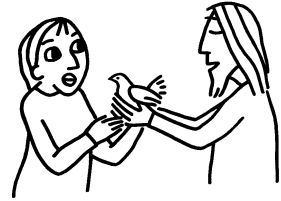


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 1, 2016

*Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.*



### **Prelude**

### **Word of Welcome**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn**     *'Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!'*     **377**

### **Greeting**

**P**     Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C**     **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

**Kyrie**     pp. 138-139

**Hymn of Praise**     pp. 140-141

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P**     Let us pray:

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**     **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## Readings

Acts 16:9-15

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*'Alleluia'*

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

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 14:23-29

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Be seated.*

**Sermon**

*Offering assembled and presented*

**Hymn of the Day**

*'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing'*

**385**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Nicene Creed**

p. 104

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in  
the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into  
the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## Peace

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

**Offertory**      *'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'*      **182**

## Offering Prayer

A Blessed are you, O God,

C **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**      p. 144

**Lord's Prayer**      p. 145

*Be seated.*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## Hymns at the Distribution

*'Lamb of God'*      **p.146**

*'Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes'*      **381**

*'I Know That My Redeemer Lives!'*      **619**

*Stand as you are able.*

## Table Blessing

## **Post Communion Prayer**

A We give you thanks, O God,

**C that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**    *'This Joyful Eastertide'*                      vs. 1 **391**

## **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

**Welcome to Grace** – *Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## **Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

*By grace, through faith, we follow God's Word, share the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope to others through **worship, education and outreach.***

**Worship Assistants: May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Greeters:** Mason – Karen Miller  
East Side – Millie, Joe & Lindsey  
Wilharms

**Assisting Minister:** Lois Hilger

**Lector:** Lois Hilger

**Communion:** 8:30 a.m. Dennis Pringnitz  
10:30 a.m. Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry  
Baumbach, Gerry Kerwell

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Sound:** Robbie Johnson

**Attendance** 4/24      53 & 23

**Joys & Concerns**

*Take a moment to sign the greeting cards set out in the Gathering Area. These cards are mailed each week to a shut-in member.*

*In prayer this week:*

*Dorothy Henke, Donny Kassube  
Robyn Messenger – Terri Bellile – Judi Kurth  
Rev. Jennie Johnson-Wrege, Jim DeBaal,  
Robin Kruckeberg, Marie Mueller, Rose Zinck  
Thad Strong, Joyce Learman's son*

Roger and Gerry Kirkeide at the death of  
their daughter Sue

## Announcements

**Why Cooperative Ministry?** Come and enjoy a congregational conversation **TODAY** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Why does the Council think it is important to look at a variety of possibilities for mission? What have you been thinking about Grace's future?

This week's **Boldness Mission Covenant** watchword is **No Condemnation**. The text is Romans 8:1-2. Members are invited to take a booklet to use to record their reflections. Prayerful listening for God's direction seems especially important now as Grace moves forward in mission.

**Alexis Johnson will be confirmed** at 1:00 p.m. *TODAY*, Sunday, May 1st at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 3009 North Meade Street in Appleton. Robbie Johnson, her proud dad is grateful to the many Grace members who have been involved in Alexis' faith life fostering, encouraging, and helping her faith continue to grow. Robbie would be "more than honored if you would like to celebrate Alexis' Confirmation service with us."

**Welcome Sarah Bultman, Office Secretary!** Items for the bulletin may be left in the basket in the copy room, submitted online to the church office at [Grace54914@gmail.com](mailto:Grace54914@gmail.com) or stop by and introduce yourself to Sarah. Office hours will be posted next to the office door each week.

**Summer Day Camp July 5-8:** Registration packets are available in the Church office for this Crossways program in partnership with Appleton congregations. Deb Werth and Mary Hubers are Grace's coordinators. Cost is \$10. The Day Camp is open to children completing grades 1-6.

**GRACE RUMMAGE SALE:** Have you started rounding up your donations yet? It's only two weeks until we need your cast-offs to turn into someone else's treasures. Furniture, children's things, and knick knacks sell well, but not adult clothing. Let's recycle in a big way as we near our deadline. You can now start dropping things off in the PAC; just set them on the right side of the rope.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to elect a Call Committee in line with the Constitution. Members of Grace who are interested in serving in this way should submit their name for the ballot. You may give your name to Pastor Vicki (450-7796) or Tom Jensen (830-6421). The congregation will elect 6 members for the Call Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a vote at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to approve funds to repair the elevator.

**GRACE'S SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2 for Grace's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting after worship about 9:30 a.m. Reports due today!

## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, May 1**.....Faith in Action Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Tuesday, May 3**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting  
11:00 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting  
6:30 pm Fox Valley Chorus
- Thursday, May 5**.....10:30 - 1:30 High School  
Grilled Cheese Lunch
- Friday, May 6**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, May 7**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
3:00 p.m. Lambrecht / Kirchner Wedding
- Sunday, May 8**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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