

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW#742

+ 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...
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.**

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| + Gathering Hymn | ELW #377 |
| + Greeting | ELW p.98 |
| + Kyrie | ELW p.98 |
| +Hymn of Praise | ELW p.101 |
| + Prayer of the Day | ELW p.34 |

+ Word +

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

- Bell Choir** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Joel Raney
- First Reading** Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** ELW #31
- Second Reading** 1 Peter 2: 2-10
- + Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.102
- + Gospel Reading** John 14:1-14
- Young at Heart Message & Sermon** The Rev. Leslie D. Weber
- + Hymn of the Day** ELW# 645
- + Nicene Creed** ELW p.104
- + 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.ly/give-one-time/475611.

*Checks can be also be sent to church:
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- + Offering Prayer**
- + Great Thanksgiving** ELW p.107
- + Proper Preface**
- + Sanctus** ELW p.108

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

ELW p.112

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ELW p.112

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 Canticle

ELW p.113

+ Prayer after Communion

+Sending+

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

+ Benediction

Announcements

+ Sending Hymn

ELW #654

+ 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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