30 AM. For more information on entering a 3 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. We are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day to check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for May 5-11, 2019

Invocation

☞ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ *Amen.*

Learn by Heart: *The Words of Our Lord*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49

Monday: Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35:21; Luke 7:36-50

Thursday: Exodus 38:21-39:31; Luke 8:1-21

Friday: Exodus 39:32-40:16; Luke 8:22-39

Saturday: Exodus 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56

Hymn of the Week: "With High Delight Let Us Unite" (*LSB* 483)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's Word

Monday: For peace and good government

Tuesday: For the addicted and despairing

Wednesday: For those who mourn

Thursday: For fruitful use of the Sacrament

Friday: For the preaching of the cross

Saturday: For our visitors to the Divine Service

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

☞ The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

☞ *Amen.*