

## "Sorrow Turned to Joy" John 16:16-22

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 21, 2024

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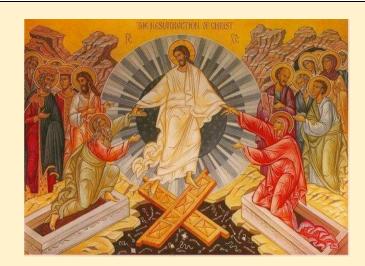
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#### **Our Mission:**

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.

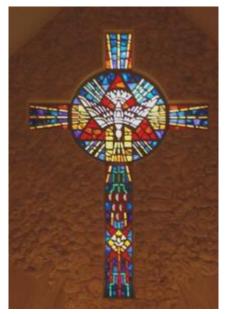
To provide opportunity that invites everyone across a Lifespan to **PARTICIPATE** as members of God's family.

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.



#### 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.

at GracePR.patty@gmail.com. Prayer requests are held in confidence. Education Hour Today: Adults, please join us for Bible Class, at 9:15

**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Circles of Grace want to pray for those

who have requests or praise or thanksgiving! Please e-mail Patty Polster

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 Tom Hecht Steve Beights	Phil Wehmeyer Craig Johnson
USHERS		Jerry Roseman
LECTORS	Elaine Ehmann	
GREETERS		Jean Freche
ACOLYTES		Evelyn Gomez
ALTAR GUILD	Niles Jehn	

Flowers are given. To the glory of God



# 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.

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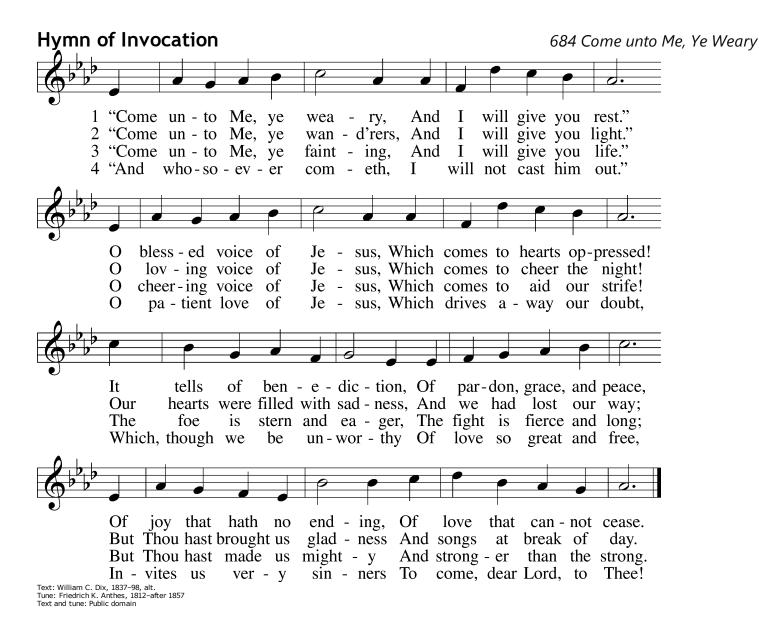
#### Prelude

"Holy Holy Holy" "The Strife Is O'er" (Grace AMR Ringers)

Arr. By Douglas E. Wayne

#### Welcome

Stand



## **Confession and Absolution**

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

#### Invocation

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

#### Exhortation

- **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**

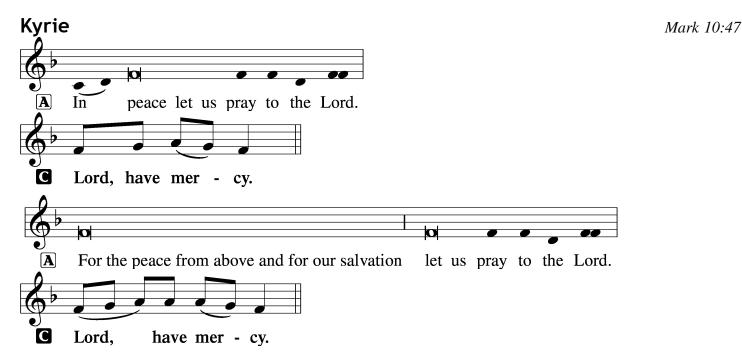
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not 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]

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.

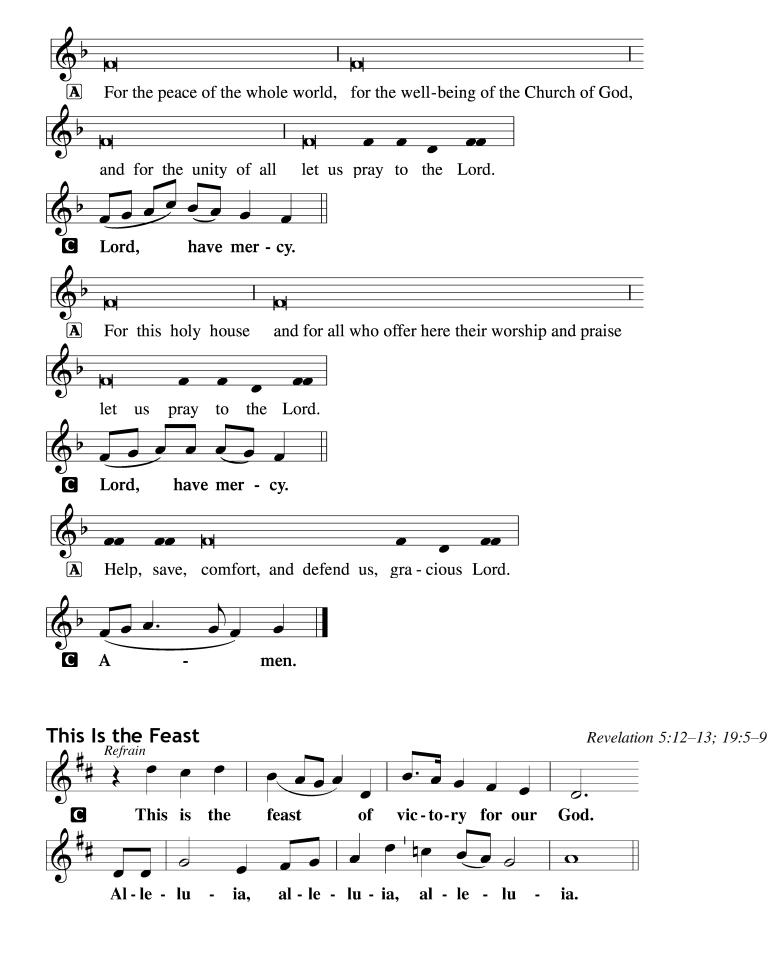
**C** Amen.

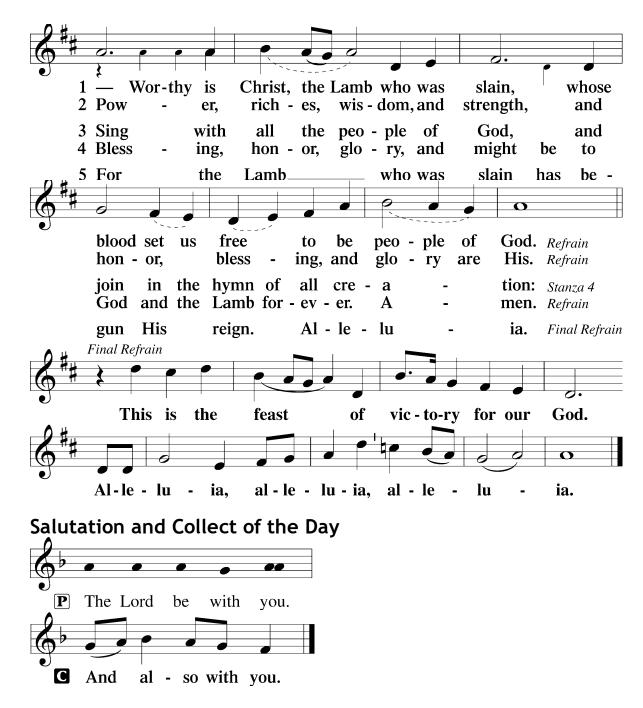


Service of the Word

1 John 1:8–9

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20





**P** Let us pray.

Amen.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? Isaiah 40:25–31

He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.



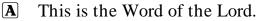
- 1 Praise the Lord, O Jesrusalem, chant praises to your God. The strength of God is your fortress sure, and blessed are your children. (R)
- 2 All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth. You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones. (R)
- 3 You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up every wound, you number all the stars of night and call each one by name. (R)
- 4 The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food, the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind. (R)

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#### Epistle

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.



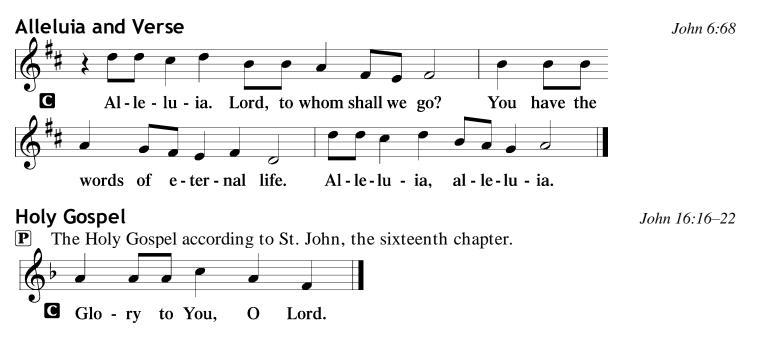


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Anthem (10:30a.m.)

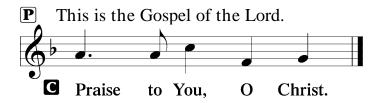
"Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Grace Chorale) - Daniel E. Gawthrop

Stand



[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the

world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."



#### **Nicene Creed**

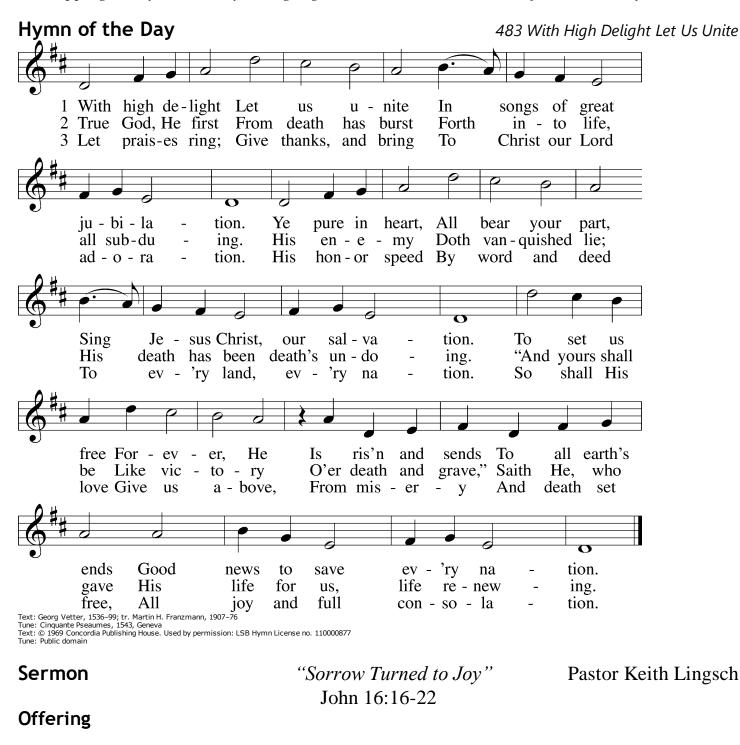
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### 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.



#### Anthem (8:00a.m)

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* (Grace Chorale) - Daniel E. Gawthrop



#### **Prayers of the Church**

The congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."

**Prayer Concerns** Beverly, 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!



#### **Proper Preface**

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:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

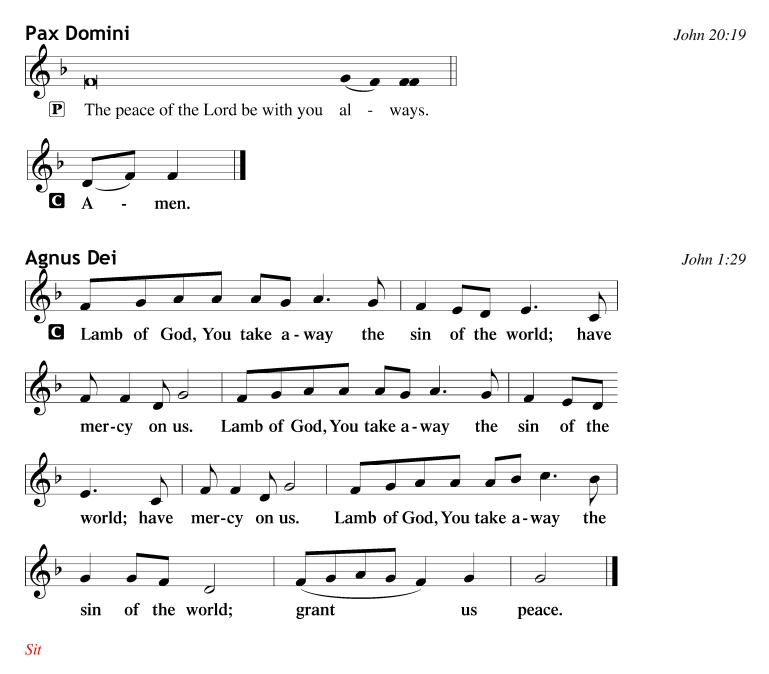
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Matthew 6:9–13



#### 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.

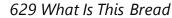
Amen.

**Distribution Hymn** 

756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



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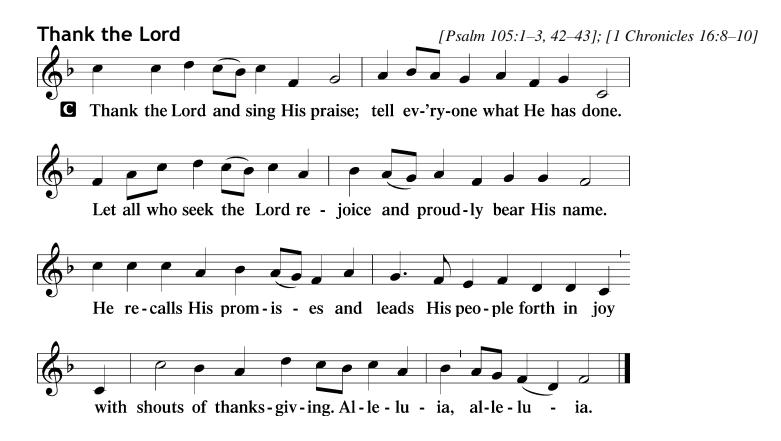


In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

#### The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to **P** life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

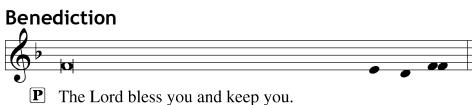


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



Numbers 6:24–26

Ine 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.





#### Postlude

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#### **ATTENDANCE:** Sunday, April 14, 2024=242



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# THE RUAL

#### 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.



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.



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!

Grace ladies deliver diaper donations and quilts handmade by our Women of Grace to the local Community Pregnancy Clinic. These will be given to newborn babies in our community who need extra love and support.

Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being and you knit me together in my mother's womb.





#### 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



#### Grace Vicar Application Update:

Join Concordia Ft Wayne Theological Seminary on Tuesday April 23, at 7p.m. to find out where students have been assigned to service as vicars and deaconess interns. The livestreamed service will be accessible here on our Call Day page **hhttps://www.ctsfw.edu/callday/** as well as through the daily **chapel page, and Facebook.** A complete list of assignments, along with photos of our 2024-25 vicars and deaconess interns, will be available shortly after the conclusion of the service. PLEASE JOIN US! As we gather to celebrate Kami Jo Mogelvang, who has given 17 wonderful years of Service to God at Grace!

## Saturday, May 4th @ 4pm

## with a catered dinner in Fellowship Hall

As we gather, we will take time to remember and celebrate Kami Jo, Chris, and kids!

# Ways To RSVP:

# The sign up sheet on Narthex Bulletin Boards, at the Welcome Desk,

## or by scanning the QR Code below!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he wil make straight your paths."



It's Not a Goodbye, It's a "See You Later"!

Today—April 21st	Thursday— April 25th
8:00 am Divine Worship—S	10:00 am Women's' Bible Study Class—FH
9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH	6:00 pm Grace AMR Ringers—S
10:30 am Divine Worship—S	
5-7:00pm Youth night—FH	
Monday— April 22nd	Friday— April 26th
Tuesday— April 23rd	Saturday—April 27th
9:00 am Cool Mom's Bible Study—SS	1:00 pm American Guild of Organists—S
10:00 am Last Quilters & Knit/Crochet—FH	
Wednesday— April 24th	Sunday— April 28th
10:30 am Adult Bible Class—S	8:00 am Divine Worship—S
4:30 pm Confirmation—SS	9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH
7:00 pm Grace Chorale—S	10:30 am Divine Worship—S
Readings for Sunday April 28th	ROOM KEY
Isaiah 12:1-6	S—Sanctuary
Psalm 66:1-8	SS—Sunday School Rooms off Courtyard
James 1:16-21	C—Courtyard
John 16:5-15	N—Narthex
	PL—Parsonage Lawn
	NR- Nursery room
Mark These Date	es on Your Calendar
May 4 <sup>th</sup> Kami & Chris Mogelvang going awa May 19 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday May 20 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting	osed

#### 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.