

Sunday Service

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Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM



Eager

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Time is held after each Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

HOLY COMMUNION

This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: After the closing hymn, Pastor Cris will pronounce the sending and then for those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray, center.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the Sanctuary down the center aisle, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

Spiritual Conversation - Spreading the Word

When it comes to evangelism, we have real fear of giving offense or being rejected. This fear creates barriers for many Christians when it comes to talking about their faith. Many people have said when spiritual conversations happened previously, it only created tensions and arguments. What I have seen is when we meld our faith with grace and good news, it will become a joy to have spiritual conversations, because it is indeed good news.

Today: Eager

The armor of God sometimes seems like it's something we daily put on to fight our way through the culture. However, when we look at what Paul was actually saying, it's something that signals our readiness and eagerness to show the love of our God in Christ Jesus our lord.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” (LW 129)

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice this day: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory ... that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

--- Opening

Put on shoes of readiness for your feet, given by the gospel of peace - Ephesians 6:15

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor: *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL

AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Loving heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we remain united with him and bear the fruit of love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast" (LW pg 161)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.***

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and Honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.***

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alle-lu-ia.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12:1-6

God has given His people a new surety and confidence, a new sense of purpose, strength, and determination.

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my
song,
and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

The real battles and dangers we face are not just against flesh and blood. Spiritual powers often reveal themselves in institutional evils like genocide, terror, tyranny, and oppression. The weapons needed to combat them, though, are not earthly weapons at all but the armor of God.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:5-15

As believers, we labor together in this world, enduring pain, loss, and unfulfilled desires. Believers can be encouraged that in eternity, all needs will be fulfilled in the presence of God.

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION
THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF DAY

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” (LW 318 Vs. 1-4)

- 1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward He offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me!”**
- 2. If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus; you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.**
- 3. If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.**
- 4. Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calls you, “Here am I. Send me, send me!”**

--- THE SERMON

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--THE OFFERTORY

“Create in me a clean heart” (LW pg 143)

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.

May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” (LW 221 Vs. 1-4)

- 1. Savior, again to Your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless You ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Your word of peace.**
- 2. Grant us Your peace upon our homeward way;
With You began, with You shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Your name.**
- 3. Grant us Your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
For us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
Your evening presence promise to Your own.**
- 4. Grant us Your peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Your eternal peace.**

----- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

Those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion may be seated.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.



Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you ..

PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

After Pastor Cris has consecrated the elements you are invited to come to the altar and receive communion. Please use the right or left aisle as you come forward to the altar. After Pastor Cris has pronounced the blessing for your side, you may place your cup in the basket and depart the sanctuary down the center aisle. Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

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“Jesus Loves Me”

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---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today**

Worship Services
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com
Korean Church Worship

May 15, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:15 AM
10:15 AM
1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

Olivet School
Grace B.O.D. Meeting (ACC/Grace Hall)
Heatherwood H.O.A. (Church Hall)
Individual Communion
TCFGC (ACC/Grace Hall)
Korean Bible Study (Church Hall)
Bible Study (ACC/Grace Hall)
Korean Church Prayer Gathering

May 16 - 21, 2022

Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 11:00 AM
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Thursday, 9:30 AM
Thursday 11:00 AM
Saturday, 6:00 AM

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Deborah Lemke - 5/15, Glenn Swiston, Diane Heinz & Victoria Thomason - 5/16, Joyce Matte - 5/18, Allison Schultz - 5/19

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Charles & Joyce Strickler - 5/15/1965 (57 Years)
Raquel & James Thomson - 5/21/1976 (46 Years)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Chuck & Joyce Strickler in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

GIVING: We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in a Confusing and Trying Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or are unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesdays to celebrate the meal in small groups. Please come by on Wednesday at 11:00 AM and partake of this wonderful meal, or call the church at (772) 871-6599, and Pastor Cris would be happy to set aside a time for you to come in and receive communion.



INTERESTED IN A PICNIC? Save the date of Sunday, July 3rd, for a family church picnic. Please contact Chuck Strickler at cjstricklers@AOL.com or Leigh Liagre at Le711Lo@outlook.com.

GRACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Will meet Tuesday, 5/17, at 5:30 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend!

PLEASE SEND CARDS TO PEOPLE We have several members who are immunocompromised and unable to participate with groups of other people. If you have not seen them in a service lately, please consider calling them or sending a card or letter. Isolation is a lonely situation!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come and join us for a study on **Mark**, either here at the church or on Zoom at 11 AM on Thursday.

REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email.



Prayer Requests

- **place the** pink completed prayer form into the offering plate or on the office desk.

- **or by email** to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

***PINK PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

5/15 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 - Ed B.

Scripture Readers: 8:30 - & 10:15 - Heather P.

5/22 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - Dave V.

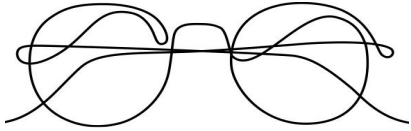
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jennine V. & 10:15 - Coli E.

Readings: Acts 4:1-4, 8-12, 1 Peter 3:13-17, John 15:25-33 (ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: *Spiritual Conversations - Eager*

1. What do you think you would need to be able to talk about your faith more effectively?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Who does Paul encourage us to find our strength in? What does it look like to be strong in the Lord in your life?
3. How does getting ready by putting on the armor of God equip you to share your faith?
4. Review Lutheran Hour Ministries description of an "Eager Conversationalist" at www.lhm.org/eager. Take the "Eager Inventory" found on that website. Which letter are you strongest in? Which can you most improve in? How can spending more time with Jesus help you grow in those areas?
5. BONUS: Visit www.lhm.org/eager and begin the free LHM Learn course "Eager to Share."

This will be the LAST week for collection before Lois leaves!



Eye Glasses Needed For Short Term Mission Trip!

- Lois Danzo is going on a short term mission trip to South Africa with MOST Ministries.
- The goal of the trip is to provide vision screenings and eye glasses for those in need.
- A receptacle is provided for your glasses in Church Hall.

Drop off your gently used adult-sized, child-sized, over the counter reading or prescription glasses or your gently used prescription sunglasses.

Lois is a member of a team from St. Luke Lutheran Church, Haslet, MI, who has partnered with MOST Ministries (**M**ission **O**pportunities **S**hort-**T**erm, a Michigan based non-profit mission sending agency) to take these eyeglasses to Middleburg, South Africa in July 2022.

This year 4 million pairs of eyeglasses will be thrown away in the United States while 158 million people worldwide suffer from uncorrected vision. The cost of a pair of glasses in many developing nations can exceed a month's salary.