

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023—11am**



**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**

ELW #449

**+ Greeting**

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**+ Kyrie**

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**+Hymn of Praise**

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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 17:22-31

**Psalms 66:8-20**

ELW #66

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 14:15-21

**Young at Heart Message**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**Sermon**

The Rev. Brett Wilson

**+ Hymn of the Day**

ELW# 631

**Holy Baptism**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ 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/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can be also be sent to church:  
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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

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

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

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**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 #477

**+ Table Blessing**

**+ Post Communion Cantic**

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**+ Prayer after Communion**

**+Sending+**

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

**+ Benediction**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Hymn**

TFF #93 (see next pages)

**+ Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

## God Sent His Son

*Because He Lives*

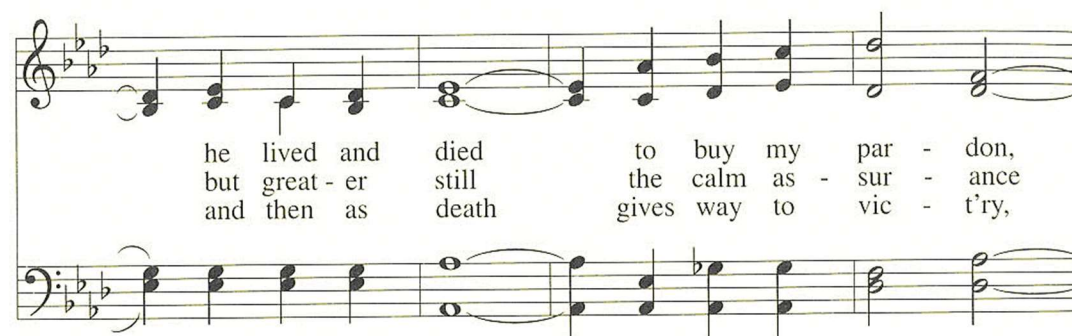
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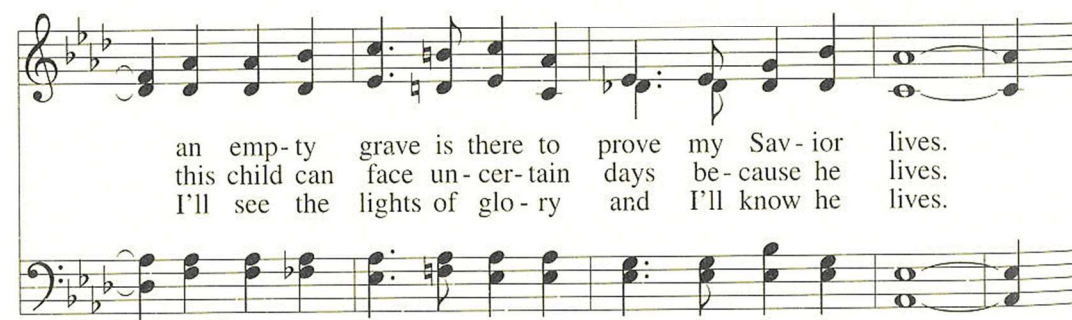
1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2 How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by;  
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives,  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance  
 and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

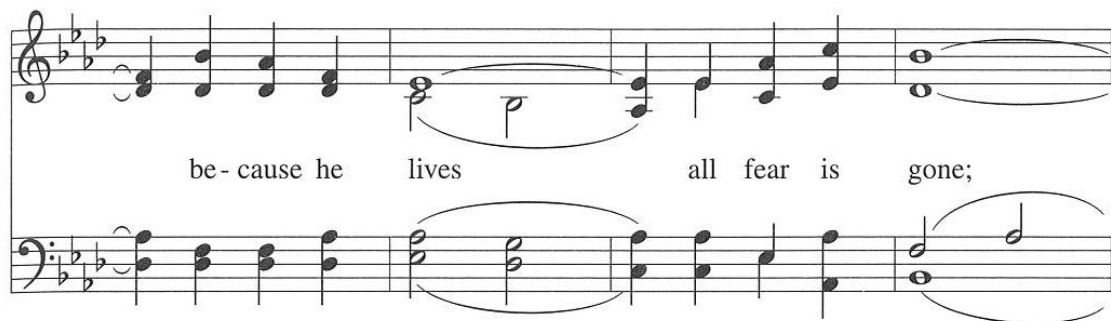
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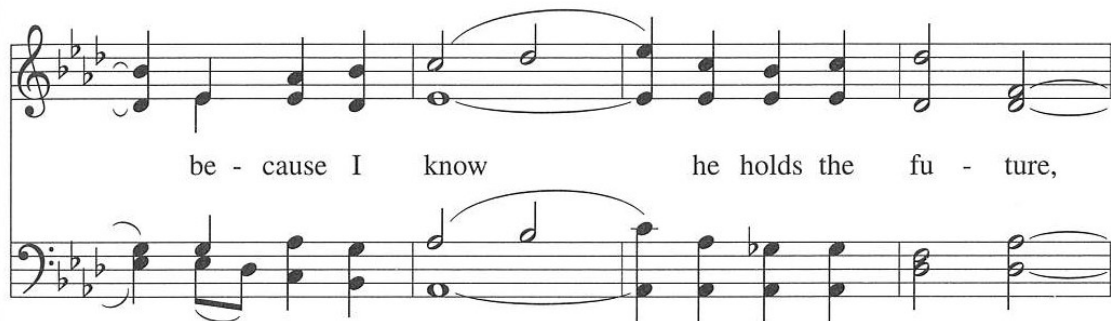
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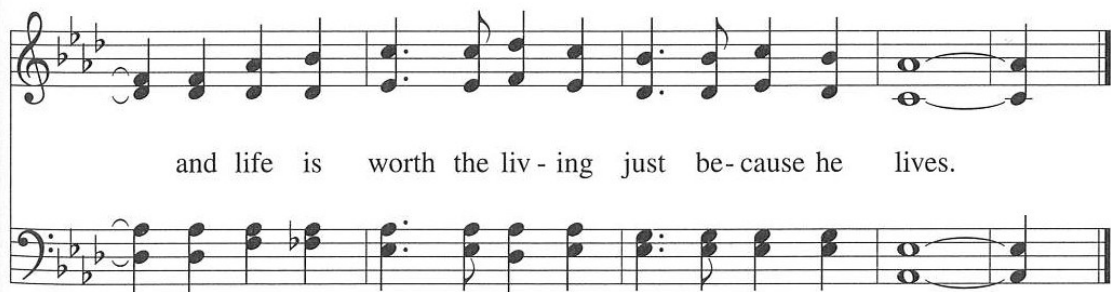
Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row;



be - cause he lives all fear is gone;



be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.