

# **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**

"Because He Lives" arr. by William J. Gaither

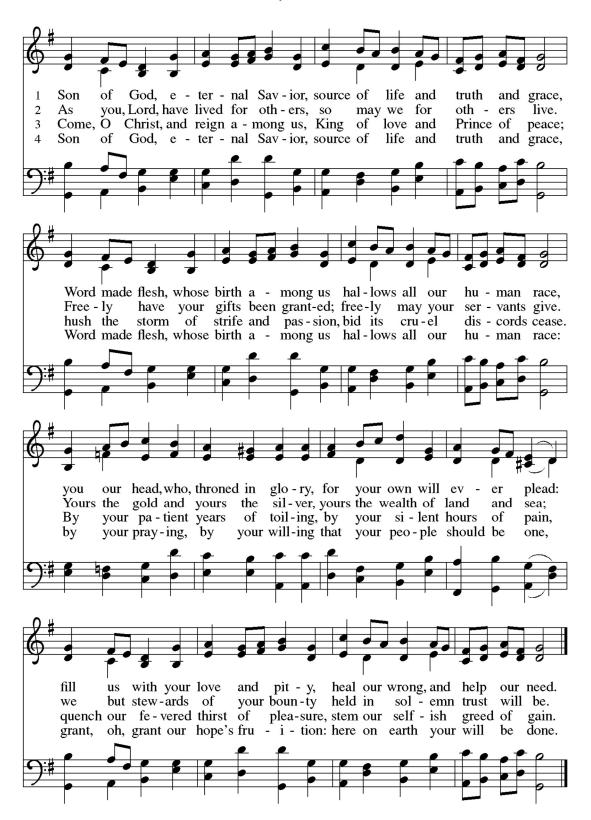
+ Easter Acclamation

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

+ Gathering Hymn

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# Son of God, Eternal Savior



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Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

**+ Greeting** ELW p.193

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**.

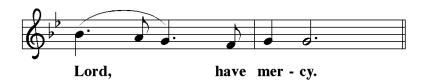


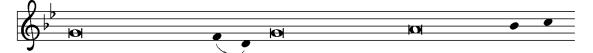




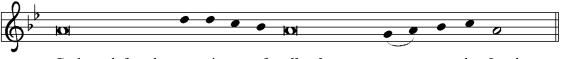


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





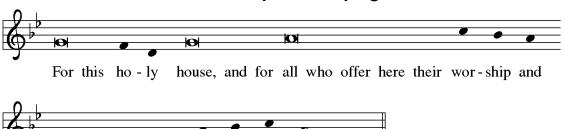
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

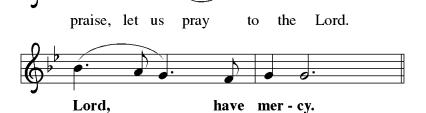


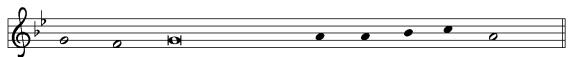
God, and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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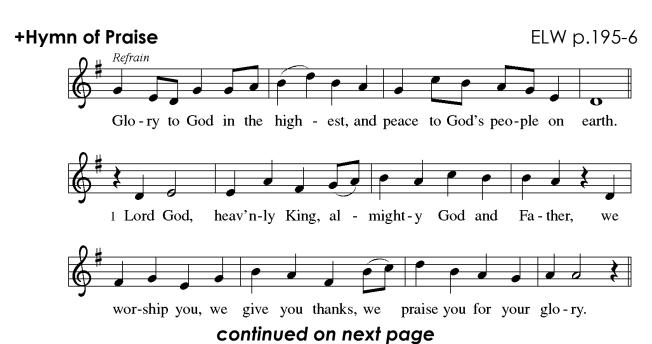






Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.





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## + Prayer of the Day

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O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### +Word+

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

First Reading Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly

there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**Psalm 97** ELW #97

Let us recite together Psalm 97 as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,

righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD,

burning up enemies on every side.

4Lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax

before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,

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and all the peoples see your glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

8Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

11Light dawns for the righteous,

and joy for the honest of heart.

12Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

# **Second Reading**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God



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### + Gospel Reading

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John 17:20-26

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The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

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[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Hymn of the Day

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#### Canticle of the Turning



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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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+ Nicene Creed ELW p.104

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God.

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> universal

### + Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names). Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### + Peace

#### +Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at

https://tithe.ly/give\_new/www/#/tithely/giveone-time/475611.

Checks can be also be sent to church: 521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



#### + Offering Prayer

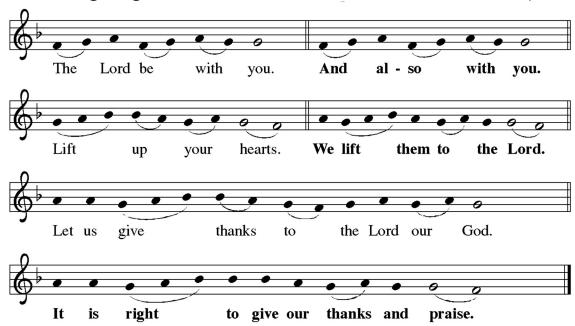
Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

#### A brief silence is kept.

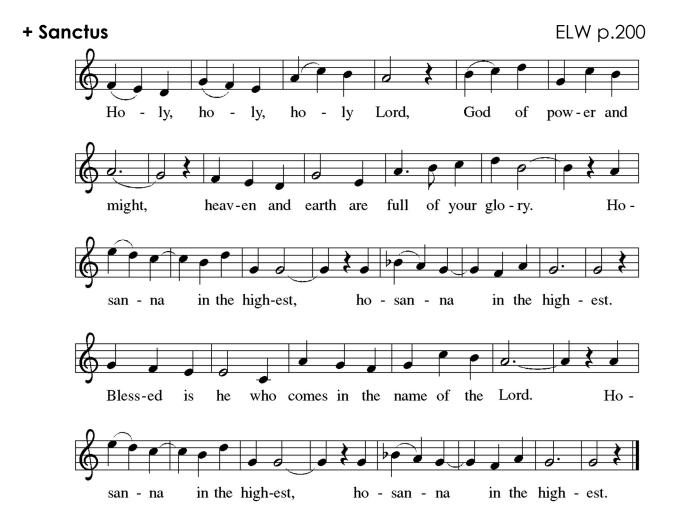
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# + Great Thanksgiving

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## + Proper Preface



# + Thanksgiving at the Table

#### + Lord's Prayer

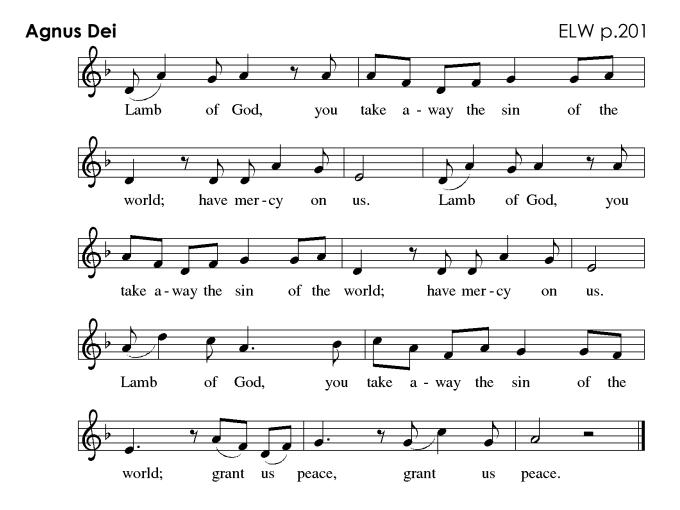
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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

#### + Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



#### Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

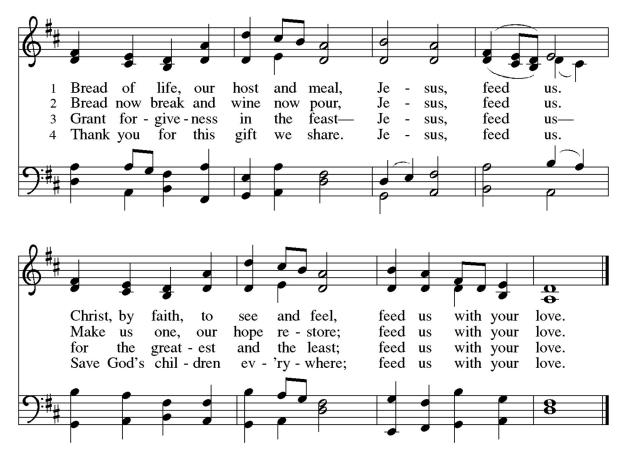
When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

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.

### **Distribution Hymn**

ELW #464

# Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



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# + Blessing After Communion

## + Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

### A brief silence is kept.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### + Sending +

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

#### + Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements**

+ Sending Hymn

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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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# Crown Him with Many Crowns



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