

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 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**

"In Christ Alone" *arr. by Larry Shackley*

**+ 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**

“Cry of My Heart”

**Refrain:** It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You.

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life!

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ 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

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 2: 2-10

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-14

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Grace Alone”

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

**Refrain:** Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,  
we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

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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.

James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

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**+Sending+**

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

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Here I am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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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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