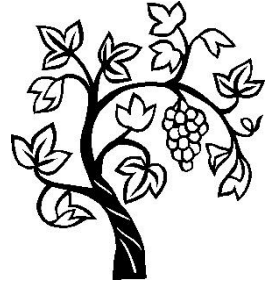


The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Grace Lutheran Church

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, April 28, 2024



GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs *"What a Beautiful Name"* (Hillsong Worship)
 "Unstoppable God" (Elevation Worship)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day & Sharing the Peace

WORD

Scripture Reading

John 15:1 - 8

Sermon

Song *"The War is Over"* (Josh Baldwin)

Prayers of the People

MEAL

The Story of the Last Supper

The Lord's Prayer & Invitation to Communion

Song *"So Will I (100 Billion X)"* (Hillsong United)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing & Dismissal

Music as You Depart* *"So Will I (100 Billion X)"* (Reprise)

**You are welcome to remain in the worship space & listen to the music, or
you are free to depart the sanctuary as you are moved to do so.*

Good morning & welcome to Grace during this holy season of Easter!

*Our mission is to invite and welcome all
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The church keeps Easter for eight Sundays. Early Christians referred to Sunday as the eighth day, as if the normal week of seven is miraculously completed in an extraordinary eighth day. The fifty days culminates at Pentecost. Each Sunday, individually and communally, we meet the risen Christ in word and sacrament. **Alleluia!**

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

Your bulletin contains an outline of our worship service, **and additional portions will be projected onto the screens up front.**

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten free bread is available – just ask when you come forward. Finally, communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back to your seat after you commune.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When we come to the Meal portion of the service, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so. You may say the words: This is the body of Christ; this is the blood of Christ, as you commune yourself, and/or others.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, welcome to worship!