

# MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY



*May 22, 2022*  
*10:00am*

*The liturgical parts of the service will be sung by the choir. The music is from Gospel Mass, by Robert Ray.*

**Prelude**                      Song Without Words                      Peter Ramsey

**Welcome**

**Hymn**                      When in Our Music God Is Glorified                      #851

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**                      Lord, have mercy . . .                      Soloist, Kathy Delfosse

**Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Family Choir**                      Guide My Steps

**Children's Sermon**

**First Reading: Psalm 67**

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
    may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth,  
    your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
    for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase;  
    God, our own God, has blessed us.
- <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
    and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Pacibells**                      All Creatures of Our God and King                      John A. Behnke  
    Lift Up Your Bells and with Us Ring! Alleluia!

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hallelujah, praise the Lord

Choir

## **Gospel: John 14:23–29**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Credo**

I Believe in God

Soloist, Wilma Hovland

## Prayers of the Church

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

... God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Offering

**Pacibells**

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Kevin Mc Chesney

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Soloist, Paul Lokken

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Communion

We Come to the Hungry Feast (piano)

arr. Mark Sedio

## Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Soloist, Paul Lokken

## Blessing

(sung by the choir)

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

The Ash Grove

Anne Krentz Organ

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**Assisting Minister:** Arthur Grothe

**Reader:** Arthur Grothe

**Organist:** Elaine Mann

**Choir Director:** Julie DeBoer

**Pacibells Director:** Karen Lionberger

**Cover Photo:** Rick Long





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mask Reminder

Due to a number of Covid cases moving through our Grace Lutheran community, we have decided to require masks at our Sunday services once again. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Masks will be available at the door if you need one. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

## Celebration of Music at Grace

The worship service today will celebrate the gift of music with a special presentation by the choir. They will sing Gospel Mass, in which the words of the communion service are set to the rhythm and harmony of African-American music. The separate movements will be performed within the context of Holy Communion. This unique setting will be accompanied by piano, bass, and drum set with soloists from the choir.

In 1979, Robert Ray sat down to write Gospel Mass, an experimental work, for a one-time performance. To his surprise, the piece caught on and became a seminal work of African-American music, performed by choirs and churches all over the world.

The Pacibells will also play several numbers and Family choir will sing.

We will be honoring our musicians this Sunday with a full service of musical offerings. After worship we will have a reception in the Parable Chapel. **We will be honoring our choir director Julie DeBoer during this reception. Please plan to attend to thank her and bid her farewell. There will be a basket available for cards.**

## Thank You

Over the past three weeks Grace has held two funerals; one for Marilyn Lee and another for Beverly Perry. The Lee funeral took place during the Foot & Nail clinic and the Perry funeral was this last Monday on short notice.

We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to everyone who helped out at either funeral. Special thanks to Deb Heath, Barb Eidahl and Wilma Hovland who managed the luncheon after the services. It can be stressful to arrange for volunteers, purchase food and drinks, and make sure you don't disrupt the other events going on at the church all while being kind and respectful to the family who are going through a difficult time.

Many of the members at Grace gather together and help out at these events and every person who does so makes it a little bit easier. Thank you again to all who gave their time and effort.



## Picnic Fare for Families at Beacon House

Soon, we will be providing evening meals for the homeless families staying at Beacon House. The dates are June 2, June 3, and June 4 which are the Thursday, Friday and Saturday immediately following Memorial Day. We will serve sandwiches and other light food. The sign-ups sheets are posted on the Lighthouse in the Narthex.

Thank You for your support.

## Grace Lutheran Church Building Future

On Palm Sunday we have a very well-attended and thoughtful conversation with Pastor Erin Nelson about our building that resulted in awareness that clarity of mission and purpose comes before all decisions about use of space. As a result we have invited her back to help us together discern our purpose and mission, where each and every one of us would be excited to direct our time and other resources in Jesus' name. We will have multiple conversations as part of the process and invite you to note these dates for sessions. Everyone is encouraged to come.

- Wednesday, June 8 from 6 to 8pm
- Wednesday, July 6 from 6 to 8pm
- Wednesday, August 17 from 6 to 8pm

## Bulletin Cover Art

We are always looking for members to share their creative talents with the congregation. Below is a list of upcoming lessons for the month of May. If any of these inspire you, please send in your creations and we will feature them on the cover of the bulletin.

- May 29 Acts 16:16–34 Paul Heals a Woman and Sings Songs in Prison

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this Sunday were given in thanksgiving of all the wonderful musicians who make Grace Lutheran a joyous place to worship. Thank you to all who share their talent and passion for music with us.

## Memorials

- Jeff & Deb Heath gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Ron Huse gave in memory of Beverly Perry.
- Barb Koch gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Miohne & Gus Nichols gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Ed Olson gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Patricia & David Ristau gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Roger & Shirley Shepler gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Gordon Thorpe gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.
- Donna Villand gave in memory of Marilyn Lee.

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: [pastorphil@grace-church.org](mailto:pastorphil@grace-church.org)

If you missed one of our services, you can find them on the “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page. If you would like to follow along with a bulletin they can be found on our website (<https://grace-church.org/>) under the “Our Ministry” section.

Services are also broadcast on the following platforms:

### Televised Service

Sunday 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Thursday 1:30pm Cable Channel 993 (ChipVal CTV Pub Ed)

### Radio Service

Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713



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*Choir Director:* Julie DeBoer

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# *Grace Lutheran Choir*

## **Soprano**

Stacy Geist  
Wilma Hovland  
Diana Cataldi  
Barb Piper  
Diane Pomplun

## **Alto**

Norma Lionberger  
Jan Adams  
Kathy Delfosse  
Barb Eidahl  
Gail George  
Kathy Sue Krause

## **Tenor**

Randy Adams  
Paul Lokken

## **Bass**

Pete Lokken  
Collin Pomplun  
Roger Pomplun  
Jim Hubbard  
Judy Rosenau  
Rick Long  
Jon Thorpe

## *Lacibells*

Nathaniel Swenson  
Kathy Delfosse  
Norma Lionberger  
Judy Tilleson  
Andrea Phan  
Katrina Cooper

## *Family Choir*

Violet Ash  
Ember Ewings  
Annie Ram  
Quinn Ram  
Peter Reid  
Anita Reid

## *Instrumentalists*

Percussion, Colin Carey  
Bass, Andy Hofer