

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**“By His Grace you are saved through faith”**

Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** “I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.” (John 10:14-15)

**Welcome to Grace!**  
**We're Glad You've Joined Us!**

**WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS**

**Worship bulletins** (age 3-6) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our Church Narthex and Entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the Prayer Request Sheet found on the podium in the narthex.

**We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

**As We Gather- *"Our Good Shepherd"***

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

## Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 1, pg. 151

### We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

#### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

##### Opening Hymn 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (vs. 1-3)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

The LORD is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.

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

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for

you are with me;

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

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

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

## **Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

C This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Sit*

**Rite of Holy Baptism**—We rejoice in the baptisms of Everly McIntosh, daughter of *Alexandra & Cory McIntosh*, on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm & Dylan Kendrick, son of *Douglas Dvorak & Amber Kendrick*, on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

*When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

P How are you named?

R *[Name]*

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

P *[Name]*, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold [name(s)] according to Your boundless mercy and bless [him/her/them] with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in [him/her/them], which has been inherited from Adam and which [he himself / she herself / they themselves] [has/have] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that [he/she/they] be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, [he/she/they] would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve [name(s) of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



*The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:*

### **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.**

**P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even  
T forevermore.**

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

**P [Name(s)], do you renounce the devil?**

**R Yes, I renounce him.**

**P Do you renounce all his works?**

**R Yes, I renounce them.**

**P Do you renounce all his ways?**

**R Yes, I renounce them.**

**P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?**

**R Yes, I believe.**

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P [Name,] do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

P [Name,] I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you [a member/members] of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir/heirs] with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our [brother(s)/sister(s)] in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

- P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [name(s)] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [him/her/them] [a member / members] of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [he/she/they] [has/have] now become Your [child/children], You would keep [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [he/she/they] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

*All return to their places.*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 4:1-12*

*(Peter and John witness before the council.)*

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

<sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired,

“By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,**  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
**he has put all things under his feet.**

### Epistle

*1 John 3:16-24*

*(Love one another.)*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

C Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Verse for Fourth Sunday of Easter

*“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.” (Romans 6:9; John 10:14)*

Holy Gospel

*John 10:11-18*

*(Jesus the Good Shepherd)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Children's Message—"Baa! Baa!" (John 10:11-18)** *The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*

*Sit*

## Sermon Hymn 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1-6)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of  
 days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy  
 praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

## Sermon—"Our Capable & Committed Good Shepherd" (John 10:11-18)

### Offertory

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Offering** During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their

offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church** (*After each petition the Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation responds saying, "Hear our prayer."*)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore



praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 161*

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
- C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:**
- 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### **We celebrate the Lord’s Supper**

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord’s Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to “*Celebrate, Teach, and Confess*” the Good News of God’s Grace!

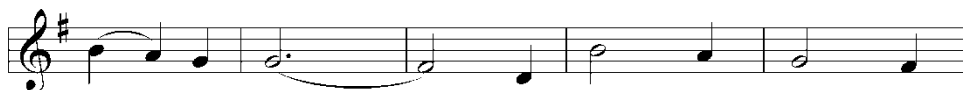
**Grace Continuous Line Communion**-*During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.*

## Distribution Hymn

## 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (vs. 1-5)



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Cantic

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

A 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 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.

## Benediction

LSB 166

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## Closing Hymn 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs. 1-4)



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

## Announcements

**Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!**

**People: Thanks be to God!**



### Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

Thursday 6:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

<u>Elders</u>	Heinz Poellet	Greg Nowakowski	Brandon Dachel
<u>Readers</u>	Suzie Miranda	Erica Vitek	Beth Jackson
<u>Acolytes</u>		Tommy Szefflinski	Dachs Poellet
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Tuskowski	Jennifer Olen	Jennifer Olen

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Michael Parker (healing) Pauline Parker's Son; Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law; Angela Strasse (cancer) friend of Taggatz family; Leigh Schmeiser (healing); Julia Oelke (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke's daughter; Dave Vitek (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) and Milwaukee Police Officers; Norma Manoil (cancer); Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; Cindy Riemer (cancer); Ronnie Boyd (healing & strength); Art Hartsmandorfer (healing & strength) friend of Doc Medek; Valinda (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; Bev Burette (healing & strength); Sharon McCaigue (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron & Mary Savarino; David (seriously ill) Brother of Suzie Miranda; Ron (healing) friend of Lance Kopperud.*

*For our Homebound Members at Grace:* Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** We thank the Lord that on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> *Everly McIntosh*, daughter of *Alexandra & Cory McIntosh*, and on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, *Dylan Kendrick*, son of *Douglas Dvorak & Amber Kendrick*, are baptized into the Christian faith through both water and the power of God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at Grace! We praise the Lord that both *Everly & Dylan's* names are written in God's book of life!!!

**We mourn with the family of Carol Thurber** as they grieve over the recent death of her son *Garrett Thurber*. O Lord, deal graciously with *Carol's family*, and all who mourn her son *Garrett's* death that, casting every care upon You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give them confidence that because Jesus lives, they too shall live and have eternal life in His name. Amen.

***All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue;***  
Hear our prayer.

**We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:**  
Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am–3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

### **Pastor Taggatz Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Tuesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Wednesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Thursday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**  
**Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons**

***For appointments, call Grace Lutheran's church office or Pastor's cell phone.  
For emergencies, call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231***

**Church Secretary, Sarah Anderson: T-W-Th, 8:15 am-1:15 pm**

There will be a Voters Meeting TODAY Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Worship Service. Please plan on attending the Voters Meeting as your participation as a member of our congregation is very important for the ministries here at Grace Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center. Topics of the meeting will include: Pastor's Update, Updates from Church Boards, a Presentation of Next Year's Church Budget for the fiscal year of 2022, and voting in new members here at Grace.

**UPDATES TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY—Please see the Current Church Directory on the table in the Narthex of the Church.** We are currently trying to update our Church Directory and we would like you to make sure that we have your current email address, physical address, and phone number(s). Also, if you have a family or friend here at our congregation that you see needs their information revised and updated please let us know changes to their information as well. We would like to print up a new Church directory by June of 2021. Also, please let us know if you would like certain information in the directory private from the officially published directory that we plan on giving to our congregation members.

**Private Communion Service—We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID19 to come and partake in private communion. We will provide this service once per month. The next service will be on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm.** We have eight 15-minute time slots available so that you and/or your family can come and take communion. Social distancing and

thorough cleaning will occur between each visit. Please contact Sarah Anderson...Tuesday-Thursday between 8:15am-1:15pm to reserve your slot. If this date does not work for you, please contact Pastor Taggatz directly at 715.467.1231 and he can set up a different date and time to meet with you to give to you the Lord's Supper.



**Grace Ladies Guild Prayer Service - May 8 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pastor Taggatz will be leading us in the 2021 LWML Prayer Service

“He Prayed *with* Them”- Acts 20:36b

When was the last time you prayed with someone?

Not for someone, *with* someone?

We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer, and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father.

He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers.

**ALL (women, men and children) are invited to attend!**

**SWD Student Financial Aid**

Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information and the two applications required to be considered for Financial Aid, visit the SWD website – [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) – under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

OUR LATEST GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PANTHER NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR ANY PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PICK IT UP TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

**Tele-health (virtual) counseling now available**-Did you know that the counselors of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are available for virtual counseling sessions? For those struggling with any mental health issue such as depression, anxiety, trauma, an addiction or relationship issues, professional help is just a phone call away. Through faith-based Christian counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. Speaking with a counselor can help reduce anxiety, monitor depression, control addictive behavior, identify triggers and create solutions to instill hope and faith. Most insurance plans accept telehealth/virtual counseling as a viable option to conduct



therapy. Check with your plan in advance to see if this is covered or the staff at LCFS can assist you. Call 800-291-4513 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **Power Point Team**

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people that would like to help him with running the Power Point during our worship services. If interested, please contact him directly at 715-467-1231 or [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for you to choose which worship service you would like to help with PowerPoint during worship. We have had two people sign up to help run PowerPoint so far. However, we still need individuals to help out for the 8:00am worship service on Sunday mornings and the 6:30pm Thursday night worship service as well.

### **Greeting Card Ministry**

There are cards, stamps, names of shut-ins, prayer lists for anyone to take and send cards to shut ins and those on the prayer line, especially those on the long term prayer list, on the table in the narthex. Pauline Parker has applied to Thrivent Action Team and they will give us \$250 for stamps and cards. Thrivent has approved this project. In a couple of weeks, there will be t-shirts and note pads as well, to keep tract of those who you send cards to. Please feel free to take the cards, stamps and list of names and a copy of the prayer list, send out the cards even if you don't know the people just to let them know they are being prayed for and that we at Grace care.



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR - "Replace or Repair?"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Broken doesn't mean "disposable." Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes broken people. (Jonah 2) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

**Stewardship Minute-** *“Time is everything. Anything you want, anything you accomplish—pleasure, success, fortune—is measured in time”* (Joyce C. Hall). What is important to us is indicated by how we spend our time. A quick perusal of our calendars or daily schedules will reveal our priorities. Christ said, *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (Matthew 6:21). We know He was talking about financial treasures, but certainly *time* is a precious commodity, a treasure, and how we spend it tells us where our hearts are. If we acknowledge God as the Giver of time, will we not want to make time for Him? The amount and quality of time we spend with God determines the relationship we have with Him. How we spend our time shows what is important to us.

**WHEN GOD WORKS IN AND**

**THROUGH US, WE ENGAGE IN  
A LIFESTYLE OF GOOD WORKS.**

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).



## IN THE WORD FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—To Wives: Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6

**Verse of the week:** John 14:6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 115

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 487) “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (stanzas 1 and 4)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday—** Sorrow Will Turn to Joy—John 16:16-22

**Monday—** St. Mark, Evangelist: Mark 16:14-20

**Tuesday—** Samuel Judges Israel—1 Samuel 7:2-17

**Wednesday—** Israel Demands a King—1 Samuel 8:1-22

**Thursday—** Saul Is Chosen to Be King—1 Samuel 9:1-6 (7-9) 10-24

**Friday—** Saul Is Anointed King—1 Samuel 9:25—10:16

**Saturday—** Saul Is Proclaimed King—1 Samuel 10:17-27

“Death is the one thing no Christian has to do on his or her own. Jesus has already been through suffering and death before us. He knows the way through death and the way back to life, too. Our friends and family cannot go with us—but Jesus can. He will never let go of our hands. And He will bring us back to life with Him because He has promised, and He will never lie.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace  
April 22 & 25, 2021**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	<i>\$5,668.01</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>105</i>
<i>On-Line Giving</i>		<i>Communed</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>Missions</i>	<i>500.00</i>		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	<i>65.00</i>		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	4/25	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church <b>Divine Worship Service</b> Voter's Meeting after 10:30am Worship
Tuesday	4/26	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	4/27	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ church Council Meeting @ church
<b>Thursday</b>	4/28	<b>6:30 pm</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	5/2	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church <b>Divine Worship Service</b>

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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Choir Director	Mrs. Kathy Kolb	
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