



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 18, 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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**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](https://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 all.  
**And also with you.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
waters that restore to wholeness,  
waters that empower us to be witnesses in your name.

*A repeated refrain:*

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

*The thanksgiving concludes:*

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters in our midst  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

✠ GATHERING HYMN *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

*ELW 437*

## ✠ 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 first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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The second system of musical notation for the hymn, identical to the first. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## 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 21:1-6*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 long note on 'lu' and a short note on 'jah'.

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

## ✠ GOSPEL READING *John 13:31-35*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Andrew Baumgartner

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

ACS 1043

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

## 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 key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second system corresponds to the second line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff of each system.

*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](http://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**

Glory to you, God from before the beginning,  
God bearing your Word of grace,  
God sending on us the Dove of peace.

*A repeated refrain:*

Glory to you, O God!  
**Glory to you, O God!**

*The prayer concludes:*

With Lazarus we wait in our tomb,  
we hear you call our name,  
and we come out from our death into your life.  
With Mary Magdalene we cry out,  
We have seen the Lord.  
**We have seen the Lord.**

Nourish us with your living water,  
and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son.  
Claim us as your friends.  
Birth us anew and give us your enlightenment.  
Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another.

Indeed, glory to you, O God,  
the Source of all,  
the Light of the world,  
the Advocate for your children.  
**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.*

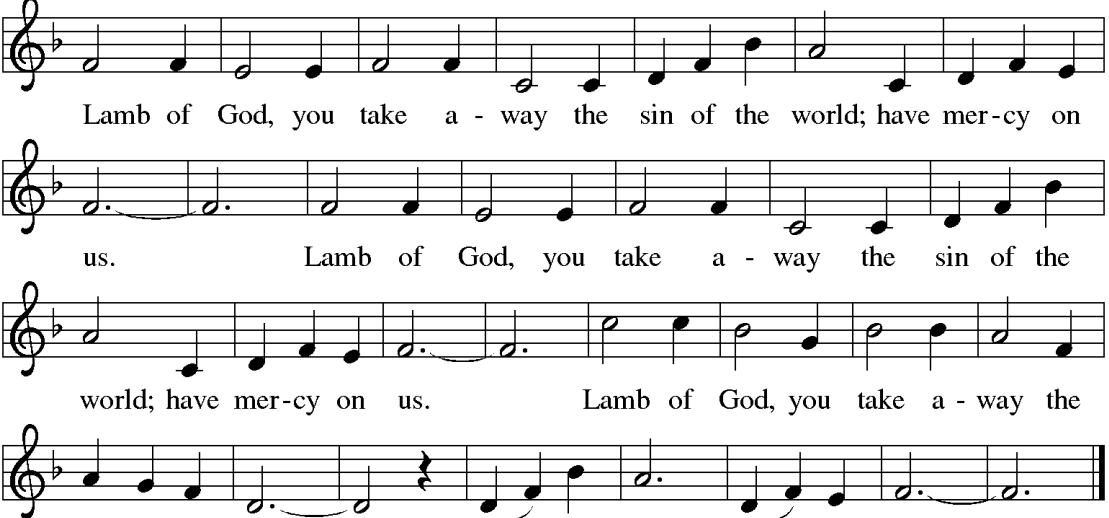
*If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*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**

***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

***ELW 836***

**HYMN**

***Come, All You People***

***ELW 819***

**✠ 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

#### *Let Us Enter In*

**ACS 985**



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free-dom.  
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need-ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

## ✠ 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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Today's eucharistic prayer reflects themes from the Gospel of John, from which we read this Easter season. Edited by Gail Ramshaw, adapted by Pr. Andrew Baumgartner, reprinted with permission, © 2017.

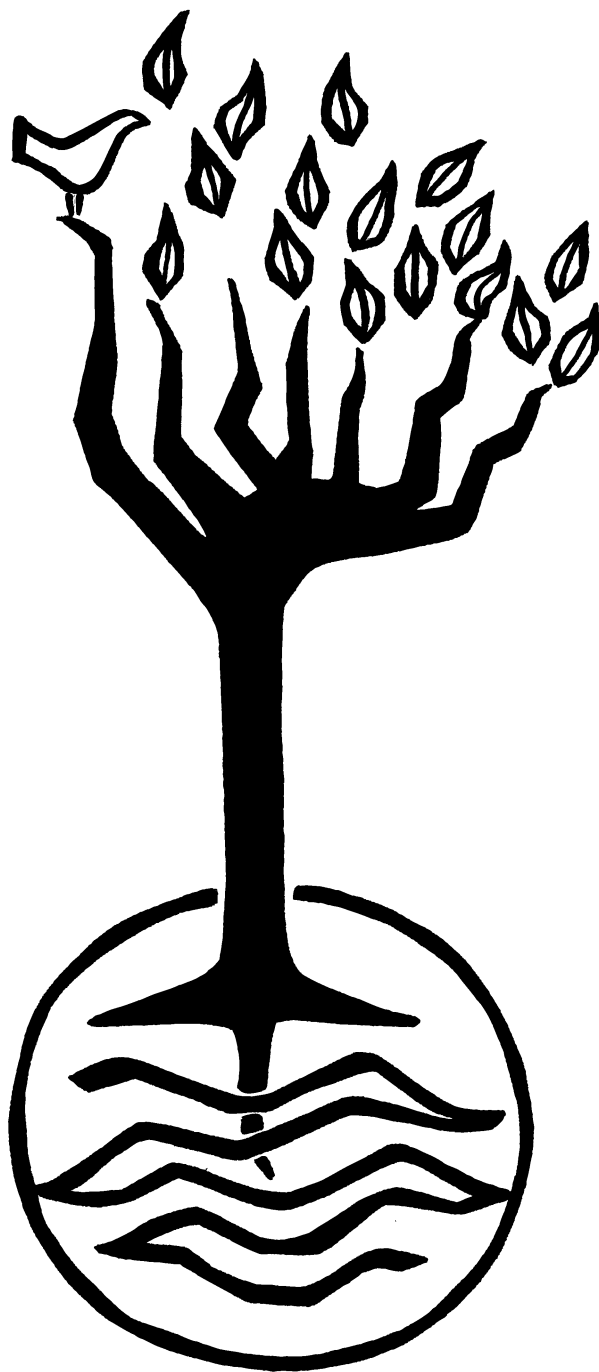
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*From the Visual Commentary on Scripture:* There can be something magical about seeing a rainbow. This is surely because we are looking at something that is not there, a trick of the light, which—coming from behind us, refracted and reflected through droplets of water—allows us to see its different colours. However, Gabriel Dawe's *Plexus A1* is a double bluff, the illusion of a rainbow, created by solid matter—seemingly endless lengths of coloured thread. The immaterial is revealed to us as reality. ... Revelation's rainbow throne (in its echo of Genesis 9's [rainbow](#)) offers a sign of promise even in the face of impending destruction.

With the 'wonder' of *Plexus A1*, Dawe hopes to 'offer the viewer an approximation of things otherwise inaccessible to us—a glimmer of hope that brings us closer to the transcendent, to show that there can be beauty in this messed up world we live in.' – Richard Stemp, *the VCS*

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