



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 12, 2024

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

*Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.*

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

**We love to sing!** When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

**Children belong in worship!** We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

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**All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion.** We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

**Join us for fellowship time!** All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Stay connected to what's happening at Grace:** sign up for our weekly online newsletter, "The Scroll." Find the latest editions and the link to subscribe on our home page at [gracenempls.org](http://gracenempls.org).

**Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms** are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & GREETING

*In this season of joy, feel free to make a joyful noise with every "alleluia"!*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## ✠ HYMN

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
*Verses 1, 2, & 3*

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## ✠ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*For the gracious mystery of the new creation, let us bless the living God.*

We praise you, Creator, for your fruitful love:  
igniting the stars, greening the earth,  
filling the oceans and rivers with life.

We praise you, O God!

**We praise you, O God!**

We thank you, Covenant-Maker, for your faithful love.  
In the clouds you placed your rainbow.  
Through the sea you led your people to freedom.  
Over the river your voice thundered,  
“This is my beloved child.”

We thank you, O God!

**We thank you, O God!**

We bless you, Compassionate One,  
for your love poured out:  
forgiving our sin, calming our fears,  
sending us to feed your sheep.  
Send your Spirit upon this water  
and root your church in resurrection life,  
that we might bear good fruit.

We bless you, O God!

**We bless you, O God!**

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
our Courage and Comfort,  
be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.*

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE



Sing un - to the Lord, praise the ho - ly name, come and praise God with a  
*Chcem o - sla - vo - vat' svoj - ho Pá - na, chcem Mu spie - vat' no - vú*



new song. Shout for joy, all the earth,  
*pie - seň. Chcem ho chva - lit',*



come and praise God with a new song. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*chcem Mu spie - vat' no - vú pie - seň. Al - le - lu - ja, al - le - lu - ja!*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Come and praise God with a new song.  
*Al - le - lu - ja, al - le - lu - ja! Chcem Mu spie - vat' no - vú pie - seň.*

## OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

## FIRST READING

*Joshua 24:1-3, 14-16*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods. Among them was Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor. I took Abraham your ancestor from the other side of the Euphrates. I led him around through the whole land of Canaan.

"So now, revere the LORD. Serve God honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served

beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the LORD. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the LORD to serve other gods!

This is the word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL CHANT *As Jesus is risen, let us rise with joy to greet the Gospel!*



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

✠ GOSPEL READING

*John 17:1, 6-19*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said: “Abba, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you.

I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Abba, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.”

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

✠ HYMN      *Your Peace Will Make Us One*

1      **Mine eyes have seen the glory  
          of the coming of the Lord:  
You are speaking truth to power,  
          you are laying down our swords;  
Replanting every vineyard  
          ’til a brand new wine is poured.  
Your peace will make us one**

*Refrain* Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Your peace will make us one.

2 I have seen you in our home fires  
burning with a quiet light.  
You are mothering and feeding  
in the wee hours of the night.  
Your gentle love is patient;  
you will never fade or tire.  
Your peace will make us one. *Refrain.*

3 In the beauty of the lilies,  
you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom  
that is still transfiguring,  
Dismantling our empires  
'til each one of us is free.  
Your peace will make us one. *Refrain.*

#### AFFIRMING FAITH WITH THE GLOBAL CHURCH

*Each Sunday in the Easter season, we celebrate our connection to Christ's body around the world. With Christians in the Philippines, let us affirm our faith.*

We believe in one God:  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
who provides order, purpose, meaning  
and fulfilment to all creation.

We believe that in Jesus Christ,  
who was born of Mary, God became human  
and is Sovereign Lord of Life and history.

We believe that in the Holy Spirit  
God is present in the world,  
empowering and guiding believers  
to understand and live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe God is at work,  
to make each person a new being in Christ,  
and to make the whole world God's Kingdom—  
in which love, justice and peace prevail.

We believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
has overcome the power of death  
and gives assurance of life after death.  
And we look forward to His coming again  
in all fullness and glory  
to make all creation new and to gather all the faithful under  
God's Kingdom. Amen.

*This affirmation of faith is adapted from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines Statement of Faith. The UCCP emerged in 1948 through a union of Presbyterian, Methodist, Brethren, Disciples, and Congregational churches.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us and opens our hearts to Jesus' own heartbreak and hope for the world.*

Part II

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. Repeat

*As you feel led, join in singing the higher part:*

Part I

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. Repeat

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**  
**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**  
**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!**  
**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.  
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it,  
 said to the fearful, “God’s peace be with you.  
 Eat and remember this is my body.  
 All that was promised is now coming true!” *Refrain*

The cup he shared with the disciples  
 Jesus now drinks in this heavenly feast.  
 Mercy for you, life for all people—  
 share the good news with the greatest and least! *Refrain*

## ✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

...And so with heaven and earth we shout:  
 “Alleluia!” **Alleluia!**

*Echo the “Alleluia!” as you are invited.*

With disciples in every time and place, let us pray...  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come.**  
**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**



## ✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

**Living God, our grateful hearts rejoice in this foretaste of the feast you prepare for all peoples. As grains become a single loaf, so unite your church and make us bread to feed the hungry world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ✠ BENEDICTION

*based on 2 Corinthians 13:13*

May the grace of the risen savior, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, who wipes away our tears, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, renewing all creation, surround you, support you, and lead you on, today and always. **Amen.**

## ✠ HYMN

### *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

*TFF 148*

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! since I laid my  
2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I laid my  
3 Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I laid my

bur - den down. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -  
bur - den down. I feel bet - ter, so much  
bur - den down. Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le -

lu - jah! since I laid my bur - den down.  
bet - ter, since I laid my bur - den down.  
lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - den down.

## ✠ SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In word and deed, proclaim the good news!

**We will. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



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welcoming all.



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