

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Location: San Anto Cultural Arts, 2120 El Paso St. at Chupaderas

Artist: Mike Roman

Dimensions: 40' x 16'5"

April 21, 2024

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Pacibells Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

Michael Ryan

Opening Hymn Have No Fear, Little Flock

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Apostolic Greeting

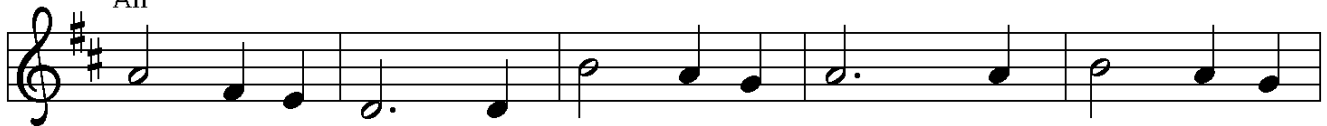
Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



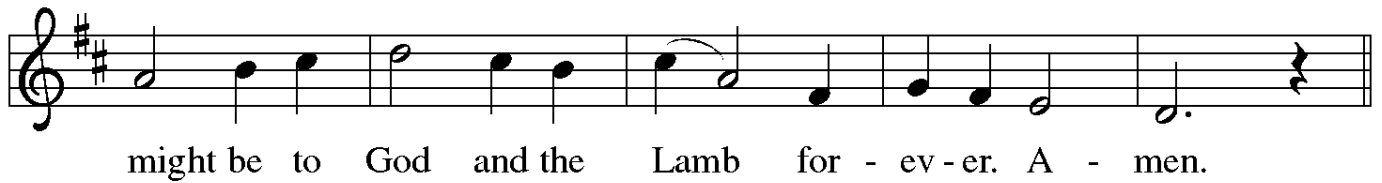
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



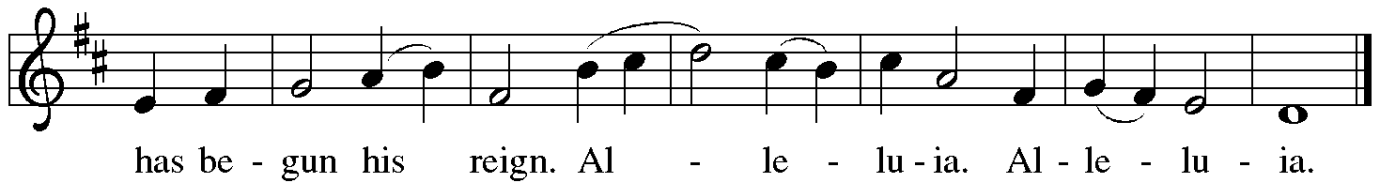
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall 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,
and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem Now the Green Blade Riseth
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

arr. John Carter

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain.
Thinking that never he would wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleep unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

The Second Reading is from 1 John, chapter 3

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 10 Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.

I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day

A Story for All People



1 As peo - ple wait in dark - ness, in
2 We come in - to your pres - ence, in
5 Re - newed by this en - coun - ter, we'll



fear of end - less night, send forth your word of
hope and joy re - stored. With ea - ger hearts we
go out and pro - claim. We'll tell of your sal -



com - fort, a mes - sage of great light. The
lis - ten, and gath - er 'round your word. We
va - tion, and mag - ni - fy your name. The



world stands proud be - fore you, con - flict - ed, hun - gry,
watch and wait your com - ing, and pray for great - er
ser - vant words of Mar - y will swell the faith - ful



poor. Come, scat - ter pride and fool - ish - ness, and
trust, to know that while we wait for you, Em -
soul, and you will bring your chil - dren home that



mend all souls with Sav - ior love once more.
man - u - el, you watch and wait with us.
day when all cre - a - tion will be whole.

Refrain



A sto - ry for all peo - ple, old sto - ry new to -



day. A song of love and heal - ing, a



light to show the way.

Text: Dori Erwin Collins

Music: OLD STORY NEW TODAY, Dori Erwin Collins

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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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Pacibells

We Welcome Glad Easter

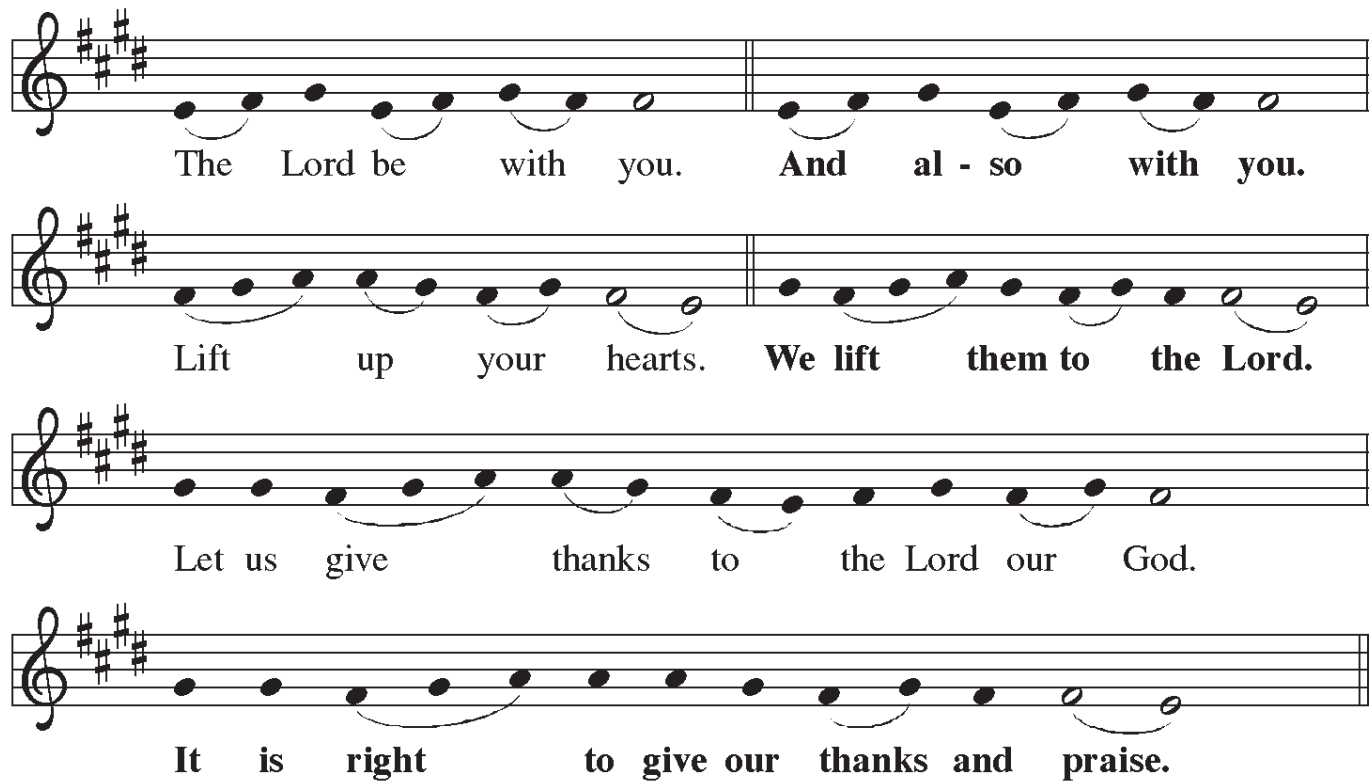
Anna Laura Page

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

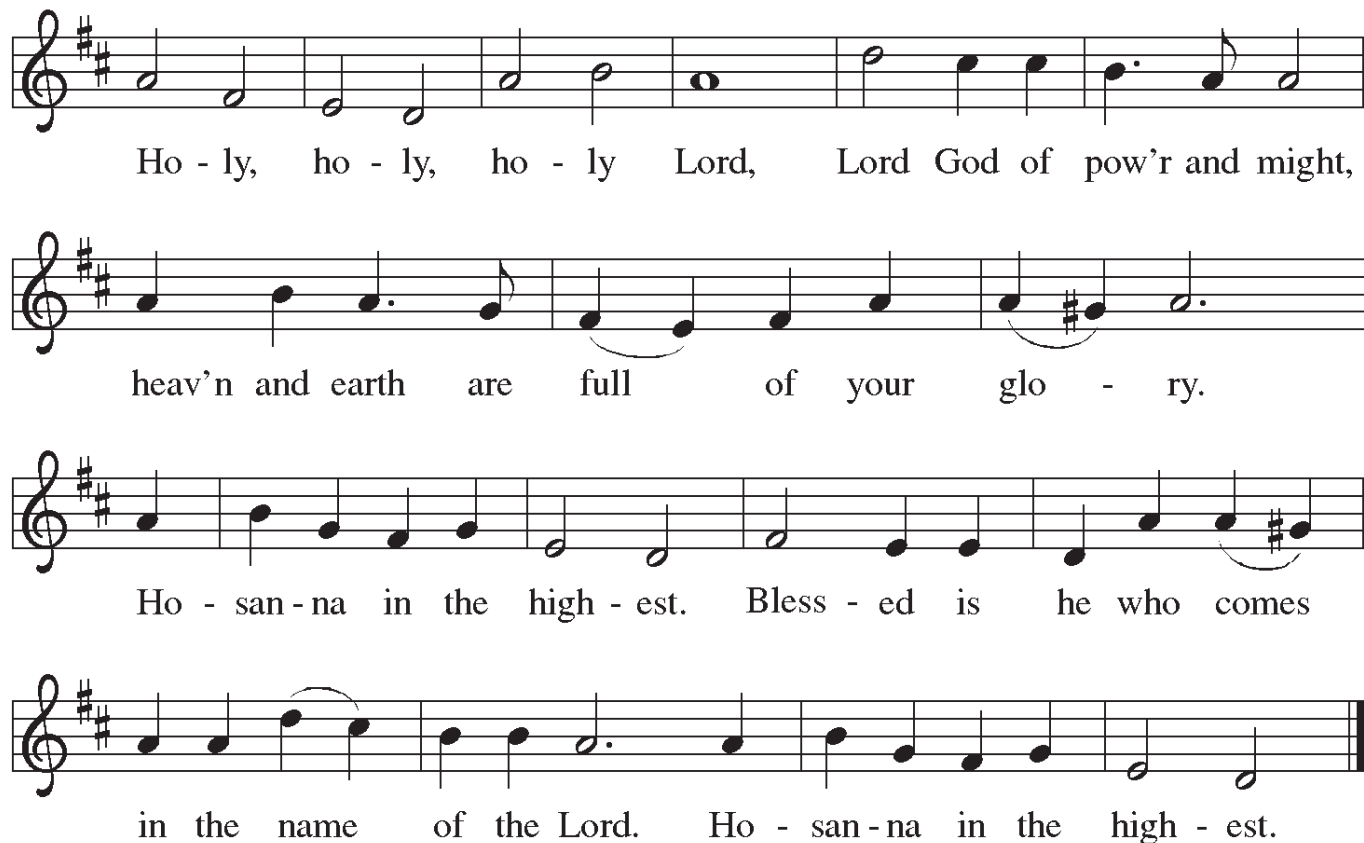
Amen.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

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

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *The King of Love*

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Wilma Hovland, piano

Beethoven, arr. Bock

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge – Jones

Assisting Minister: Mitch Piper

Reader: Randy Adams

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (21th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 1pm

TUESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am
Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am
Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

FRIDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am

SUNDAY (28th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Theater Guild, UW–Eau Claire Continuing Education Department



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Annual Meeting Notice

Grace Lutheran Foundation Voting Members:
You are cordially invited to attend Grace Lutheran Foundation's Annual Meeting Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (following the 10:00 worship service) at Grace Lutheran Church



We look forward to seeing you May 5th!

Confirmation & New Members

Please make a special effort to be us next week. Our own Annie Ram has completed two years of confirmation classes and, together with classmates from University Lutheran will be confirmed in our Sunday service. We will also have the adult baptism of Lauren Johnson as well as receiving several new members.

Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

- April 21
- May 5
- May 19

Family Choir

The family choir will be rehearsing and singing during the worship service on the following dates:

- Rehearsal: April 21
- Sing: May 12 & 19 (Music Sunday)

Elaine Mann Organ Presentation

The Education, Youth and Family Ministry would like to invite you to a presentation given by Elaine Mann on The Historic Organs of Sweden. This will be on Sunday, April 21st, right after the 10:00 a.m. church service in the Parable Chapel.

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Noisy Offering

Last week's Noisy Offering collected a total of \$388.00 to go toward Food for the Poor. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Foot & Nail Clinic

Grace Lutheran will be hosting the Foot & Nail clinic this April 22 through 26. The event is free but appointments are required. You can sign up for appointments starting April 8 by calling the UW Continuing Education department at 715-836-3636.

Good Neighbor & World Relief

Many of you attended the information meeting we had about World Relief and heard about the help offered by Good Neighbor teams in settling these new arrivals to our community. There are 2 Good Neighbor trainings coming up at the Ecumenical Center at UW-EC for such teams:

- Tuesday, April 23, 5-7 pm
- Friday, April 26, 1-3 pm

Anyone from Grace who wants to be part of this team is welcome.

2ND ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY AT LUTHERAN CEMETERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 PM
OMAHA STREET

In February 1880 the city of Eau Claire deeded land on Omaha St in Eau Claire to the Norwegian, Scandinavian, and German Church Societies. Since then the Norwegian and Scandinavian Churches have joined together to form the Lutheran Cemetery. Currently, the cemetery is owned by Spirit, Grace, and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the cemetery on April 21. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, wire cutters, a wheel barrow and any other outdoor cleaning items you can think of. We will meet at the shed in the back of the cemetery, down at the west end.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. What a wonderful way to honor our past members and a great way to keep our cemetery clean. Hope to see you there!

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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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/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713