

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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♣ In Nomine Jesu ♣

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

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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: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking the bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain:

Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain:**

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain:**

City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain:**

Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection God's Word and for self-examination.)

- **P** Father, we gather as Your people, confessing we have chosen our own way.
- Your Son has called us to follow Him to a cross. We would rather avoid the cross, and skip right to the empty tomb.

We want the big show, the demonstrations of power and glory, not a lonely death on a cross.

We'd rather wear the cross as jewelry than actually have to carry it.

We want to be proven right, rather than simply surrender to Your will and way.

We expect You to make our lives go better, not call us to die to ourselves. Forgive us.

P Our reluctance to bear the cross is exactly why Jesus carried His. He died as the religious people taunted, trusting not in demonstrations of power, but in the love and grace of the Father. His death frees us from our sin, and His Spirit empowers us to be people of the cross, surrendering our lives as we follow Jesus. The glory of God beams from the cross. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 100:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 101:1

- **P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
- **1** to you, O LORD, I will make music.

- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- P Know that the LORD, he is God!
- It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- **G** Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
- and his faithfulness to all generations.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
- to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Acts 1:12–26

The disciples cast lots to replace Judas. Matthias is chosen.

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the

Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

The follower of Jesus can expect suffering, and is encouraged to live humble and vigilant lives.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an

evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 17:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus, in His High Priestly prayer, speaks of being glorified, and also prays for His disciples.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory

that I had with you before the world existed.

^{6"}I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

- **P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

LSB 763

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Sanctus (tune: Duke Street)

Sing holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts by all adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim Sound forth the honor of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the heights, Sing we hosanna to the Lord; Blessed the One who comes in God's name Jesus, our ris'n and glorious Lord. P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father")

Lamb of God, you take away All the world's sin. Hear us pray. Lamb of God, grant peace to all. Hear us, Savior, as we call. Amen.

The Distribution

YOU'RE INVITED TO HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

In Holy Communion we believe Jesus gives us His real presence, in and with the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins.

We celebrate this forgiveness, which comes through faith, and we are strengthened in our personal faith and in our love for one another. We invite to Holy Communion all who believe in Jesus as their Savior, are a baptized believer, have been instructed in the meaning of Holy Communion, and agree with these teachings.

As we eat and drink we remember our Lord's suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and the promise of His coming again.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in

fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

LSB 965

God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

- **P** Go in peace. Serve our Risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Post Service Music

→ Soli Deo Gloria →

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Pastor	Rev. Robert F. Weldon, Sr.
Music Director	Trudi Jennings
Ushers	Tim Gebhardt, Mike Heffernan, Jack Strauss
Altar Guild	Jackie Mertz, Janet Stoffer
Tellers	Bill Krugman, Kim Lang

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

Sam & Erin Payler (7 yrs.)

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. Donel will be out of the office on Tuesday, May 26th, as well.

PRESCHOOL SPONSORS: Our Preschool Staff has continued to stay in touch with the preschool children and their families throughout the past months. To give the children closure, both sites are planning end-of-year, drive-in, parking lot celebrations at which social distancing will be observed and the children will receive certificates and other end-of-school gifts. If you would like to give your child an additional end-of-year card/gift, please drop it off to the church office **by Sunday, May 24th** and we will be sure to get it to them. Your sponsorship purchased items--such as their school t-shirts, cards, bibles, and balloons--have either been given to them this past school year, or will be given to them at their closing celebrations. Thank you for your support.

We will resume **ALTAR FLOWER** delivery as of June 7th. For those who purchased flowers during these past months when we were closed, we moved you to a future open date on the flower chart. If you do not want this rescheduled date, please cross your name off on the wall chart and we will offer it to others. Our chart for 2020 is now full (with these changes), so for those who were scheduled on 5/17 & 5/24, we will sign you up for these dates in 2021.

NEW USHER, LAY READER, AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULES were either completed this past week or are in process as we resume worship services inside the building next week. Please sign-up to read if you are interested. Scriptures are emailed to you the week before.

The **NEXT QUARTER'S (JULY-SEPT) PORTALS OF PRAYER** are now available in the Narthex. There are a few medium and large print editions available in the church office.

May Schedule:

- Today, Sunday, May 24th: Welcome to our Drive-In Worship Service with Communion* at 10:30 AM. Please stay in your car, tune in your radio to 101.7 FM and we will worship "together" in the parking lot. *Communion packet will be given as you drive in.
- Sunday, May 31st: Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday (rescheduled) with Communion*. This is also our first Summer Worship Service that begins at 9:00 AM. We are planning to have worship inside the church this day. We are asking members to wear masks and sanitize prior to entering the church building and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, we have some available. Although our desire is to be together, we encourage those who are at high-risk to stay home and watch the service. As always, the bible study and service will be live-streamed. *Continuous communion Pastor Weldon will give instruction.

You can always join us on Sundays for LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP (at 10:30 AM) AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (at 9:20 AM) on the internet. Just go to www.gracelcelyria.org or our Facebook page. Don't forget that <u>as of next Sunday, 5/31, the times will be 9:00 AM for Worship and 10:20 AM for Adult Bible Class.</u>

For the immediate future, we will leave the big, plastic container outside when the church office is open in which you

can still drop off/pick up items if you are uncomfortable with entering the building.

MAY HOSPITALITY HOUSE DONATIONS: Macaroni & Cheese. You are welcome to drop your food donations off at the church and we will put them in the bin and have the food delivered—as usual.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of May 17, 2020 Offerings Received: \$1,145

Weekly Budget: \$4,965 Weekly Loss: (\$3,820) Year to Date (**Loss**): (\$20,295)

THANK YOU... to all for mailing in/dropping off/going online to www. gracelcelyria.org to make your offering. We know this is a challenging time for all. Please continue to prayerfully consider your church financial stewardship.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

<u>Immediate Prayers with updates:</u>

Gary Bierly, Ken Wahl, Megan Murtha, Emily Siegert, Aimee Carstens.

<u>Rehab/Nursing Home/Long-term Prayer Concerns:</u> For Grace Members:

Dr. Mealwitz, Bill Brown, Audrey Joviak, Wendy Mertz, Sarah Learn, Jan Schindler, Craig Jaroch, JoAnn Pais.

For Friends/Extended Family of Grace:

Cheryl (Pat & Jan Trammell's neighbor)

Lydia Sroka (Rick & Janet Stoffer's Daughter-In-Law's Mother)

Glenn (Clare Robertson's Brother-In-Law)

Daniel McArthur (Pat & Jan Trammell's grandson)

Maria Policheni (mother of one of our preschool substitute teachers, Jen Pulig)

Myrna Baltzell (Sandy Wilmer's sister)

Patty Eschweiler (Sandi Fowler's friend)

Connie Iverson (Jan Trammell's friend)

John Tolaro, Susan Bivins, Daryl Townsend (Emily Siegert's friends & brother)

Joseph & Lily (Clare Robertson's Brother-In-Law's nephew & 3 yr. old friend)

Deannia (Pastor Weldon's mother)

Miles & Karen Light, Landon Fuge,

Nicole Knepper (Eileen Palajac-Fallon's friends & Niece-In-Law)

Audrey & Christopher Loeser (Geri Brauer's Daughter & Grandson)

Kathy Hance (Darlene McKinney's friend)

Jill Young (Janet and Rick Stoffer's Sister-In-law)

Jennifer Schibley (Kim Becka's friend)

Sandy Johnson (Alan & Lois Porter's friend)

Bonnie (Leanna Brown's aunt)

Also for those who are deployed:

Tori (Dunham) Fierro, T.J. Morris, Chris Okura.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY		
	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	
9:20 AM	Adult Bible Study – Live-Streamed	
10:30 AM	Drive-In Worship w/Communion	
Monday, May 25th		
	Church Office Closed	
	Memorial Day	
	Memorial Bay	
Wednesday, May 27th		
10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study – via Zoom Meeting	
Friday, May 29th		
7:00 PM	Confirmation Questioning	
Saturday, May 30th		
8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	
Sunday, May 31st		
	Pentecost Sunday	
9:00 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion &	
	Confirmation	
10:20 AM	Adult Bible Class	
	Our purpose here at G L C is:	
	<u>G</u> AINING <u>L</u> IVES for <u>C</u> HRIST	
	<u>G</u> ROWING <u>L</u> IVES in <u>C</u> HRIST	