

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 21, 2023—8:30am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"You Raise Me Up" *arr. by Melody Bober*

**+ Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

**Refrain:** You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.  
You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days, oh He is my song

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.  
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan  
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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ Word +**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Acts 1:6-14

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with a double bar line at the end.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 17:1-11

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Lord of Light”

**Refrain:** The Lord of light is my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear?  
He's the source of life.

Though wars may rage and pain surrounds you,  
Your heart will hope. He's the source of life.

Wait, be still. God's strong arms keep you.  
Wait, be strong. He's the source of life.

For in the day of trouble, God will keep me safe.  
Though enemies surround me, I will sing to the Lord.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: "Lord, Be Glorified"

*Refrain:* In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Bob Kilpatrick  
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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer** *(sins)*

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**  
*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*  
*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*  
*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Song

"Taste and See"

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

<p>James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34 © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.</p>
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**+Sending+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Trading My Sorrows”

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,  
struck down, but not destroyed; I am blessed beyond the curse,  
for His promise will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength.  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

Lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai,  
lai;  
Lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai.

Darrell Evans

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**+ Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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