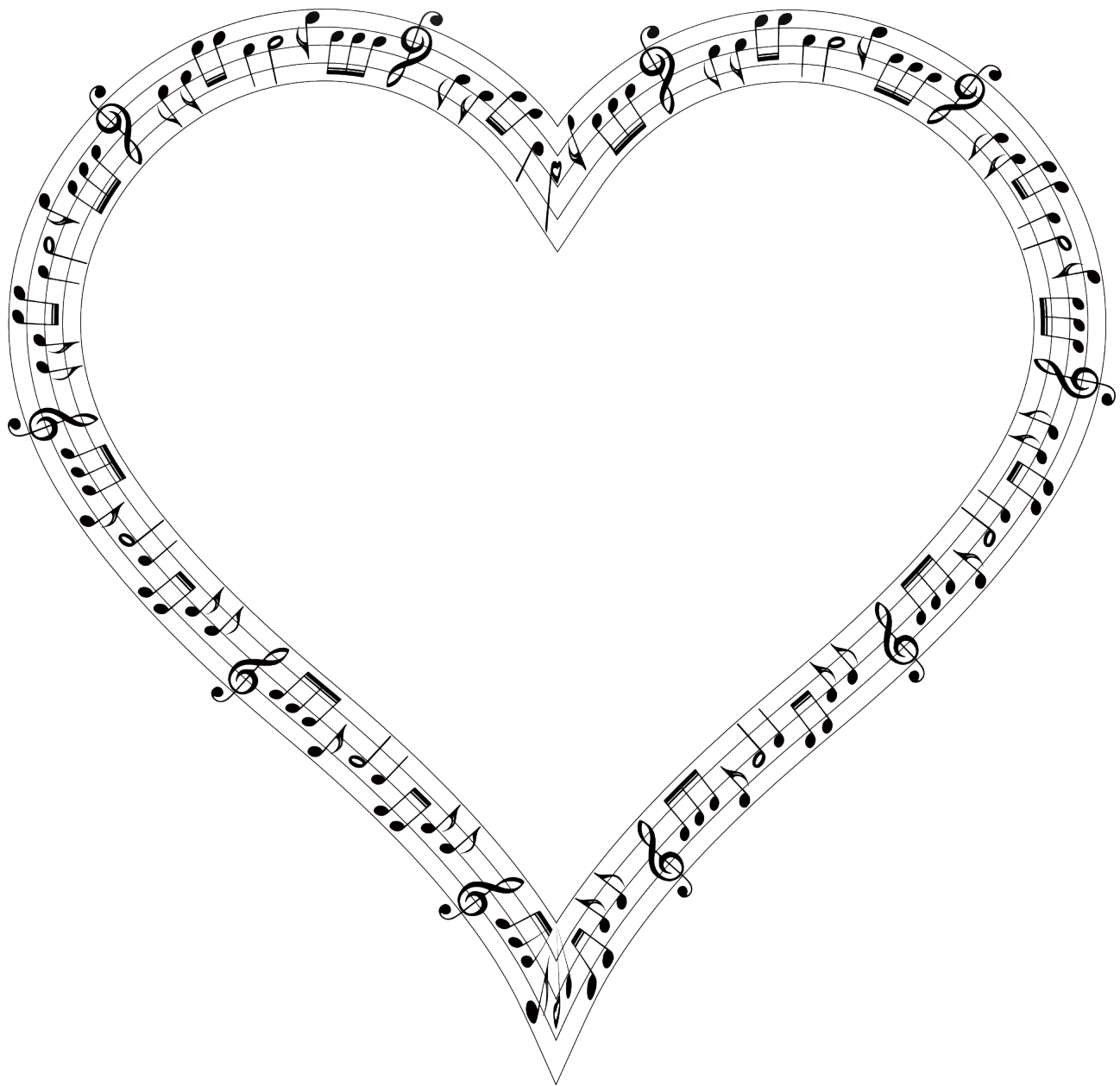


MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY



May 14, 2023
10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Variations on "Veni Creator"

Maurice Durufle

Welcome

Responsive Reading

The Congregation echoes the pastor with each of these responses when indicated:

We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.

We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.

We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.

We come to you to worship you, now and forever.

Apostolic Greeting

Pacibells

From Death to Life Eternal
Just A Closer Walk (based on hymn #697)

by Bill Ingram
setting by Judy Phillips

Family Choir

Festival Alleluia

Allen Pote

WORD

Children's Message

Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

#398

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

sung by the choir

Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest

sung by the choir

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17:22–31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

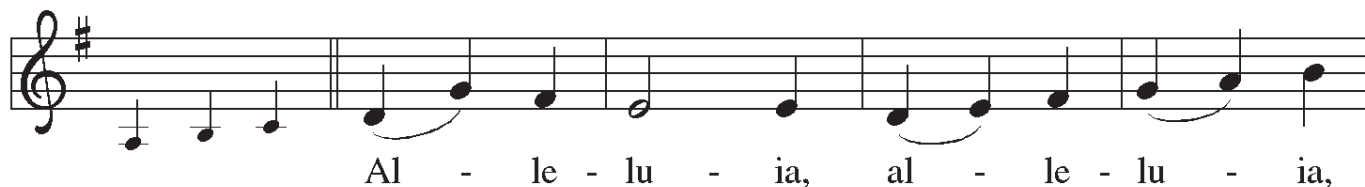
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Acclamation

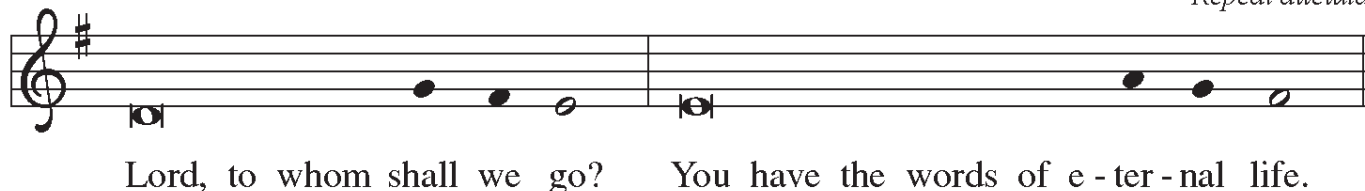


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Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**The Gospel for today is from John the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Nate Aaseng

Hymn Loving Spirit

#397

Prayers of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering When in our Music God Is Glorified

Michael Burkhardt

Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

sung by the choir

Eucharistic Prayer

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 Distribution Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

sung by the choir

Congregational Hymn Thy Holy Wings

#613

SENDING

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

#840

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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<p>Minister: Rev. Nate Aaseng</p> <p>Assisting Minister: Arthur Grothe</p> <p>Reader: Mitch Piper</p>	<p>Organist: Elaine Mann</p> <p>Choir Director: Diana Cataldi</p> <p>Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger</p>
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Instrumentalists:

<p>Violin: Hannah Sternberg, Eva Peterson</p> <p>Viola: Quinn Wilson, Joey Elliot</p> <p>Cello: Susan Halderman</p>	<p>French Horn: Gabrielle Estes, Carleen Hetrick</p> <p>Timpani: Andrew Reid</p>
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Weekly Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY (7th)</u></p> <p>Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am Habitat Update – 11am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TUESDAY</u></p> <p>Stepping On – 9:30am Prayer Group – 11am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p> <p>Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm Scouts Spring Program Kickoff – 7pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MONDAY</u></p> <p>Elizabeth Circle – 10am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p>Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm Choir Rehearsal – 7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY (14th)</u> <i>(Mother's Day)</i></p> <p>Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am</p>

Other groups using the building this week: Quakers, Northwest Synod, Scouts, ADRC, Jonah

Nate Aaseng

Pastor Nate Aaseng will be preaching and presiding today. He and his family were members of Grace before he became a pastor and served at St. John's Lutheran in Eau Claire for many years. He is the author of over 150 books!

Pastor Phil is visiting his daughter who is receiving her PhD this week. He will be back on the 21st.

Empty Bowls

Reserve tickets today for Feed My People's Empty Bowls on May 18. There will be food trucks, hundreds of locally crafted wooden and ceramic bowls to browse, a silent auction, and more at the warehouse. \$25 for a bowl and meal: give.fmpfoodbank.org/EmptyBowls

Music Sunday and Reception

May 14 is Music Sunday and we will be having a special service honoring the music and musicians who bless us with their talents at Grace. However, May 14 is also Mother's Day and we understand that many of you have made plans to celebrate with your families.

Therefore, the reception to honor our musicians has been moved to the following Sunday, May 21, right after the service. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

ECCO
Eau Claire
Chamber Orchestra

American Dreams

May 21, 2023 | 2:00 PM
Pablo Center at the Confluence
RCU Theatre

128 Graham Ave.

Tickets available at pablocenter.org

Featuring:



Diana Cataldi, soprano



Nicholas Phillips, piano



Learn more at eauclairechamberorchestra.com

Beacon House

We will be providing evening meals for the families at the homeless shelter for these days: Sunday, May 14, Monday, May 15, Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17.

Sign up sheets will be on the Lighthouse in the Narthex. You may choose what you wish to provide. Any suggestions for the Mother's Day Meal are welcome.

Call Barb Radke for further information at 715-835-3440.

Sunday School

Sunday school will take place during the service right after the Children's Message on the following days.

- May 21

Noisy Offering

A Season for Change

Can you SPRING for a few bucks? Bring your coins for the Noisy Offering on May 21. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward Luther Park Bible Camp.

Luther Park is open year round for retreats and conferences located on a 100 acre site in Chetek, Wisconsin. It offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. Luther Park was first established in 1932 and from sending generation of confirmation children to camp to helping with spring clean-up days, Grace has a long history of involvement.

SIGN UP for 9-to-DINE

Check your calendars so you are ready to sign up starting Sunday April 16th after the service in the Narthex. Other opportunities to sign up will be at the coffee hour (starting April 23st) and after services in the Narthex.

Dates are:

May 19, June 1, June 3, June 14, June 15 and June 19 all @ 5:30 or 6:00

WELCA Ladies Retreat

Luther Park will be hosting a WELCA Ladies retreat June 7 and June 8. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andrew in the office and he will provide the information for signing up. You can call him at 715-832-9713 or email at info@grace-church.org.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org

Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org> go to "Our Ministry."

Bulletins can also be found at <https://grace-church.org/> under the "Our Ministry."

Recordings of worship services are also broadcast on:

- Televised on Sundays 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)
- Radio Service Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

If you missed one of our services, they are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck3CdLQ1sDO6esaa3zUMKCQ>

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 or by calling the office at 715-832-9713