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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

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PRELUDE: *"Trumpet Tune"* David German

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: *LSB 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"*

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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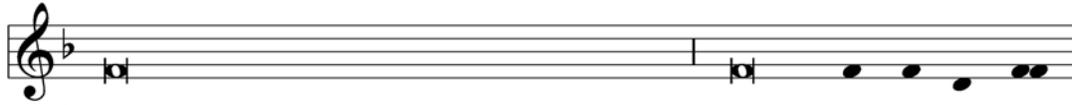
SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE:

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



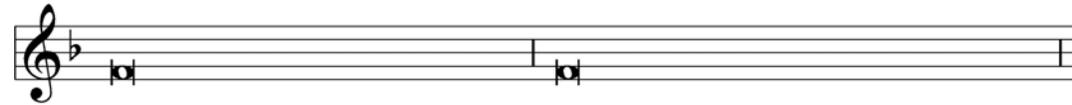
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



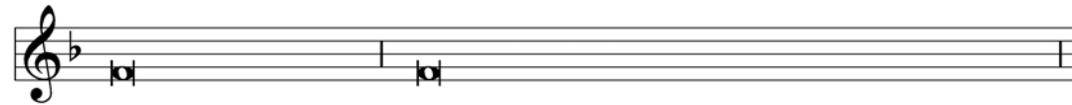
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



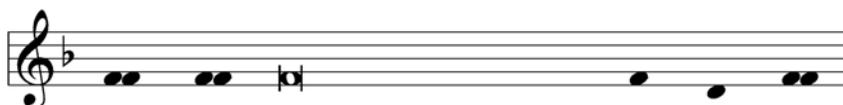
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELCIS:

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

G 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.

G Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 16:9–15 (*Pew Bible, pg. 925*)

The First Lesson is from the 16th Chapter of Acts.

⁹*A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”*

¹⁰*And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

¹¹*So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.*

¹³*And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.*

¹⁴*One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*

¹⁵*And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 – Gather

(Congregation sings only the Refrain; Cantor sings verses):

Psalm 67: May God Bless Us in His Mercy 66

Refrain I



May God bless us in his mer - cy,

To verses



may God bless us in his mer - cy.

Refrain II



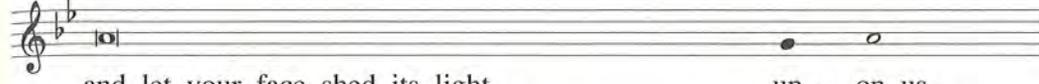
O God, O God, let all the na-tions praise you.

To verses

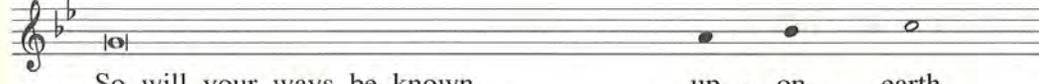
Verses



1. O God, be gracious and bless us
2. Let the nations be glad and ex ult
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

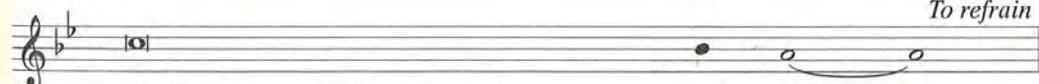


and let your face shed its light up - on us.
for you rule the world with justice.
let all the peo - ples praise you.



So will your ways be known up - on earth
With fairness you rule the peoples,
May God still give us blessing

To refrain



and all nations learn your sav - ing help.
you guide the nations on earth.
till the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Text: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 6-8; © 1963, 1993, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

The New Testament Lesson is from the 21st Chapter of Revelation.

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth Chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 16:23–33 (*Pew Bible, pg. 903*)

²³*[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.*

²⁴*Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

²⁵*“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.*

²⁶*In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.*

²⁸*I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”*

²⁹*His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!*

³⁰*Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.”*

³¹*Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?*

³²*Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me.*

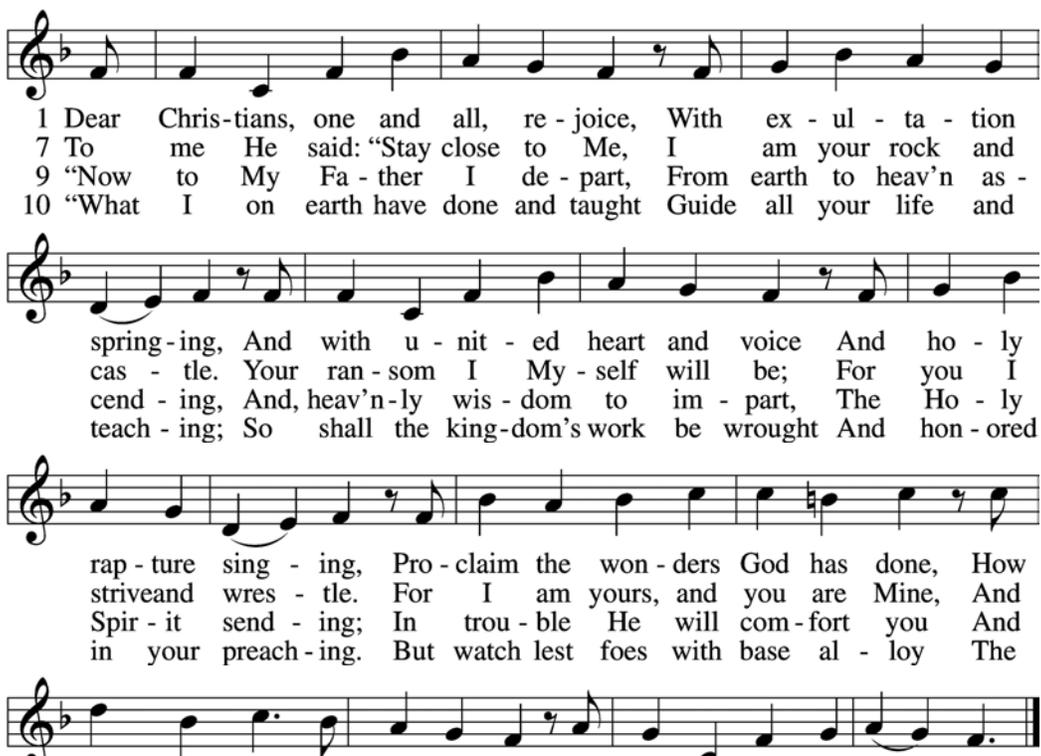
³³*I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and
spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored
rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The
His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg

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NICENE CREED:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .

Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: ***“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Traditional (Choir sings at 8:30 AM)***

OFFERTORY:

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

..... **OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



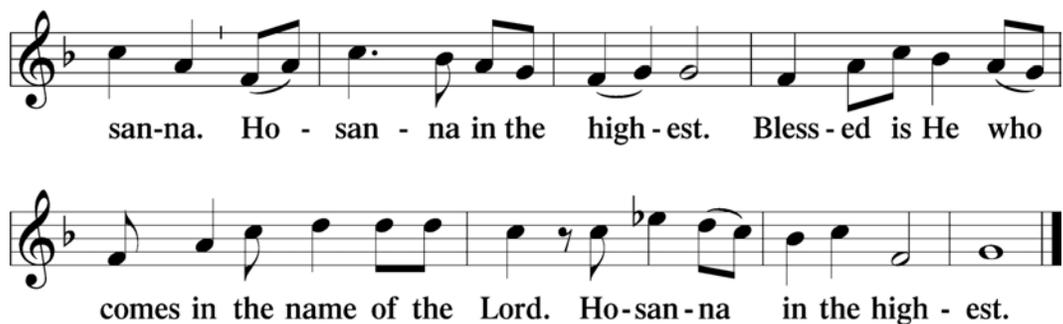
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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, . . . and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness; You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship You for our lives and for the world You give us. We thank You for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise You for the grace shown to Israel, Your chosen, the people of Your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile, and the prophet's words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless You for Your only-begotten Son, Who fulfilled and will fulfill all Your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of Your Son: His human birth and covenant He made with us. We remember the sacrifice of His life: His eating with outcasts and sinners, and His acceptance of death. But chiefly [on this day] we remember His rising from

the tomb, His ascension to the seat of power, and His sending of the Holy and Life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

C 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.

AGNUS DEI:

☐ 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Instructions for Communion: *The Holy Communion is our Lord's gift of Himself to His People, the Church. All who are baptized and who share our confession that Jesus Christ is truly present in the elements of bread and wine to forgive our sins and strengthen us in faith are welcome to His table. Those not communing are welcome to receive a blessing.*

Communion is being distributed in hand. *Please come down the center aisle to the baptismal font to receive a consecrated wafer, then move to the assisting minister to take a communion cup, then return to your seat, putting your cup in the baskets on the side aisle. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup trays. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LSB 763 “When Peace, Like a River”**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



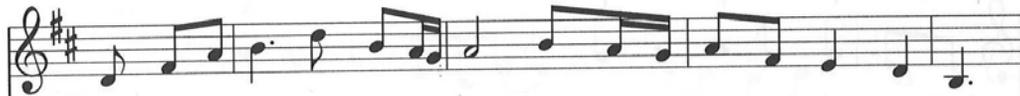
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–88, alt.

Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–76

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WOV 76 “O Day of Peace”



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.
 as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease.
 Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

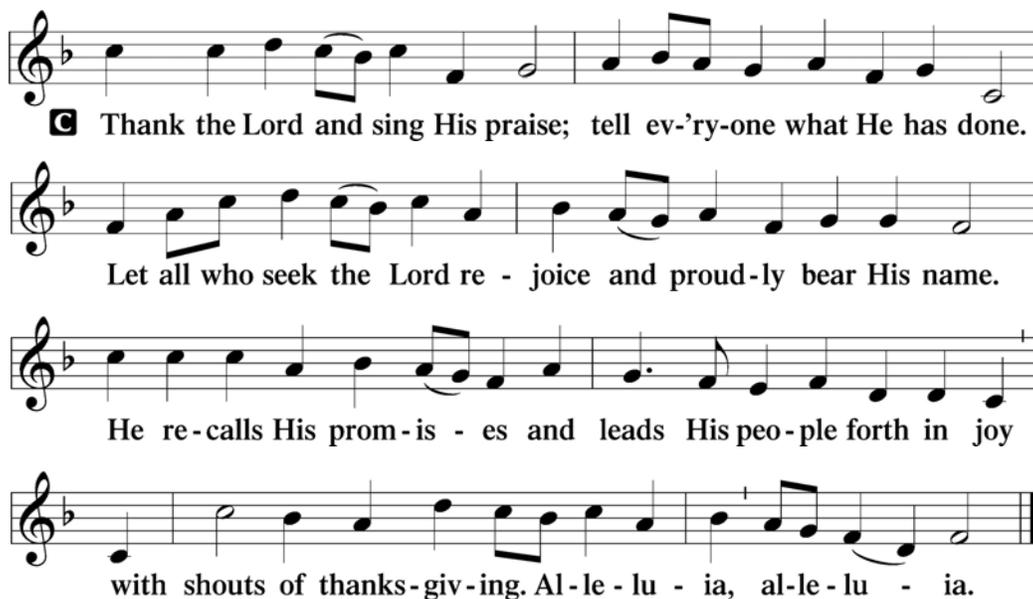
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JERUSALEM
L M D

THANK THE LORD:



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

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.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

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.

C Amen.

RITE OF CLOSING FOR MISS MOLLIE'S SCHOOL OF GRACE

CLOSING HYMN: *Gather 718 "We Are Called"*

Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be - no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are



called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to



serve one an - oth - er; to walk hum - bly with



God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas, b.1957
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DISMISSAL:

- P** Where do you go?
- C** **Into the world! We go in the strength of God to pray daily, study the Scriptures diligently, confess and forgive freely, and give generously. With Christ we walk the way of GRACE, and welcome others to walk with us.**
- P** Then go in peace; rejoice in God; love one another.
- C** **In the name of Christ, Amen!**

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation on ST. ANNE*

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that “whatever you ask of the Father” in Jesus’ name, “he will give it to you” (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our “joy may be full” (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation “of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is “the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb” (Rev. 21:22).

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RITE OF CLOSING FOR MISS MOLLIE'S SCHOOL OF GRACE

L: Miss Mollie's School of Grace was started in the fall of 2005 to provide Christian learning and community for young children and their families. Through all the joys and challenges, we have tried to be faithful to that mission and to celebrate God's love and care for us. Even though this ministry is ending, we gather as a Christian community to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we have received. It is a time for us all to remember what was accomplished and to look forward to new schools, new friends, and new beginnings.

Four Symbols are carried forward

(A candle is brought forward)

L: Our candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. It reminds us that Jesus is always present in our world. As we go forward into the future, we are reminded that we, God's Holy People, are asked to be the light of Christ for others wherever we are.

(A Bible is brought forward)

L: The Bible is the Word of God. God's Word is alive and at work among us today. When we listen daily to the Word of God and respond to its message we learn to live as followers of Christ.

(A Symbol of the School is brought forward)

L: We are grateful for the many gifts and blessings we have received through being part of this school community. We remember our wonderful teachers, our diligent board members, our committed families and friends, our faithful congregation members who gave of themselves for the life and ministry of Miss Mollie's.

(A globe is brought forward)

L: This is a reminder that as members of the Body of Christ we are part of a much wider community. Even as we are led by the Holy Spirit to other places and people, we remember that we are held together by the Spirit in the bonds of life in Christ. We go to serve others, to use our gifts and talents to help, support and honor all whom we meet.

BRIEF REMARKS

PRAYER:

P: All things come to an end, but the teaching of the Lord has no bounds.

G: **Lead us in Your truth, O Lord.**

P: Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's works;
They will ponder what the Lord has done.

G: **Lead us...**

P: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
(Hebrews 12:1b-2, NIV)

G: **Lead us...**

P: Let us pray:

PRAYERS BY THE PASTOR:

On May 27th, we close Miss Mollie's School of Grace. We do so in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We go forth in hope, knowing that our Lord goes with us to guide, to bless, to guard and to welcome. **Amen.**

MAY 22, 2022



Grace Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Welcoming Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE

Grow with Jesus • Rejoice in God

Answer with Hope • Care for the Neighbor • Embrace community

Welcome Guests!

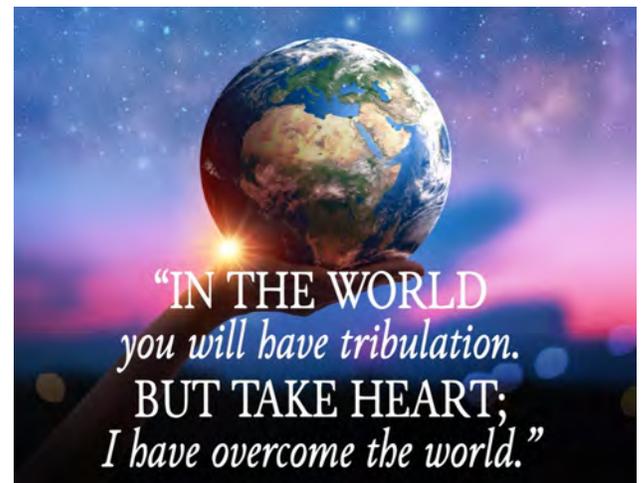
Welcome to Grace. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see! *Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.*



**Join us in Fellowship Hall
between services to honor
Miss Mollie's School of Grace
and its history, teachers
and students.**

Worship Focus

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "He will give it to you." We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full." We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel.



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What's New

PASTOR BROOKS HOSTS TASTE OF GRACE – TODAY AT 12:30 PM

Have you been visiting Grace and want to know more? Do you have a question you're just dying to ask? Are you wondering if Grace is "the place" for you? Join Pastor Brooks after the late service today for **A Taste of Grace**. Refreshments will be provided.

BABY FORMULA FOR BABY MILANI

As you are probably aware, there is a national shortage of infant formula. Our Embrace Grace mom is having challenges in supplying Milani with formula. Please, when you are out and about shopping, if you are

able, look for **Gerber gentle baby formula** to purchase and bring to the church. We will see that it gets delivered.

SED CONVENTION NEWS

Last week, at the 39th Convention of the Southeastern District LCMS, Rev. Dr. William Harmon was elected District President. Additional election results: First Vice-President: Rev. Dr. Lloyd Gaines (Northern Region); Second Vice-President: Rev. Tim Bohlman (Central Region); and Third Vice-President: Rev. David Ziehr (Southern Region).

What's New - continued on back

In Case You Missed It

HOPE IN A BOX

A Love Box is a tool to reach, bless and encourage young women with unplanned pregnancies. The love boxes are distributed to pregnancy centers (Ours will go to Gateway in Durham.) It is full of gifts that will inspire hope and impart love to a mom who may be scared for her future.. These boxes are meant to encourage, uplift and



inspire these women to choose life and to get plugged into an Embrace Grace support group. May 7th we put together 20 Boxes of Hope.

GROWING THRU GRIEF

Katherine Henderson will be the presenter at the May 24 Growing thru Grief meeting and her topic is **Songs of Sadness: A Collective Poem of Lament**. If you'd like to attend, contact admin@growingthrugrief.org by 8 am May 23.

This Week at Grace

Today, 9:45 AM - Miss Mollie's Reception Celebration

Today, 12:30 PM - A Taste of Grace with Pastor

May 23, 6:30 on Zoom - Book Club

May 24, 1 - 5 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive

May 25, 10 AM - LWML Quilting

May 25, 12 PM - Midday Holy Communion Service

May 25, 7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

May 26, 5:30 PM - Stewardship Team

May 27 - Last Day of Miss Mollie's Preschool

Pray Daily + Study Diligently + Confess Freely + Give Generously

Connect With Us

 = Sign up on website

Connections Events are a fun way to connect with others. If you have a hobby to share or an activity to enjoy, why not share that time with others.

May 23rd - 6:30 PM - Book Club - Meets on Zoom. The book for May is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

June 2nd and 16th - 6:30 PM - Games Group
- Meets out in the community at BMC Brewery near Pittsboro, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Contact Geoff Heintzelman for details.

BLOOD DRIVE at GRACE

TUESDAY, MAY 24

1 PM - 5 PM

The New Issue of GPS is available now! Pick one up in the Narthex today or find it attached to the eNews.

Prayers

Prayers

- Pastor Gustavo & Ruth Maita and children Mikhaela & Isaiah
- Ukrainian citizens and refugees
- Lacy, Pastor Brooks' sister
- Curt, friend of Dwight Knoll
- Joyce Rea, continued healing
- Brad and Forrest, friends of Dwight Knoll
- Richard Kuehn
- Everleigh, niece of the

Dickmanders

- Curt, friend of Dwight Knoll
- MMSG students and teachers
- Gayle, friend of Barb Tippin

Thanksgiving

- Praises for new hearing aid technology
- David Clark Thornton, Jr., healing and released from Duke
- Daniel and Carolyn Jorgensen on the occasion of their wedding

Those Grieving

- † Family and friends of Pete Peterson, husband of Kathy Peterson
- † Family and friends of Rabbi Steve Sager - Beth El Synagogue

For a complete list of prayers, please pick up a prayer list in the narthex or look at the comprehensive list in the weekly eNews.

† = those grieving. Prayers will remain on this list for four weeks. They may be resubmitted if desired to be listed here longer.

Serving You Today

Ushers/Greeters:

- 8:30 AM: Tom McGill, Leonard Hango
- 11 AM: Walt Crosmer, Dede Crosmer

Acolytes:

- 8:30 AM: Tom McGill
- 11 AM: Walt Crosmer

Organist:

- Chase Benefiel

Readers:

- 8:30 AM: Barb Tippin
- 11 AM: Carol Walton

A/V Operator:

- Joe Wethman

Communion Assistants:

- 8:30 AM - Judy Barnes
- 11 AM - Gary Stuhlmiller

Altar Guild:

- Carol Walton - set up
- Carol Walton - between services
- Carol Walton - Clean up

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Title:

Key Verses:

Key Points:

Sermon Notes:

What's New - continued from page 2

BAPTISM OF CAREY LYNN KOLBA

Last Sunday we welcomed Carey as our sister in Christ with her baptism at Grace.



John,
Whitney
and Carey



John,
Whitney
and Carey
with her
sponsors
Sarah and
Chuck
Hoover and
their oldest
daughter

WE ARE SAD to announce that Rabbi Steven Gary Sager passed away on Sunday, May 15th. He was Rabbi Emeritus of the Beth El synagogue, located a few blocks from here, where he served for over thirty years.