



Confirmation Sunday,

May 18, 2025

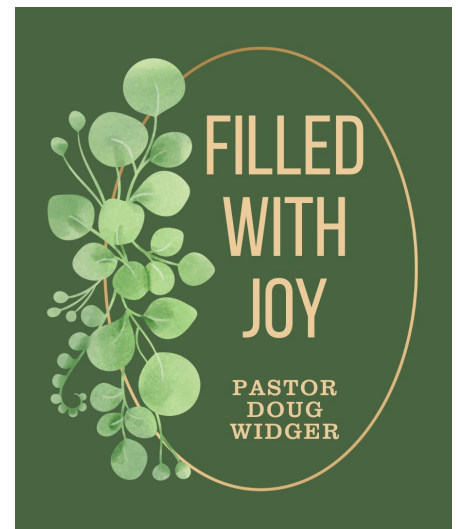
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Goodness Love And Mercy

Verse: Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing

For You are with me and You comfort me

Chorus: Surely goodness love and mercy
Will follow wherever I go

Bridge: I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. I declare to you that which the Bible teaches, that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Share Grace

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

(The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been given to Gentiles.)

- 1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.
- 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,
- 3 "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."
- 4 But Peter began and explained it to them in order:
- 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.
- 6 Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.
- 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.'
- 8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'
- 9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.'
- 10 This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.
- 11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.
- 12 And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.
- 13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter;
- 14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'
- 15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.
- 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'
- 17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"
- 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

(God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.
- 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
- 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.
- 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-22

(When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)

- 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- 16 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."
- 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"
- 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."
- 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?"
- 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.
- 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
- 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB #803

vs. 1-3

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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Message: "Filled with Joy" - Pastor Doug Widger

**God's Blessings
to Makena Leigh Cove Reynolds
on her Confirmation today.**

*"Do not be anxious about
anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God."
(Philippians 4:6)*

May Jesus always be your guide!



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

Handbell Quartet: "The Lord Bless You And Keep You"

Communion

The Lamb

LSB #547
vs. 1-5

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

Your Table I Approach

LSB #628
vs. 1-6

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB #633
vs. 1-8

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Pastor: The blessing of God—the Father, who sent His Son into this troubled world; the ✠ Son, who kept all the Father's word in our stead; and the Holy Spirit, who has gifted us with words and music, sharing and responding to God's love—bless you now and always.

People: Amen.

Sending Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB #461
vs. 1, 2, 4, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.



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A special voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th, following the Bible Class Hour in the Gym. For over 60 years the one-acre piece of property immediately to the west of Pecan has been owned by Grace Lutheran Church. At various points, notions of how it could or should be developed to expand the ministry of the church have surfaced but never been acted upon. Now after 63 years of ownership and no specific plan the Grace Board of Directors would like to recommend that this one-acre of piece of property be listed for sale.

Our By-Laws state the following:

"The Voters' Assembly shall be the assembly of voting members of the congregation at a validly called annual or special meeting. The Voters' Assembly shall have the authority to elect the Board of Directors, including the President, approve the congregational budget, call ordained and commissioned ministers, approve any transfers of real property involving the congregation..."



CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

THE HOLY SMOKERS ARE SMOKING AGAIN!

The Holy Smokers are smoking St. Louis Style Spareribs, pork loins, & sausage (mild 14 oz. or spicy 12 oz.) on **Saturday, June 14th.**

Orders must be PRE-PAID.

ORDER DEADLINE: June 8th at 12PM

Make checks out to **Grace Lutheran Church: (memo to) Holy Smokers.**

RIBS (per slab)..... \$35
HALF PORK LOIN..... \$20
WHOLE PORK LOIN..... \$40
SAUSAGE (mild or spicy):
\$8 per ring
\$15 for 2 rings

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- Sign-up sheet in the Narthex
- Call **Brian Rukavina** (817-229-9703)
- Call **Ernie Owens** (817-247-0747)

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *GLEE Wing*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*
(throughout the morning)
Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
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Jim Schmidt	T-Z
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Special
Voters' Meeting
SUNDAY, MAY 18
at 12:30m, in the Gym
A light lunch will be served prior to meeting.
Property Update, Voting on Changes, and Legacy Fund Updates.

Confirmation Sunday, May 18, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 11:45 AM Light Lunch, then Special Voters' Meeting - *Gym*
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Thursday, May 22, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 5:30 - 8:00 PM GLEE Spring Sing & Art Auction
- 6:00 PM Braille (Thumbprint Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - *Meeting Room 2*

Friday, May 23, 2024

- 6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
- 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, May 24, 2025

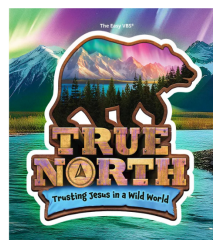
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, May 25, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 12:00 - 5:00 PM:
VBC Prep (Lunch provided)

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