

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



May 21, 2023

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame

L. Boëllmann

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (verses 1, 2, & 5)

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Apostolic Greeting


Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast (refrains and v 3: all; v 1: women; v 2: men)

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message, Sunday School Teacher Recognition, and Noisy Offering

First Reading: Acts 1:1 – 11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Thanks be to God!

Anthem

On Eagles' Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I
trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your
shield

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand
You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall
not come

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand
And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

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

**The Gospel for today is from Luke the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of

sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

With High Delight

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 al - so 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:

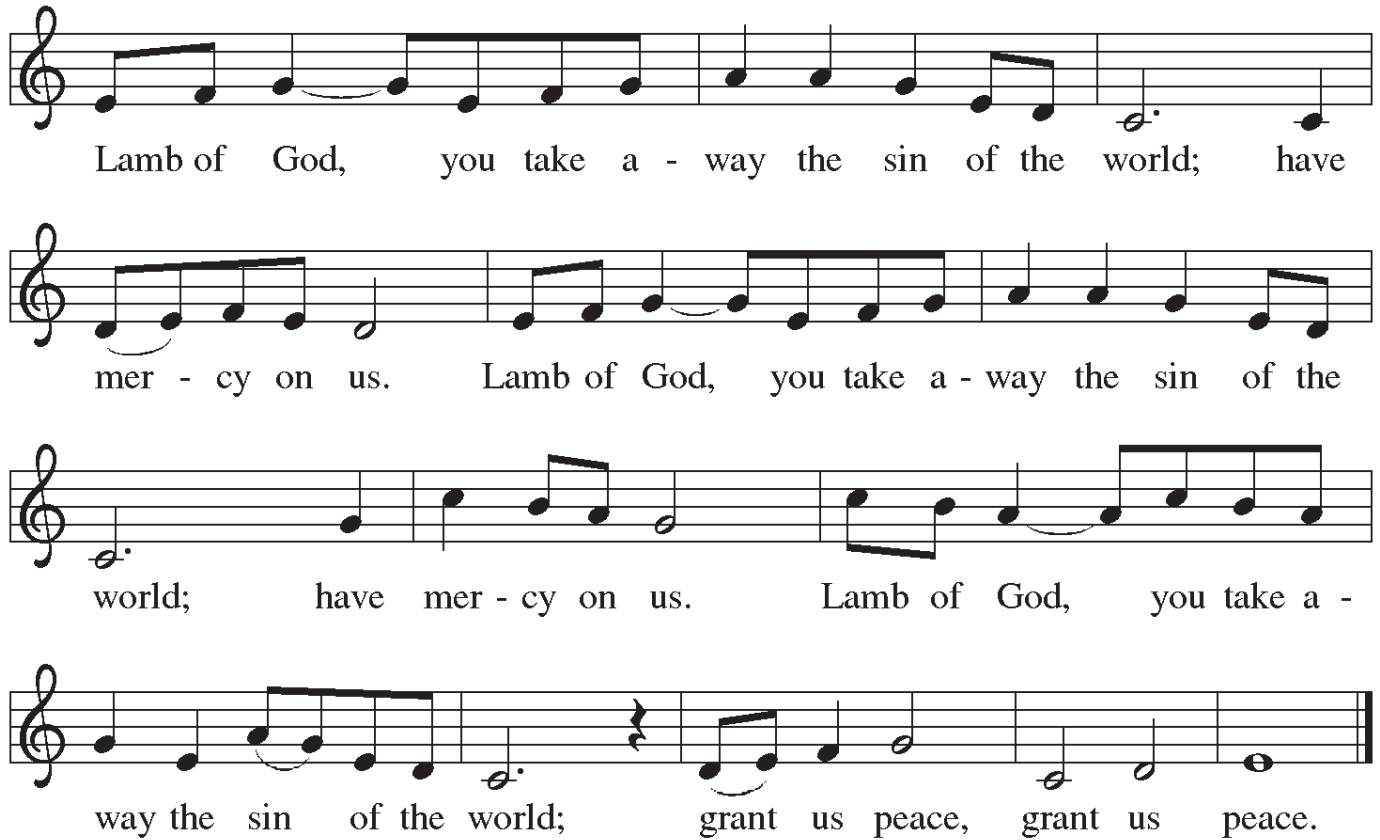
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



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, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished
our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (verses 1, 2, & 5)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Organist: Elaine Mann
Choir Director: Diana Cataldi
Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Grace Lutheran Choir

Soprano

Stacy Geist
Wilma Hovland
Diane Pomplun
Barb Piper
Holly Dalsveen

Alto

Norma Lionberger
Jan Adams
Kathy Delfosse
Barb Eidahl
Ruth Ann Kein
Kathi Sue Krause

Tenor

Randy Adams
Paul Lokken

Bass

Pete Lokken
Collin Pomplun
Roger Pomplun
Richard Long
Robert Kein
Jon Thorpe

Family Choir

Ember Ewings
Annie Ram
Quinn Ram
Peter Reid
Anita Reid
Kirstine Casto

Cecily Casto
Karen Lionberger
Violet Ash
Nathan Ewings
Seth Ewings

Pacibells

Kathy Delfosse
Norma Lionberger
Karen Lionberger
Elaine Mann
Andrea Phan
Nathaniel Swenson

Guest Ringers

Bonnie Branham
Julie Carr
Katrina Cooper
Andrew Reid
Sue Wagner

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Assisting Minister: Stacey Geist

Reader: Norma Lionberger

Organist: Wilma Hovland

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi



GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
2023-5-21

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (21st)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

Stepping On – 9:30am

Prayer Group – 11am

Church Council – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (28th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

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

Church Clean-up

Our first room is done as we prepare the education wing for the Veteran apartments. Many, many thanks to Tammy Tannler, Joni Franson, Tess Boernke, Pete Lokken, and Matt Wing for cleaning up and going through the Sunday School Education Room #228. There were many items we put aside for the crafters, annual sale in the Fall, items that may be useful for other congregations or community groups, and items that needed to be disposed of. Actually I think they had a good time doing this!

Barb Eidahl on behalf of the Space Cleanout Committee

Blessing Box



We continue to provide non perishable food as well as hygiene items in the Blessing Box located outside the front entrance. It is used extensively by our neighbors in need. Thank you for all your support!

With the arrival of spring, we will once again be collecting canned goods.

Music Reception

Last Sunday we celebrated our musicians and all they contribute to our church. It was also Mothers Day and we didn't want to conflict with any other celebrations that were taking place. Therefore our reception to honor all the musicians at Grace will take place this Sunday, May 21, directly after the service.

Sunday School

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

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Beacon House

BEACON HOUSE FAMILIES enjoyed the meals provided by our Grace members. There are currently 5 moms, 1 dad and 13 children ranging in age from 2 months to 15 years old. The entrees, the side dishes and all the fruit have been well received.

The listing of all the food and our members who brought it to these homeless families is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The Mother's Day cake and support for the Sunday meal were made possible by the generous monetary donations on May 7.

Beacon House, a member of the national organization, Family Promise has been a very positive and needed facility in Eau Claire for almost 30 years.

Thank you for your prayers and active support.



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:

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