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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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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: *Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “they will never perish” (John 10:28), for “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28), “testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:10).*

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

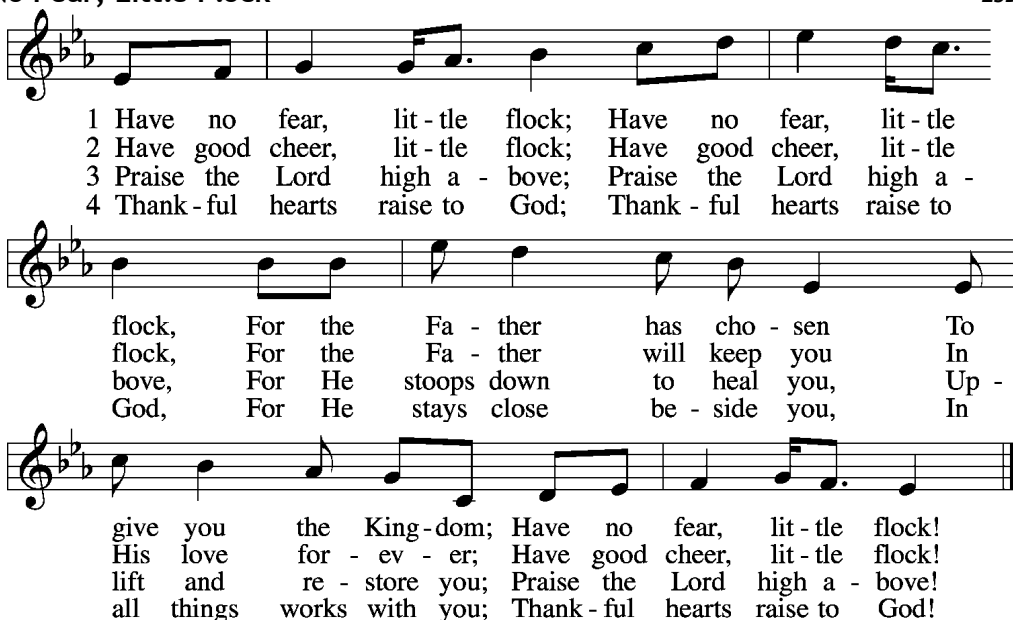
O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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. 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

**from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people,
Israel his inheritance.**

With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

**But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

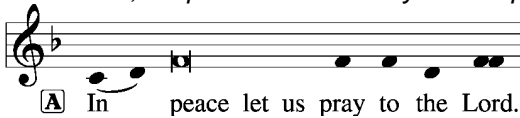
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I am the good shepherd.

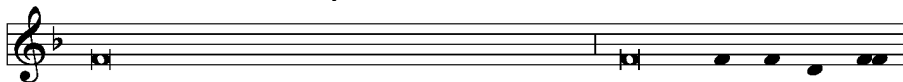
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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.)*

LSB 152



C Lord, have mer - cy.



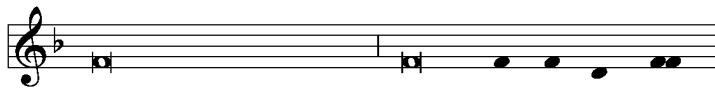
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



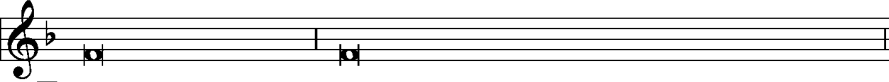
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



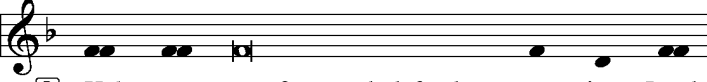
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



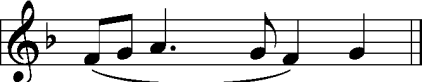
let us pray to the Lord.



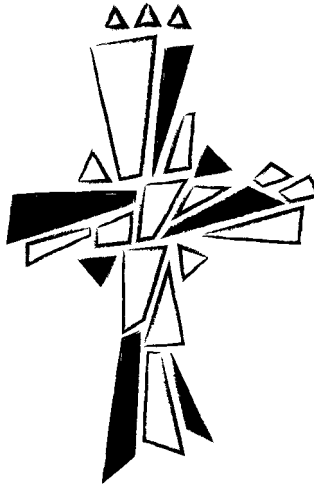
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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-ty 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

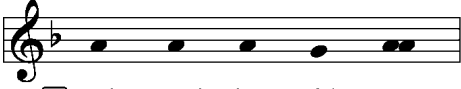


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




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.

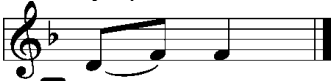


C And al - so with you.

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.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 20:17-35

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

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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 7:9-17

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

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

G 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 tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

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.)*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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.)*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

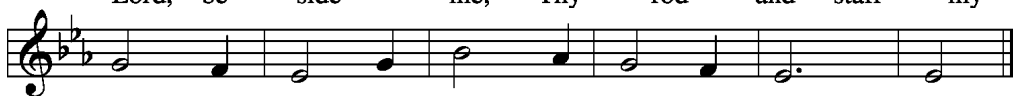
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Sermon "Secure in the Good Shepherd's Hands"

John 10:28

(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.

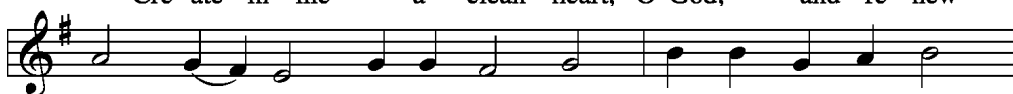
Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

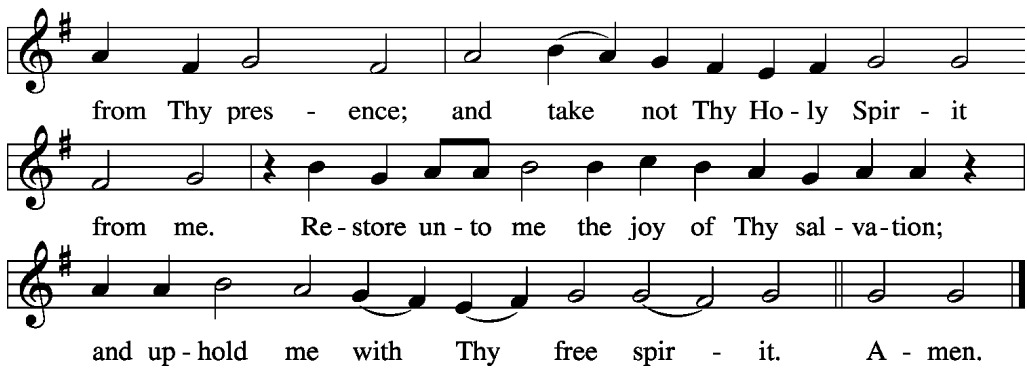
LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way



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.)*

Stand

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

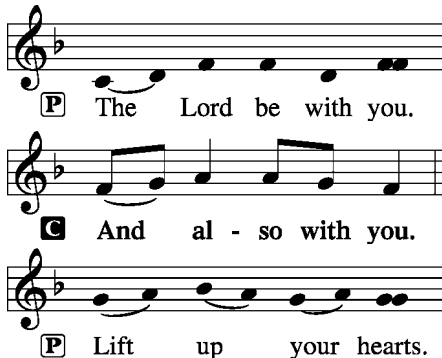
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

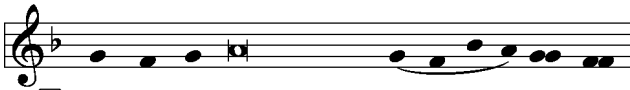
Service of the Sacrament

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





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.

C 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:

**C 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.**

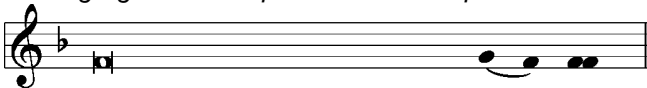
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

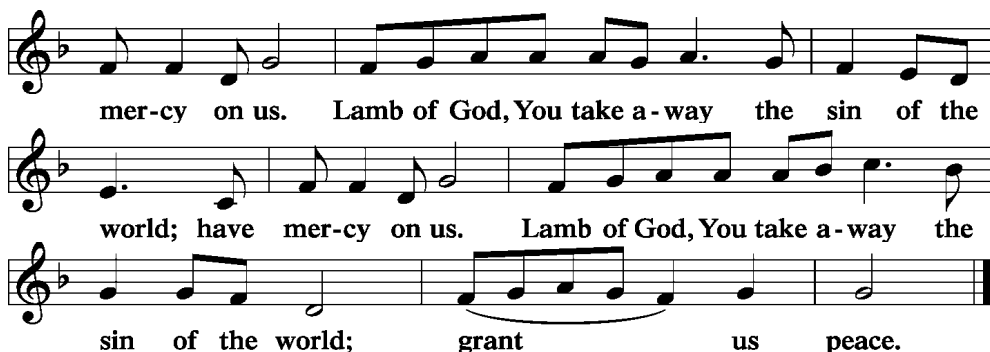


C A - men.

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.*) LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



Sit

Distribution

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



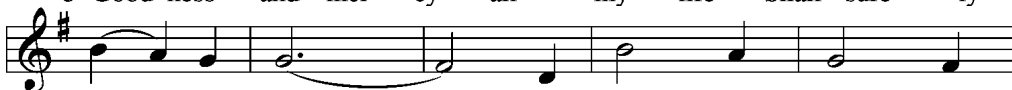
bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



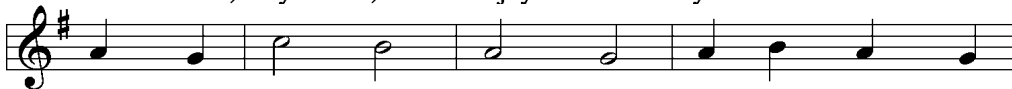
lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er this be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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.
- G** 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

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

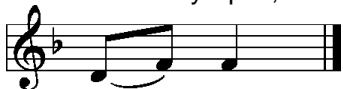
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

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.)*

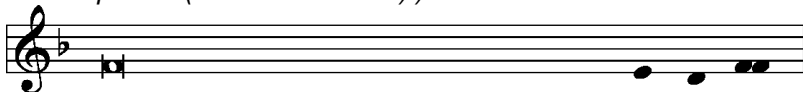
- P** Let us pray.
- Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate 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.



G 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.



Sit

C A - men.

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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 12th, 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 12	David Wolff & Marianna Peres
May 19	Juniper Smith & Adrian Wolff
May 26	Ramon Wolff & Baylor Watson

Sunday Worship (5/5) 130 Sunday School (5/5) 47

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed" is the lesson for Sunday School today. The miracle of healing the paralytic confirms that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins, and it confirms what the Son of Man chiefly came to do: deliver us and all believers from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Consider discussing, *"In addition to healing the paralyzed man, what else does Jesus tell him? How has Jesus healed us from our sickness of sin?"*

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. 28	May 5	May 12	Y-T-D
General Offering	3,778.40	3,956.00		74,974.84
2019 Weekly goal	4,440.02	4,440.02	4,440.02	79,920.36
Difference	(661.62)	(484.02)		(4,945.52)
SS Offering	29.00	56.00		
GLLC Donations	10.00	45.00		

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 12</u>	<u>Mon. May 13</u>	<u>Tue. May 14</u>	<u>Wed. May 15</u>
8:45am-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion	5pm-Piecemakers 7pm- LLL	9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg- Dime Box	10am- GLLC Chapel 1pm-Ministerial Alliance
<u>Thur. May 16</u>	<u>Fri. May 17</u>	<u>Sat. May 18</u>	<u>Sun. May 19</u>
11am- Bible Study	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45am-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion 3pm-Nursing Home Devotions

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!

VBS 2019 Staff Meeting

Our 2019 VBS staff meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 PM**. We'll spend some time going over the ins and outs of how VBS will go, as well as study the various Bible passages that will be taught this year. All adult and youth volunteers should plan to attend!



The Ascension of Our Lord – Potluck and Service

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended visibly into heaven. This is an important event in the story of our salvation, so much so that we confess it each week in the Creed. This year, Ascension Day falls on **Thursday, May 30**. To celebrate Jesus' reign as our good and gracious King, the elders are hosting a **potluck at 6 PM** in the Parish Hall, followed by the **Divine Service with Holy Communion at 7 PM** in the Sanctuary. Please join us on May 30 as we give thanks for our ascended and reigning Lord!



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
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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:	Dan Rinehart (Toni Ann's brother), 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 19th, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

Passion Reading: John 16:12-22

Board of Education Question of the Week

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to _____ than to _____."

Last week's answer:

Youth: Adults:



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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week, Pastor Obersat will be leading us, beginning at 10:30 am.

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 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!

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 12-18, 2019

Invocation

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

R Amen.

Learn by Heart: *Numbers 6:24-26*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 8:1-36; Luke 9:1-17

Monday: Leviticus 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36

Tuesday: Leviticus 10:1-20; Luke 9:37-62

Wednesday: Leviticus 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22

Thursday: Leviticus 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42

Friday: Leviticus 18:1-19:8; Luke 11:1-13

Saturday: Leviticus 19:9-37; Luke 11:14-36

Hymn of the Week: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (*LSB* 709)

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 gift of faith

Monday: For the unemployed

Tuesday: For the sick and suffering

Wednesday: For husbands and wives

Thursday: For missionaries

Friday: For those persecuted as Christians

Saturday: For those fallen from the faith

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

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

R Amen.