

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN CHUR CH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As we gather:

Today is an in-between Sunday. We find ourselves in the Upper Room with Jesus' disciples. They have seen Jesus ascend into heaven, but they have not yet received the promised Holy Spirit. What do they do? They pray. The reading from John takes us back to the night before Jesus' death. He is preparing to leave his disciples, first to enter death, then to return to his Father. What does he do? He prays. We live in an in-between time. We remember the time before the coronavirus arrived. We look for, hope for, an end to the pandemic and a return to a new normal. What do we do in this time? We pray. Jesus prays that we will be united and protected. By the grace of his prayer and in the power of the Spirit that has now come, we work for unity and protection in the world, to the glory of the risen Christ.



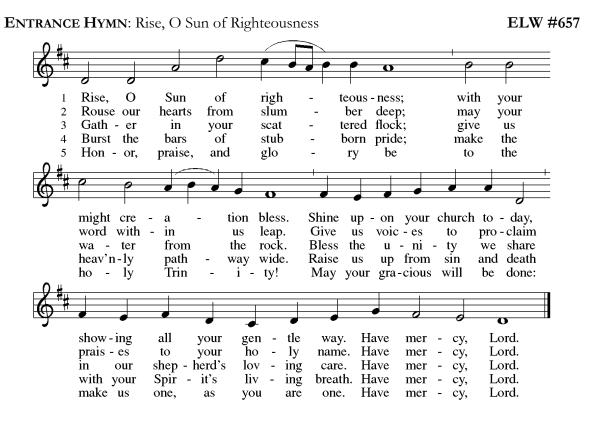
+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

Mark Sedio

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

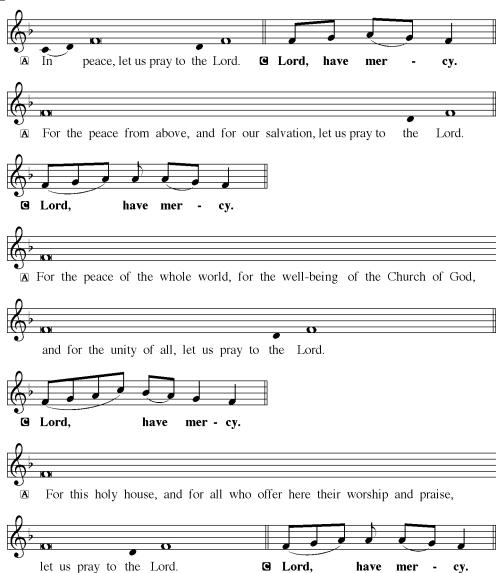


Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566 Text © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He 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.
- **a** And also with you.

KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

© Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6–14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

- Let God arise, and let his ene- | mies be scattered;* let those who hate him | flee before him.
- Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives | it away;* as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.
- But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;* let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
- Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides up- | on the heavens;* YAHWEH is his name, re- | joice before him!
- ☐ Father of orphans, defend- | er of widows,* God in his holy | habitation!
- God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | into freedom;* but the rebels shall live | in dry places.
- O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,* when you marched | through the wilderness,
- the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,* at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

- L You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your inheritance;* you refreshed the land when | it was weary.
- Your people found their | home in it;*
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.
- Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;* sing praises | to the Lord.
- **G** He rides in the heavens, the | ancient heavens;* he sends forth his voice, his | mighty voice.
- L Ascribe pow- | er to God;*
 his majesty is over Israel; his strength is | in the skies.
- How wonderful is God in his | holy places,* the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! | Blessed be God!



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt. Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

Text © 1967 Concordia Publishing House

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

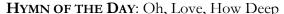
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: In-Between Prayers

Pastor David R. Lyle John 17:1–11; Acts 1:6–14





(green) LBW #88



- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820–1885, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

NICENE CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **G** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

@ Amen.

ANTHEM: This Is My Song

Setting by John Ferguson

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, And hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; Myself I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3 Text sts. 1-2 © 1934, 1962 Lorenz Publishing Company. Text st. 3 © 1964 Lorenz Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A Cour 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- **@** Amen.



SENDING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

(green) LBW #369



- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev-'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre a - tion by wa - ter and the word. her char-ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth: by schisms. . rent a sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest and won.



From heav'n he came and sought her be his ho - lv bride: to ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, one saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" vet till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest. cho - rus! Lord, save us by your Oh. bless - ed heav'n-ly grace.



with his blood bought her, and for her life died. own he he and hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace dued. to one en and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

DISMISSAL.

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Dialogue sur les mixtures

Jean Langlais

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Justin Martin and Val Poulos, soloists
Ellie Anderson, cellist
Eunice Eifert, videographer
Julie Hinz, sound board operator

Copyright Acknowledgments

Portions of this liturgy reprinted from *Lutheran Book of Worship*, copyright © 1978 by Augsburg Fortress, *With One Voice*, copyright © 1995 by Augsburg Fortress, and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, copyright © 2006 by Augsburg Fortress. Graphics and Sending Hymn reprinted from *Sundaysandseasons.com*. All rights reserved. All of the above printed and live streamed by permission of Augsburg Fortress liturgies license #SAS018423.

Readings come from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness, Christ Is Arisen, and This is My Song reprinted by permission and live streamed by permission of OneLicense.net license #A-704569.

LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Ken Heppner Rose Mary Anderson Ken Folgers Paul Nelson Annalise Balock Dennis Forgue Rachel Hindery Adrienne Rott Cathy Barker Belen and Ron Gresens Joan Koerber Tim Sandvoss Ruth Barker Carl and Donna Gruendler Jerry Koenig Pat Scala Jeanne Bloch David Gruendler Drew Krueger Carl Schalk Ed Borg Marlene Hallman Dan Lehmann Nikki Schmidt Sophia Cetin Karen McMahon Rich and Bonnie Stasack Kathy Hale

Hans Dumpys Kathy Hayes Jennifer Murtoff

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell)
Vanice Bakko (friend of Irmgard Swanson)
Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel)
Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz)
Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Deb Bree (friend of Debbie Conley)

Elizabeth, Martin and Melanie Byrne (mother, brother and sister of

Elizabeth Asher)

Patricia Carey (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

Karla Carter (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Stephen Clarke (brother of Stewart)

The Corlew Family (friends of Pat Anderson)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)
Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Richard Freeman (brother of Linda Webb)

Joan Fudala (mother of Greg Fudala) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz)

Rebecca Graves (daughter of Scott and Linda Street)
Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns)
Ruth Hanson (mother of Sue Ames)
Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason)
Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)
Ellen Hinz (mother of Julie Hinz)
Marian Hogue (mother of Merrily Smith)
Gale Holmlund (friend of Deb Maxwell)
Kathy Howard (friend of Pat Anderson)
John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)
Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)
Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)
Lenny Kobilca (friend of Deanna Marotz)
Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)
Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)
Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Mary Jane Kuehnert (friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson)

Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin)
Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell)

MaryJo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Don Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) John Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Misty Olson (friend of Sara Chizzo) Kathi Parisi (friend of Debbie Conley)

Marilynn Paulson (mother of Mary Paulson) James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples)

James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples)

James Powers (friend of Jennifer Stap

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson)
Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

Linda Schroeder (annt of Anne-Marie Bogdan) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)
Konrad Swider (friend of Al Swanson)
Ilene Thompson (sister of Marilyn Heppner)
Nate Tiemann (son of Evie, brother of Leslie Sleuwen)

Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher) Carol Zitko (friend of Susan Schumacher) Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Walther Christian Academy

For those who mourn

Ruth Huisenga Teune (mother-in-law to Timothy Douma, grandmother of Carrie Douma Wahlen and great-grandmother of Remke Douma Wahlen)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)
Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)
Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)
David Danford (son of John and Karen)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)
Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)
Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Ruth Laux

Christopher Davis Walt and Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Institution Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)
Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- □ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- I would like to know more about Grace School.
- ☐ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail.
 - Sunday Is Coming.
- I would like one of the pastors to contact me
 - via (check one) ☐ Phone or ☐ E-mail.



7300 Division Street River Forest, Illinois 60305 Phone: (708) 366-6900 Fax: (708) 366-0966

www.graceriverforest.org gracechurch@graceriverforest.org

Bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ

David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor F. Dean Lueking, Pastor Emeritus Michael D. Costello, Cantor Jeremy Zimmer, Assistant Cantor William Koehne, Principal **Gerald Koenig**, Principal Emeritus Pat Gulik, Parish Nurse Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator Makayla Dahleen, Youth Ministry Associate Gwen Gotsch, Communications Coordinator Jim McClanahan, Director of Administration & Finance Rich Brooks, Facilities Manager