

“I AM, is the Good Shepherd”
John 10:11-16

Third Sunday of Easter

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Our Mission:

To reach out faithfully and nourish all of God’s people with His living and active Word, Baptism, and Lord’s Supper so that our Vision can be fulfilled.

Our Vision:

To live in the grace, mercy, peace, and forgiveness of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, as members of His family, here in time and there in eternity.

We Promise:

To witness faithfully and **GROW** God’s family by reaching out to all people who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus and welcome, embrace and nurture them.

To nourish God’s family with **DIVINE WORSHIP** – God’s Word, Sacraments, beautiful music and faithful law and Gospel preaching.

To provide opportunity that invites everyone across a Lifespan to **PARTICIPATE** as members of God’s family.

To be a family in **PRAYER** for and with each other.

To grow continually in the grace and love of God through faithful and thorough study of **SCRIPTURE** and **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** at every age.

To provide **HUMAN CARE** for God’s family at Grace, including our friends and neighbors, with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs wherever we find them.

To equip and encourage every member of God’s family to discover and utilize their **PERSONAL GIFTS** of time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and the good of their neighbor.

Welcome to the Family of God

Concerning the Lord's Supper...

Worthy reception of the Lord's Supper: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words; "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe. (Luther's Small Catechism)

We encourage your individual preparation for the Lord's Supper. Luther's "Christian Questions and Answers" (pp. 329-330 in the hymnal) are wonderful aids in preparation. You may also wish to meditate on the sacramental hymns (617-643). The Lord's blood can be received by common cup or individual cup. Gluten-free wafers are available, please tell the Pastor if you would like one; and non-alcoholic wine is available at the center of the tray. **Please ask an usher** for assistance if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests: The Prayer Circles of Grace want to pray for those who have requests or praise or thanksgiving! Please e-mail Patty Polster at GracePR.patty@gmail.com. Prayer requests are held in confidence.

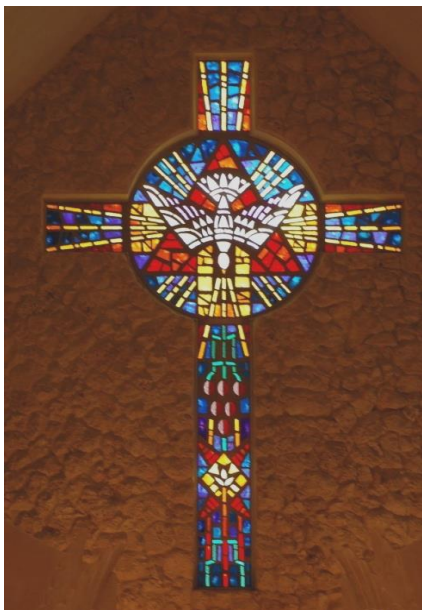
Education Hour Today: Adults, please join us for Bible Class, at 9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School rooms off of the Courtyard.

German Language Worship Service

On the third Sunday of every month at 3:00pm there is a German Language Lutheran Service led by Pastor Michael DeLong followed by a time of fellowship.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT GRACE TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
ELDERS	Patrick Perri Austin Gomez Tom Murray	Phil Wehmeyer Mauro Nobili Larry Polster
USHERS	Dick & Rhea Teteak	Jerry Roseman
LECTORS	Jane Niederbrach	Len Walter
GREETERS	Carol Tamulis	Beverly Fritz
ACOLYTES		
ALTAR GUILD	SueAnn Zornes	



For Families with children:

There is a cry room available off the narthex and rocking chairs in the back of the Sanctuary for parents with infants and young children. There are fun activity bags for children to use during the service, available at the welcome center.

Hearing Devices

are available from one of the ushers to enhance the sounds of the service.

*Flowers are given
By
Mauro & Linda Nobili
Celebrating their anniversary*



Second Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

As We Gather

We are pleased to have you in our worship service today. We pray that it will help you to focus on God as you draw strength from Him. You are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the service to let God quiet your heart and mind for worship. While we do not want to discourage your interaction with fellow worshippers and friends that you haven't seen for a while, please be mindful of others as they prepare in prayer for the Divine Service. Prayers for every occasion, including preparation for worship, can be found in the hymnal on pages 305 – 318.”

Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



CHOIR 1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His God - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: German, 1534, Nürnberg
Text and tune: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

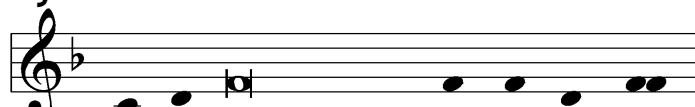
[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

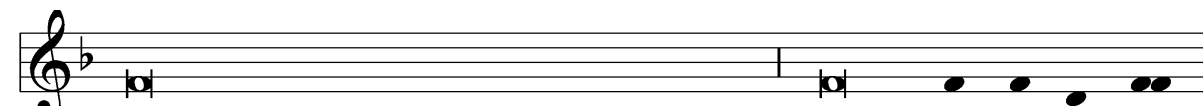
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



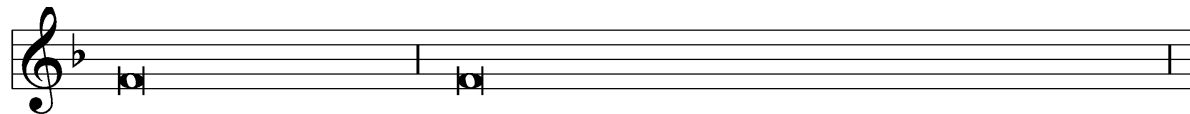
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



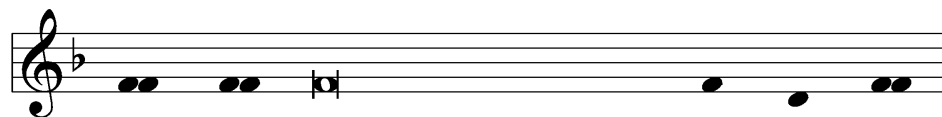
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

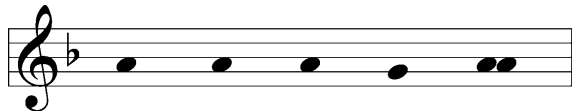


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day

of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Psalm 23



The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–25

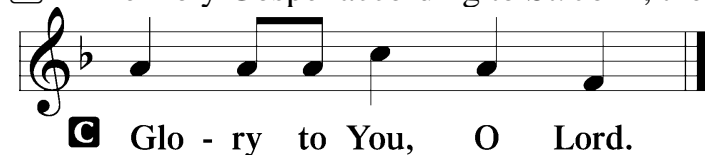
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand***Alleluia and Verse***John 6:68*


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*John 10:11-16***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.


C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.


C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message & Rite of Friendship

While the children are coming forward, please take the black folder located in the hymnal rack in front of you, record your name, check the appropriate column and pass it to the person next to you until it reaches the end of your pew. As it is passed back, take note of the names of those worshipping with you so that you might greet them. Please return the folder to the hymnal rack.



Hymn of the Day

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

Anthem (8:00a.m)

"With High Delight"

- Philip Gehring

(Chorsters)

Stand

Offertory

955 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayers of the Church

The congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."

Prayer Concerns Bill, Daniel, Debbie, Flora, Gilbert, Jackson, Jeffrey, Ken, Kristina, Linda, Lisa, Louis, Liz, Mallie, Norma, Rene, Robert, Ruth, Sandy, Sharon, Thora Jean, Trevor.

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett-Ethiopia

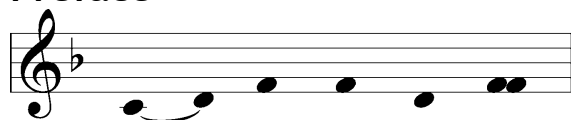
Service of the Sacrament

Lord's Supper Statement of Faith

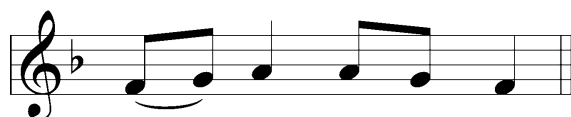
As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion. We also believe that, as we receive Christ in this meal with penitent and believing hearts, we receive all the treasured blessings that He earned for us. If you share this confession, then come; taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



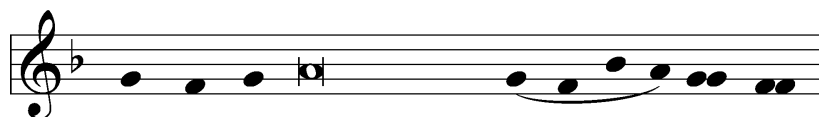
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



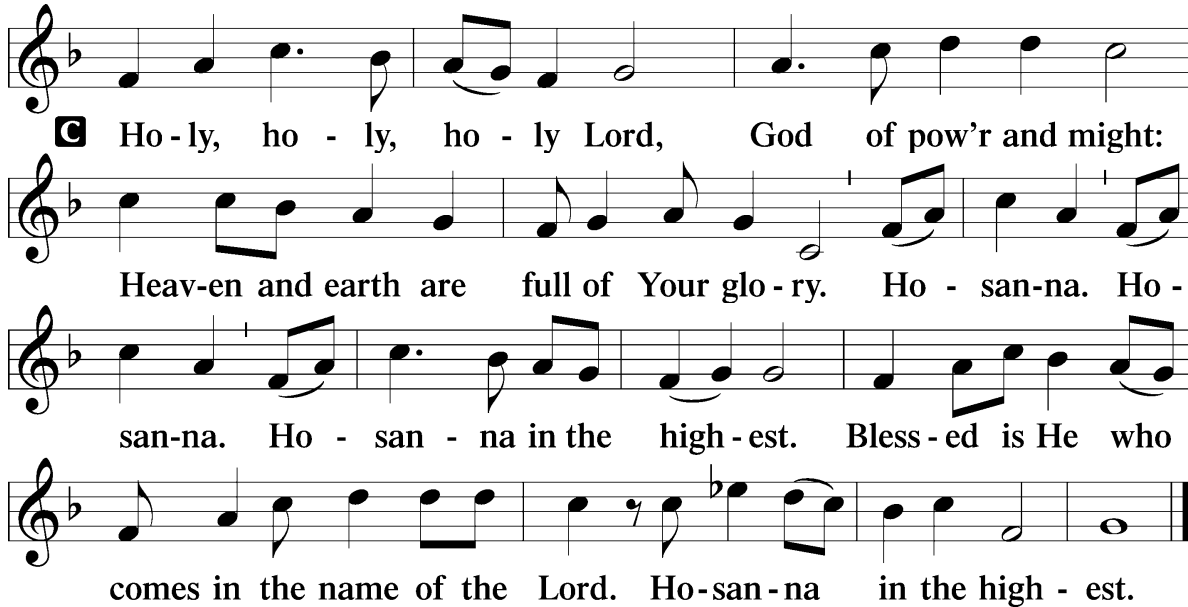
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

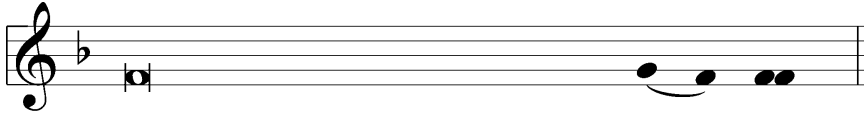
The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

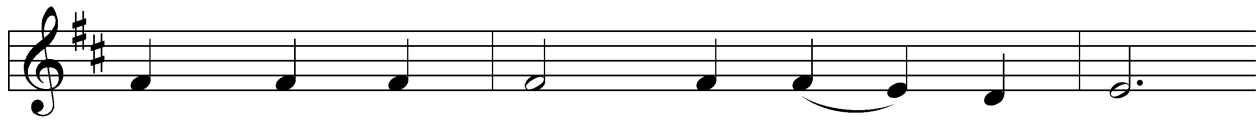
464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
 From death's dread sting Thy servants free
 That we may live and sing to Thee.
 Alleluia! Refrain

Distribution Hymn

711 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*



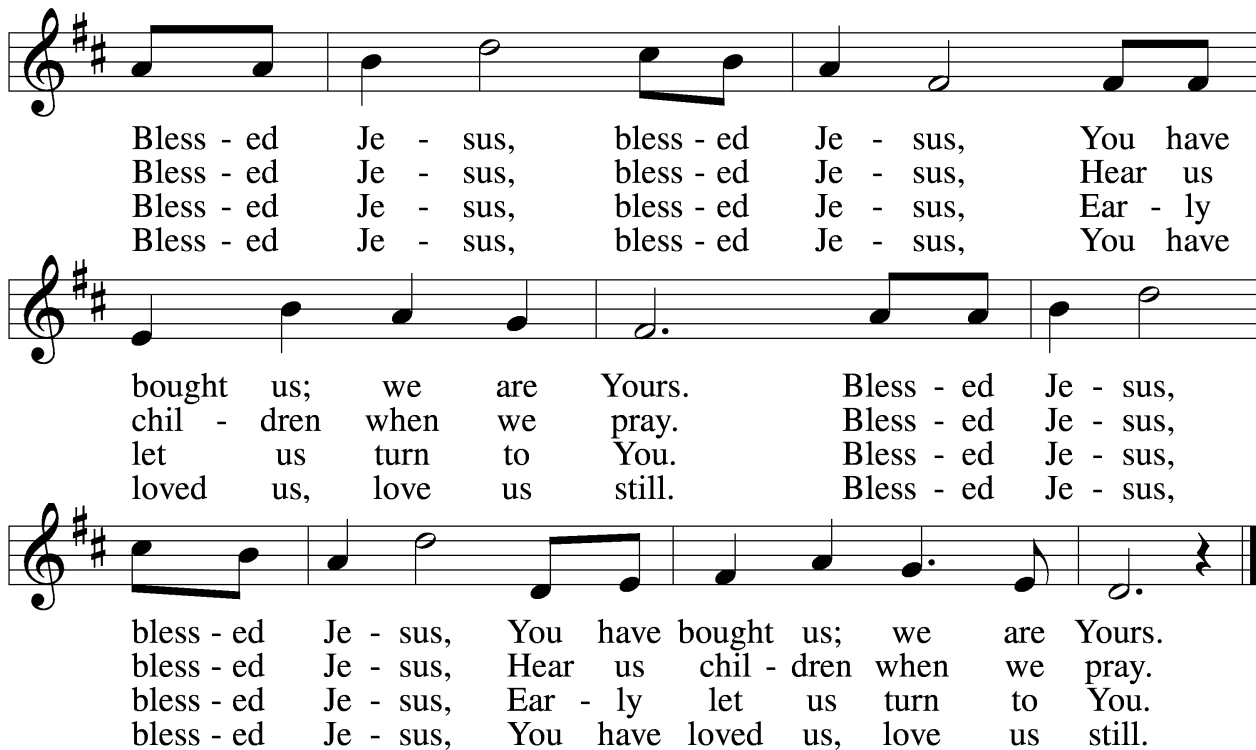
1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
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Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

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Post-Communion Collect

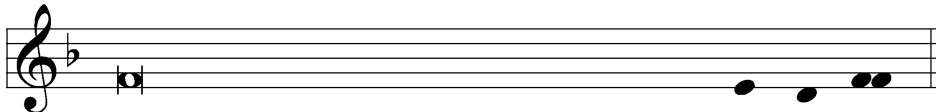
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Postlude

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ATTENDANCE:
Sunday, April 7, 2024=284



We have **ONLINE GIVING** on our **website: graceofnaples.com**. Just click on the button **GIVE** and follow the instructions. You can also go directly to this page by scanning the **QR Code**.



Before you go...

Some of you will be heading north, soon. Before you go, please add a **yellow 'Out of Town' card to your mailbox.**

If you haven't had a chance to update your address, telephone number or email, call the office at (239) 261-7421 or email (office@graceofnaples.com).

Even when you are not with us, we would like to stay in touch.



Our local Community Pregnancy Clinics need diapers, size 4, 5 and 6. These diapers will go to support women and babies in need who chose life!
Please consider donating diapers for these babies. You can drop off the diapers at the front office at Grace Lutheran.



Community
Pregnancy
Clinics

Thank you! ~ DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang



Women of Grace Quilters are in need material for making Quilts! (But Not heavy upholstery material). Also, we need sheets in any size, color or design, new or gently used. You can drop your donation off in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, call Carol Borchelt 239-529-3172 Thank you.

Mite Boxes



Remember to turn in your mite boxes in the Narthex at the beginning of each month. Your mite may seem small and powerless but when put with others, those mites form a MIGHTY MITE. It is unstoppable.



Bid.
Donate.
Support.

WOG Silent Auction

In Fellowship Hall
4 Handmade Quilts
1 Knitted Baby Blanket
1 Tote

All Proceeds go to Our Mission Support
Thank you!



**Women of Grace
April 20th at 10:00**



Fellowship Hall

All Women of Grace are invited to be part of something that is bigger than oneself. Come join your “sisters in faith” to be strengthened in God’s Word, create Christian relationships and care for God’s people by showing the Christ in you!

On Saturday, April 20th gathers as we hear God’s Word, enjoy a devotion, meet to talk about ways to help everyone know Jesus, hear about an interesting mission, do a small serves project and have a planning meeting about dispersion of funds raised to date.

Lunch will be served!



American Guild of Organists
SW FLORIDA CHAPTER

SW FL Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents:

Open Console and Members Recital at Grace
Lutheran Church, Naples FL

Saturday, April 27, 1:00p.m. (Reception to follow)

Come see inside our amazing pipe organ and learn a little more about what makes it tick. Then, see and hear what it can do as local organists present their annual Members Recital. Demonstrations will be led by our very own Director of Parish Music, Jonathan Birner

Please join us!



*Kami & Chris Mogelvang going away party.
Saturday, May 4th, 2024.
More information to follow.*



Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serving in Ethiopia.

Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Ethiopia. Eric teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other church workers to serve in Ethiopia.

Eric was born in Great Falls, Mont. He earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Montana, Missoula. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to becoming a missionary, Eric worked as a hospital clinical staff pharmacist and as a triple parish pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stanford, Mont. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denton, Mont, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Mont. In his free time, Eric enjoys woodworking, reading and bow hunting. Johanna was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She earned bachelor's degrees in biology and nursing from the University of Windsor and is a registered nurse. Before heading to Ethiopia, Johanna served as an obstetrics nurse at Hutzel Women's Hospital, Detroit, and with Benefits health Systems, Great Falls, Mont. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, playing the piano, being an organist and teaching choir. Eric and Johanna have four beautiful children- Rachael, Naomi, Luke and Levi- who join them on the mission field.

Prayers Pray for Eric, Johanna and their children as they serve in Ethiopia. Pray God gives their entire family strength and peace as they continue to adjust to life overseas, learning the culture and the language. Pray for the church in Ethiopia and for the students attending Mekane Yesus Seminary. Ask God to give Eric wisdom and guidance as he teaches these students and helps them prepare to become faithful Lutheran pastors, lay evangelists and other professional church workers. Let us give thanks to God that Eric, Johanna, and their family have answered the call to serve His people in Ethiopia.



Grace Youth Night!

Our youth enjoyed an Escape Room experience in Bonita Springs at "Tropic Escape". We had two groups racing to solve the puzzle and escape from their rooms. Both groups were successful in escaping from their rooms in just under 1 hour! Thanks for a great night youth!

~DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang



Meet Grace Lutheran Academy's New Headmaster Patrick Steckbeck

Patrick's life took a profound turn when, at the age of 16 in 2011, he experienced the love of God in Christ through the preaching of the Gospel. Soon after, guided by a mentor who handed him a Systematic Theology textbook, Patrick embarked on a journey in the pursuit of wisdom. This led him from his birthplace in Indiana to Sanford, Florida, where he studied Theology, Philosophy, Church History, and Classics. During his sophomore year, he first felt God's call to education, a calling that would shape his future.

Patrick met his beautiful bride, Alexa, at college and married her in 2017. He managed a BBQ restaurant in his home state of Indiana for several years while working on a master's in philosophy. In 2020, God graciously gave him a job in Christian-classical education, teaching Theology, Logic, and Rhetoric for the past four years. This last year, he has also worked in administration. God has graciously blessed Patrick and Alexa with a son, Ryker Lee Steckbeck. He is a jolly 9-month-old who loves rough-and-tumble play.

Patrick loves good books, Lutheran Theology, and getting excited with others about Christian-classical education. He is pleased to partner with families in forming a school in the Christian-Classical Lutheran tradition for the good of souls and the glory of God!

This week at Grace

Today—April 14th 8:00 am Divine Worship—S 9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH 10:30 am Divine Worship—S 12:00 pm Adult Information Class—FH	Thursday— April 18th 10:00 am Women's' Bible Study Class—FH 6:00 pm Grace AMR Ringers—S
Monday— April 15th 6:30 Council meeting—FH	Friday— April 19th
Tuesday— April 16th 9:00 am Cool Mom's Bible Study—SS 10:00 am Last Quilters & Knit/Crochet—FH 6:30 pm Men of Grace—FH	Saturday—April 20th 10:00 am WOG meeting—FH
Wednesday— April 17th 10:30 am Adult Bible Class—S 4:30 pm Confirmation—SS 7:00 pm Grace Chorale—S	Sunday— April 21st 8:00 am Divine Worship—S 9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH 10:30 am Divine Worship—S
Readings for Sunday April 21st Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalms 147: 1-11 1 Peter 2:11-20 John 16:16-22	ROOM KEY S—Sanctuary SS—Sunday School Rooms off Courtyard C—Courtyard N—Narthex PL—Parsonage Lawn NR- Nursery room

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

April 21st Youth night 5-7pm
April 27th American Guild of Organists at 1:00pm
May 4th Kami & Chris Mogelvang going away party.

The Preschool Donation for the month of April is any size Sidewalk Chalk

It can be dropped off in the office or ordered from Amazon and shipped directly to the Preschool.