

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn** 'Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!' **380**

### 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.**

*Be seated.*

**Kyrie** pp. 138-139

**Hymn of Praise** pp. 140-141

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray  
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading

I Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

<sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'Christ is Risen!' (382-refrain)

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia!**

**Christ is risen from the dead!**

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

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we

do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*'Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing'*

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*Stand as you are able.*

**Nicene Creed**

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## Prayers of Intercession

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## Peace

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

*Be seated.*

## Offering

*Stand as you are able.*

**Offertory** *'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia'* (364-refrain)

**C Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.**

**Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

## Offering Prayer

A Be known to us, O Lord,

**C in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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*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. Gluten free wafers are available by request. 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**

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'You Are the Way'</i>	<b>758</b>
<i>'I Know That My Redeemer Lives!'</i>	<b>619</b>

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Table Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**A** Life-giving God,

**C** **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

### **Blessing**

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

*'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!'*

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## **Dismissal**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

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### ***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.  
There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.  
If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## **Worship Assistants: May 14**

**Greeters:** Mason – Mary Kruckeberg  
East – Mary Wheeler

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Baumbach

**Lector:** Laurie Lease

**Communion:** Ron Bailey

**Ushers:** Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seidl,  
Jon Seidl

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 5/7:** 8:30 a.m. 49  
10:30 a.m. 26

**High School Grilled Cheese Lunch 5/4:** 101

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## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Henry Schoenborn and Rose Zinck.

***For those in Hospice Care*** especially Adeline Elias.

***For Healing*** for Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Ron Bailey.

***For those with cancer*** especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

## **Announcements**

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Our precious Adeline Elias turns 100 this Thursday. Her address is Brewster Village, 3300 W. Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914 if you want to send a card. We pray for Addie's wellbeing and peace.

### **New Member Gatherings**

Have you been thinking of joining Grace? We are planning a New Member Sunday on Pentecost Sunday which is June 4 this year. I would like to meet with you as group if possible before June. Please let Pastor Dan know your interest and what time and what day of the week works best for you by calling him at 594-2015 or emailing him at [pastordanluett@gmail.com](mailto:pastordanluett@gmail.com).

**Bible Study:** Pastor Dan will be offering a new Bible Study at Grace. He has been thinking about Wednesday mornings at either 9:00 or 10:00 A.M. He would like those attending to help pick our direction of study. Let us gather at 9:00 A.M. on May 17 for discussion on what you would like to study.

**RUMMAGE SALE WEEK!** We need you - - and your donations to have a successful sale. Children's clothing and toys, furniture, dishes, and all sorts of odds and ends sell well. Check the narthex desk to sign up to help. Help is needed each day, and shoppers are needed too. Spread the word! Set up and drop off: Tuesday from 6 – 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 am – Noon. Sale times: Friday from 8 am – 5 pm, Saturday from 9 am – Noon & Sunday after worship. Please help set up tables today after worship.

**Hospitality Volunteers** are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

**Graduates:** 2017 graduates will be honored during worship on May 21st. So, the search is on for all those reaching an educational milestone and GRADUATING from high school, college, technical school, educational program or other educational accomplishment. Have a GRADUATE in your family? Please call the church office (733-9135) or email [grace54914@gmail.com](mailto:grace54914@gmail.com) with the following information: Grad Name, School graduating from, & Diploma, degree, or name of completed program.

**Interested in a program at FVLH?** Call 734-7225 to register for the following. Both programs begin at 10:30 on Mondays.

--May 15, "Don't Drain the Brain," a review of brain function and some of the fascinating recent research. It is never too late to learn new things, and you can make your brain "smarter " and offset some of the effects of brain aging.

--May 22, Have any questions about recycling? An Outagamie County representative will present updated information about recycling. Have a question about a specific item? Please feel free to bring it to class. Let's learn more about caring for our environment and our responsibility for caring for our earth.

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, May 14**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)  
*Rummage Sale Set up*

**Monday, May 15**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, May 16**.....8:30 a.m. Quilters  
4:30 p.m. TLC Exec. Committee  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6 – 8 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop off / Set up  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Wed., May 17**.....9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. - Noon Rummage Sale Drop off / Set up  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

**Thu., May 18**.....Newsletter Deadline

**Friday, May 19**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale

**Saturday, May 20**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
9:00 a.m. – Noon Rummage Sale

**Sunday, May 21**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)  
*Teacher Appreciation & Grad Recognition Sunday*  
*Rummage Sale Take Down*