

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card for worship. Cards are available in the pews.

Prelude

Fantasy on "When Morning Gilds the Skies".....arr. Dan Edwards

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *"Love One Another"*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living

thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies.....ELW 853

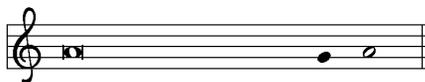
Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering

Kyrie..... ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



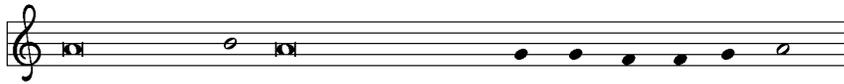
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

This is the Feast.....ELW p. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O Lord God,

C: you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's

intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

A: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

A: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

A: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

C: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

A: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

A: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

A: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: young men and maidens, old and young together.

A: Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Gospel: John 13:31-35



P: The Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Whirl Story Bible "God Makes All Things New" p. 518

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Loves Me!.....ELW 595

Prayers of the People

A: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Call to Offering

A: In a world that lives out of scarcity, you call us to a life of abundance, you offer grace and mercy, you heal us, you carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful..... ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Living God,

C: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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. 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.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Lamb of God.....ELW p. 154

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.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to the table. Please come forward, and you will receive communion in the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Communion

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many CrownsELW 855

Sending

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God..... Mark Hayes/Douglas Wagner

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Worship Boxes

Worship Boxes are available in the narthex for families with children attending worship. The boxes contain interactive materials that encourage children to participate in worship using the symbols in the bulletins. Please use and return to the table as you leave.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15

8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Adult Education
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, May 16

10:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Deborah Circle
7:00pm Sweet Arts Club

Tuesday, May 17

9:00am Naomi Circle
10:00am Pastor's Text Study
11:45am Member Text Study PBH
1:30pm Office Reorganization
3:30pm Welcome & Outreach
6:00pm CYF via Zoom

Wednesday, May 18

10:00am Searcher's Bible Study*
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group PBH
1:30pm Office Reorganization
5:30pm Grief Support Group
6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Choir End-of-Year Party

Thursday, May 19

Friday, May 20

Synod Assembly - Coralville

Saturday, May 21

Synod Assembly - Coralville

Affirmation of Baptism

8:30am Page Turners
5:30pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, May 22

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8:30am Worship & Livestream
9:30am Adult Education
10:30am Contemporary Worship

*These events and programs
are at (or hosted by)

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You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

Go to our YouTube channel *Grace Lutheran Church Davenport* to watch the Sunday 8:30am service

each week. A link is available by email on Sunday morning, and an order of service is included with the email and posted on our website. Also, follow us on Facebook for inspirational messages, photos, links, and information about events.

Affirmation of Baptism

Join Us in Celebrating Our Confirmands Who Affirm Their Baptism on Saturday, May 21, 5:30pm. Please hold *Brynn Kanwischer, Alex Colton, and Carlin Peterson* in your prayers as they publicly profess their faith to family friends. Lord, open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

Save the Date! Garden Party

The 8th annual Grace Garden Party is scheduled for June 12! Now is the time to start collecting gardening/yard items for the rummage sale. Items may be brought to the church the week before the party. Watch for more details as we get closer to the date. Questions? Contact Ken Krumwiede at 563-320-2419.

Church Camp Scholarships

The Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team is offering scholarships towards the cost of church camp for the children and families of our congregation. Campers that have benefitted from scholarships in the past have attended Camp Ewalu and Camp Shalom. Please contact the church office to apply for scholarship funds.

Graduate Recognition

On June 4-5, Grace will recognize our high school, college, and technical/trade school graduates. Printed forms are available on the table in the narthex to provide information about graduates who are friends and family of Grace members. To complete the form online, please go to: bit.ly/GraceGraduates.

Page Turners

The Page Turners Book Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30am to 10:30am. We usually have a light meal before starting discussion, each month's book is assigned a host who determines the location of the meeting and directs the book discussion. Please contact one of the hosts if you have questions or if you would like to be included in group email notifications.

May 21, 2022 Book Selection

Unfamiliar Fishes by Sarah Vowell **Host:** Janice Gibbs 563-332-6791
Location: Valley Country Cafe (24487 Valley Dr, Bettendorf)

May Adult Education 2.0

The Story of God led by Pastor Stephanie. **May 8:** "Who is God?" This video presentation series touches on how different faiths wrestle with the questions of death, evil and God. Often when we learn about another faith we learn about our own. Meets in PBH following the 8:30am service.

Grief Support Group

We meet the first and third Wednesdays 5:30pm in the library. Our next

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meeting is May 18. Please be assured that our conversations will be kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Centering Prayer Mondays 6pm via Zoom

Centering Prayer is a modernized prayer method based on the intuitive prayer rooted in Lectio Divina. It is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience the Divine's immanent presence with us. The Zoom link is emailed each week in the Weekly Update.

Spring Cleaning Office & Workroom

Helpers are needed next Tuesday (5/17) and Wednesday (5/18) around 1:30pm each day (rescheduled from last week), to start the cleaning and reorganization of the church office and workroom. We will work just about an hour each of those days, and there is some light lifting involved. Please let Annie know if you can come either of those days/times (or if you'd like to come in at another time that's more convenient for you - there's lots to be done and all help is greatly appreciated).

Did You Know?

Did you know that the calendar on the Grace website has "real time" information? When Annie updates the office calendar, it automatically updates the website, so if you're looking for the most current calendar info (ie: meetings, events, etc.) go to www.gracewelcomesyou.org and click on "Calendar". Also, if you click on an individual event, there is often a description of the event, including zoom links, if needed.

Joint Worship May 29, 9:30am

Grace will have ONE joint worship service on Sunday, May 29, 9:30am. (No Saturday or 10:30am services.)



VBS @ St. Mark

Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God
June 13-17 • 9am-Noon
Ages 3 (potty trained)- Grade 5

Chefs at the Food Truck Party will learn the value of service, giving back, and reaching out to everyone near and far with God's unconditional love, and we join God in providing daily bread, becoming God's hands. Fee: \$10. Contact Katie Carstens 563-271-8634 to register or with any questions.

MAD Camp @ St. Mark

Come Along with Jesus • July 11-15 • 9am-3pm
Any kids able to read a script & comfortable onstage are welcome to join.

Come with us as we travel back in time to tell the tales of Jesus. Together we will make these stories come alive by building sets, learning music, playing games, and taking on a character that travels through time. Contact Katie Carstens 563-271-8634 to register or with any questions.



Searcher's Bible Study

Our bible study meets weekly at St. Mark in the Conference Room/Library on Wednesdays at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend and jump in at anytime.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is on hiatus until September 2022.