

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 19, 2026

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

Chaconne in F

Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn

Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen (Stanzas 1, 2, & 4)

#377

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.

Refrain



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



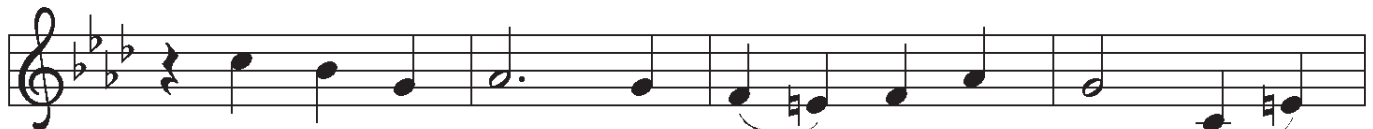
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The first reading is from Acts, chapter 2

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem The Lord is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd.
Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of
green,
Leads me beside still waters.

I will fear no evil,
or you are with me,
Your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd,
who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness
For the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me,
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil,
My cup overflows.

And even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

Surely goodness and mercy,
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God
I will live forever.

The second reading is from 1 Peter, chapter 1

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



The Gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 24
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Day of Arising

#374

Affirmation of Baptism for new members and confirmation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with Lars and Carie as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ to become new members of Grace and with Bryan upon the completion of a course for Confirmation.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so say "I renounce them"

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so say "I renounce them"

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so say "I renounce them"

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation

You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, say, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, say, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

First the new members; then the family of the Confirmand are invited forward.

Stir up in **NAME** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lars, Carie, and Bryan we rejoice with you in the life of our shared baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Let us rejoice with this sister and these brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to the world.**

Peace

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Praise God, Ye Christians

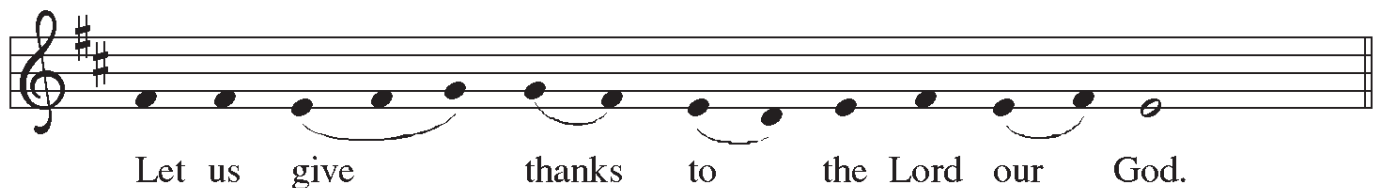
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Offering Prayer

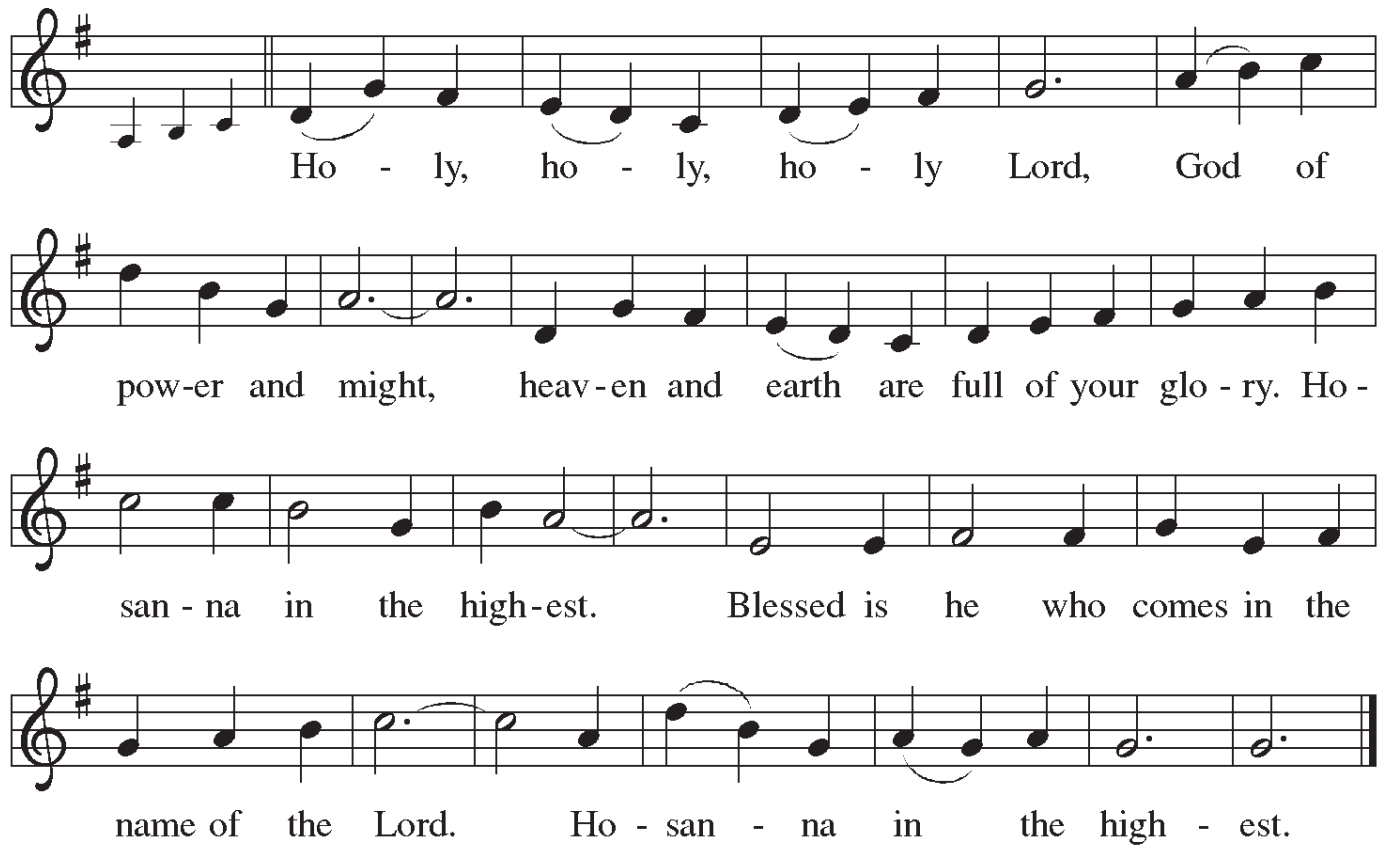
Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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.

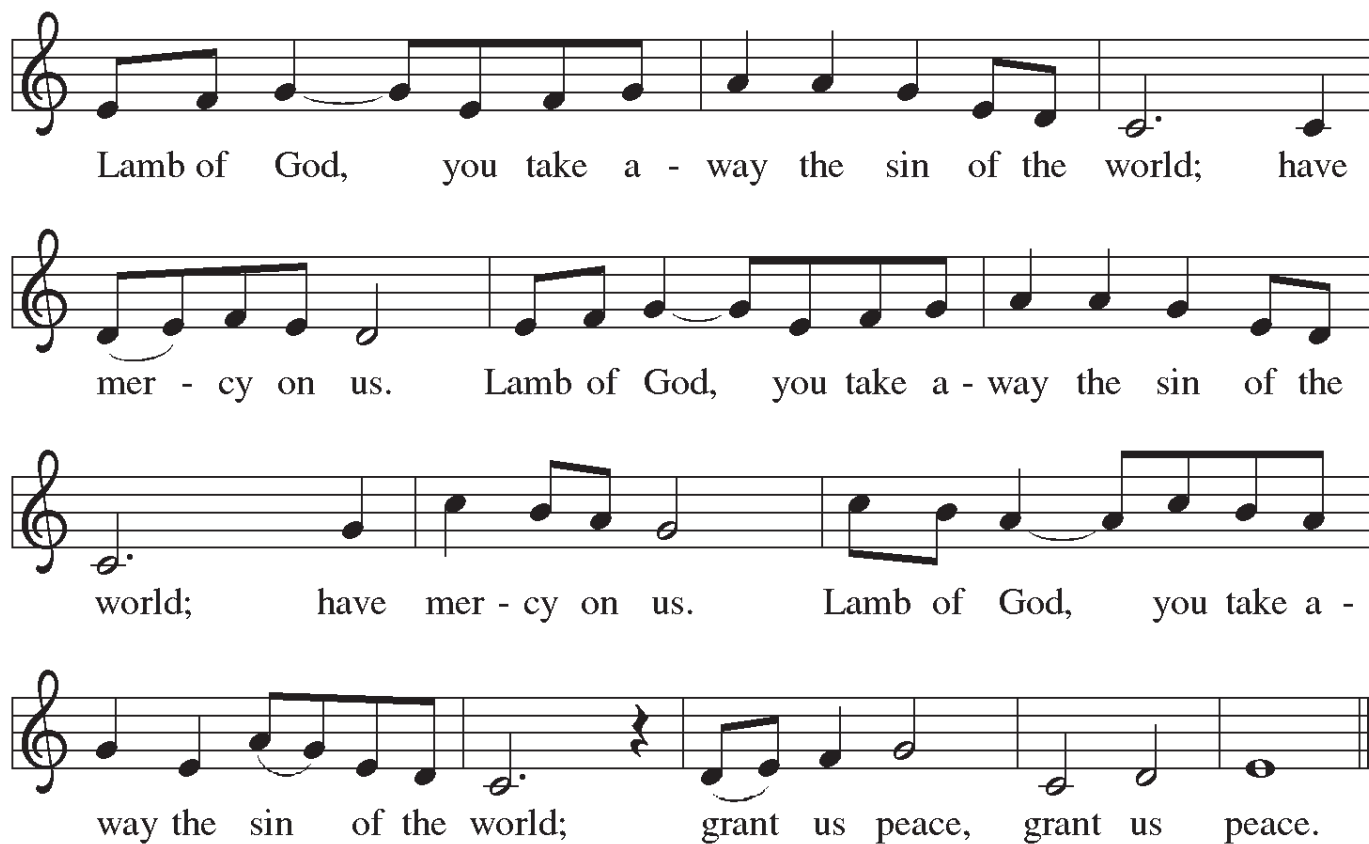
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing)

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. 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

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

#451

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Concerto in a minor

J. S. Bach

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (19th)

Battles of Lexington &

Concord - 1775

Coffee Hour - 9:30am

Worship - 10am

MONDAY

Scouts - 6pm

TUESDAY

Prayer Group - 11am

ADRC Strong Bodies - 1pm

Church Council - 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Earth Day

Eau Claire County Employee

Breakfast - 5:30am

Crafters - 9am

Text Study - 12noon

Choir Rehearsal - 7pm

THURSDAY

ADRC Strong Bodies - 1pm

Pacibells Rehearsal - 6pm

FRIDAY

*John Adams establishes the
Library of Congress - 1800*

SUNDAY (26th)

Coffee Hour - 9:30am

Worship - 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Eau Claire County, Scouts, Brighter than Sunshine, ECWiT, Theater Guild

Memorials

Nate & Linda Aaseng, Randy & Jan Adams, Lois Bell, Karen Benson, T & B Berglin, James & Marilyn Bollinger, William & Diane Burdt, Sharon Colburn, Linda Curtis, Terry Downen, Nancy Engebretson, Roger & Marilyn Engen, Nancy Frank, James Ganther, David Hanson, Ellen Harris, Tamara & Mark Hurlburt, Laurie Jonston, Loreen Juneau, Shawn & Heather Kapenke, Bob & Ruth Kein, Corinne & David Knapp, Tamara Langmack, Christopher Lindahl, Norma Lionberger, Pete & Susanne Lokken, Paul & Amber Moltzau, Keith & Paula Muschinske, David & Patricia Nuesse, Gwenn Nyhagan, Mark Olson, Mitch & Barb Piper, Roger & Diane Pomplun, Kristen Pressler, Barb Radke, Judith & Michael Reetz, Paul & Carla Reppert-Lokken, Phil Ruge-Jones, Eugene & Shirley Rovang, Gerald & Lynn Salter, John Schaaf, Vincent & Ruthie Schneider, Mary & Bob Schoenknecht, Thomas & Linda Sell, Susan & David Sie, Jan Smith, Thomas Tealey, Michael & Sonja Thorn, Gordon Thorpe, Rick & Amy Jo Thorpe-Swenson, Richard & Brenda Walker, Cheryl Watson, and Cathleen & Syver Wilson gave in memory of Jim Page. Thank you to everyone.



The American Guild of Organists, Chippewa Valley Chapter

Presents the 22nd Annual

MARIANNA SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL

Sunday, April 19, 2026
2 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
1804 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire

Performers to include the St. John's Lutheran Choir

2025 Scholarship Recipients Seth Roberts, Ben Kittilstad-with Judy Lies, piano

Lynn Emmons, Lloyd Harter, Elaine Mann-with Diana Cataldi, soprano



Freewill offering to benefit the scholarship fund



Eau Claire Marathon

The Eau Claire Marathon will take place the weekend of May 3. Access to the church will be across Chippewa Street north on 3rd Ave. There will be no access between 7:10am and 7:45am or between 8:40am and 9:20am, so plan to arrive before or after those times. Thank you.

Beacon House Serving

Grace members will be responsible for evening meals on these dates: Thursday, May 7, Friday, May 8, Saturday, May 9. Menus will be posted on the Lighthouse in the Narthex. You may sign up to provide an entree or side dish for a specific meal. Foodstuffs such as milk, fruit and cereal are supported by contributions to the Deacon Fund. Please call Barbara Radke if you have any questions about becoming involved in this service.

Thank You for your continuing support for this local mission.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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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 — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

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