



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2025

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 and expression, 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, and 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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You can also place
communion

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.

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 AND GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! We praise you, O God, for water--
the Mississippi River and the 10,000 lakes that surround us,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

A repeated refrain:

We praise you, O God, for water:

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The thanksgiving concludes:

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health
and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Mother of us all,
today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen.

✠ GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen!

ELW 364

During the gathering hymn, water from the font will be sprinkled on the assembly. When you feel the water hit you, you may make the sign of the cross (the sign marked at baptism), pray silently in thanksgiving, or simply smile in amusement / bemusement.

✠ PEACE

The peace of 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

ELW 388

Sing through twice

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The musical notation for the first line of the hymn is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The musical notation for the second line of the hymn is identical to the first line, written on a grand staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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!

CHORAL OFFERING

As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

✠ GOSPEL CHANT

ELW173

Let us rise to greet the Gospel!

Sing through twice:

The musical score is written for three voices: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It consists of two systems of three staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final note on a half note. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

✠ GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Pastor Andrew Baumgartner



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come to the resurrected God in prayer, seeking new life for creation, the church, and all people everywhere.

Each petition concludes:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Let us offer our lives to God. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion.



Sing verses 1 and 2:

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Verse 3

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Verse 4

✠ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

O eternal Trinity!
O fire and deep well of charity!
O you who are madly in love with your creature!
O eternal truth! O eternal fire!
O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption!

A repeated refrain:

Blessed are you, fire of love!
Blessed are you, fire of love!

The prayer concludes:

O eternal Trinity, our sweet love!
You, light, give us light! You, wisdom, give us wisdom!
You, supreme strength, give us strength!
O eternal Trinity!
O fire and deep well of charity!
O you who are madly in love with your creatures!
O eternal truth! O eternal fire!
O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption!

Grant us your peace, this day and all the days of our lives.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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.

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

Friends, come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life. **Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The presiding minister will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

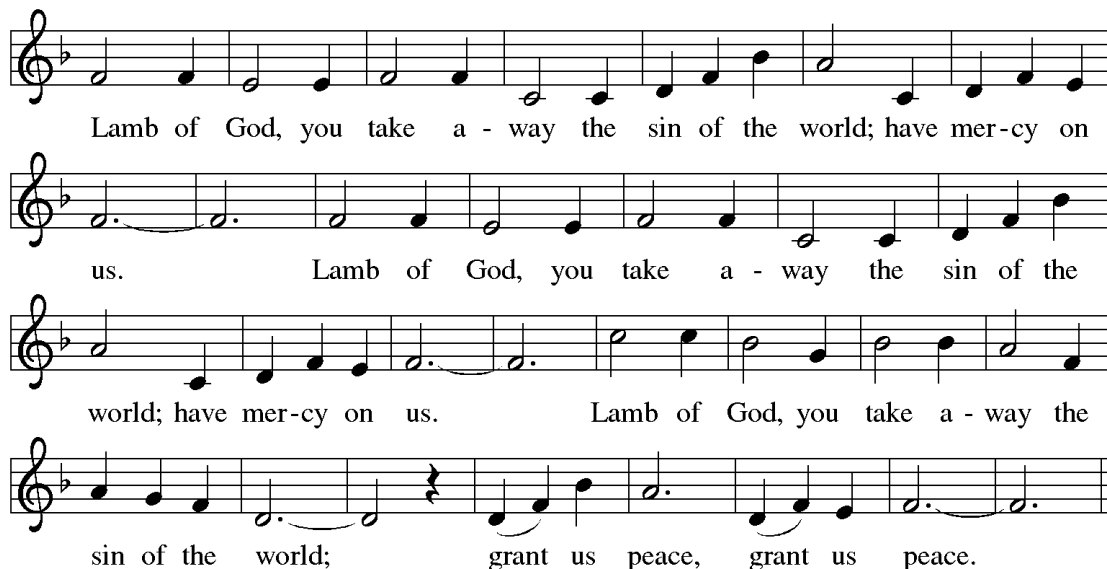
If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.

As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW 195



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.

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
the Lover, ✠ the Beloved, and Love,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

The Peace of the Lord

ELW 646

✠ SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

Go in peace. Testify to the new life within you!

We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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welcoming all.



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