



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

Today in Worship

- Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that’s a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don’t have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior’s, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.
- We give thanks this day for all the mothers, grandmothers and others who have filled this significant role in our lives, that they, too, have been the greatest of helpers in our lives and we can’t begin to give enough thanks for that.



Ringling of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #616
“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”*

Invocation & Sentences

Ps. 124:8; John 14:18; Heb. 13:6

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P Jesus said, “I will not leave you as orphans;

C I will come to you.”

P So we can confidently say,

C “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Confession & Absolution

P We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

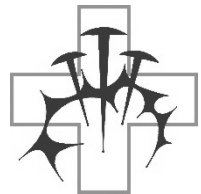
C Forgive us, Lord.

P O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

C Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will.
Amen.

P To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, “because I live, you also will live.” By the Spirit’s power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Psalm 66:8-20



P Bless our God, O | peoples; *
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the | living *
and has not let our | feet slip.**

P For you, O God, have | tested us; *
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

C **You brought us in- | to the net; *
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;**

P you let men ride o- | ver our heads; *
we went through fire and through water; yet you have
brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

C **I will come into your house with burnt | offerings; *
I will perform my | vows to you,**

P that which my lips | uttered *
and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.

C **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams; *
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.**

P Come and hear, all you who | fear God, *
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

C **I cried to him | with my mouth, *
and high praise was | on my tongue.**

P If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart, *
the Lord would not have | listened.

C **But truly God has | listened; *
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

P Blessed | be God, *
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast | love from me!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book #556, vv. 1-4
“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

“Paul preaches Jesus and the resurrection, pointing Athenians to the ‘unknown God’ who has been raised from the dead.”

L The First Reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter 17.

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?”

²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

“Saved by Baptism, believers are prepared to give a reason for their hope in Christ the Lord.”

L The Epistle Reading is from First Peter, chapter three.

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

“Until He returns, Jesus promises to surround His disciples with truth by sending the Holy Spirit.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles Creed *8:00am service*

The Nicene Creed *8:00am service*

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book #556, vv. 5-10
“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Closing Hymn

“A Prayer for our Mothers”

Tune: Edelweiss

**1. Lord of life, Lord of love, Walk forever beside her.
Day by day, Show the way, Be Thou her vision to guide her.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, Nothing can, divide her.
Lord of life, Lord of love, Walk forever beside her!**

**2. Lord of life, Lord of love, Every morning you greet her.
Through the day, on her way, you are with her to keep her.
Here in this world will she live for Thee, Live for Thee forever.
Take her life, fill her life, use her life, Lord Jesus.**

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service

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10:30 a.m. Service

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface *Sung*

LSB p. 160

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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Lord’s Prayer *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

The Words of our Lord *Spoken*

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Pax Domini *“The Peace of Our Lord”*

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Agnus Dei *“Lamb of God”*

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Distribution Hymns

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB # 465

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB # 461

“You Are the Way, Through You Alone”

LSB # 526

Thank the Lord

LSB p. 164

The Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. Most Holy God, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed in Baptism as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that we would keep Your commandments, know the love of our Father, and live in His truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

C Amen.

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