

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!'

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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.

Opening Litany (*Psalm 23*)

A The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want;

C **he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.**

A He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

C **Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

A You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

I Peter 1:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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
10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us'

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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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Words of Institution

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. Gluten free wafers are available by request. 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
'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'	502
'Have No Fear, Little Flock'	764

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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

'Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing'

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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 7

Greeters: Mason – Mandie Klauer
East – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms

Assisting Minister: Sharon Meier

Lector: Cheryl Muggenthaler

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

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

Hospitality: Sharon Meier & Martha Jensen

Preacher / Presider: Rev. Jennie Johnson-Wrege

Assistant to the Preacher: Mark Balkman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 4/30: 8:30 a.m. 53
10:30 a.m. 15

High School Grilled Cheese Lunch 4/27: 73

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Ruby Niemuth and Gladys Prahl.

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

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.

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.

Grace Rummage Sale: Check the desk in the gathering area for specific times when you can sign up to help. A lot of people are needed to make this sale very successful: table setter-uppers, sorters, cashiers, straighteners, general helpers, and cleaner-uppers. If you drop off items this week, please put them in the far right (northeast) corner of the PAC. See the newsletter for other specific drop off times. Call Sharon Meier at 739-4291 or the church at 733-9135 **this week** if you need a pick up or have **ANY**thing that will sell for \$5 or more. We need to entice the appropriate shoppers.

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 with the following information: Grad Name, School graduating from, & Diploma, degree, or name of completed program.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 7.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, May 8.....6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 9.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., May 10.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thu., May 11.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army

Friday, May 12.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 13.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

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