

EXTRA Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

May 15, 2022



Gathering Liturgy for Fifth Sunday of Easter

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.



To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (ELW #774)

1: *What a fellowship, what a joy
divine, leaning on the
everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a
peace is mine, leaning on the
everlasting arms.*

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe
and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the
everlasting arms.*

2: *Oh, how sweet to walk in this
pilgrim way, leaning on the
everlasting arms;*

*Oh, how bright the path grows
from day to day, leaning on the
everlasting arms. Refrain.*

3: *What have I to dread, what
have I to fear, leaning on the
everlasting arms?*

*I have blessed peace with my
Lord so near, leaning on the
everlasting arms. Refrain.*

GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: "My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch (solo)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a

vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

“As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

“But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

“But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’

“This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Cæsarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.

“These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who

was I that I could hinder God?”

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”



Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name ^l of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD ^l from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Revelation 21:1–6

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

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

GOSPEL: **John 13:31–35**

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

"Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the

Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "No, Not One!"

1 *There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!*

*None else could heal all our soul's diseases—
No, not one! No, not one!*

Refrain: *Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!*

2: *No friend like Him is so high and holy—
No, not one! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly—
No, not one! No, not one! Refrain.*

3: *There's not an hour that He is not near us—
No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us—
No, not one! No, not one! Refrain.*

4: *Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one.
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one. Refrain.*

CREED

P Let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

VERSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (local natural areas may be named). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)

- Doug Becker (Marlene Binninger's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
- Gregory Foster
- Shirleen Gulick
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert Felland's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Jacqueline & David Kramer
- David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- David Misurelli (Dottie Watts's son)
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Kristi Weiss.

As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING. "Doxology" (ELW #885)
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power 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.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for

bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*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.*

SONG: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (ELW #742)

1: *What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit—
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

2: *Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!*

3: *Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (ELW #773)

1: *Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.*

Refrain: *Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

2: *When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall.* Refrain.

3: *When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,*

Guide my feet, hold my hand. Refrain.

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Altar Flowers & Thanks

Thank you to Jan Recor for giving the altar flowers this Sunday in honor of the N'Srannas of Abidjan, IC.

We welcome and thank Rev. Stephen Gifford leading us in worship on Sunday, and for singing "My Tribute" as a solo as well. *Pastor Jim Lynch will be on call while Pastor Barker is away this week.*

We also thank David and Gracie Underwood for leading the musical portion of our worship service on Sunday.

Welcome Center Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Five years ago, the Grace Welcome Center started with four guests, six volunteers, and Pastor Barker's 12-cup coffee maker.

Now the Center serves an average of 135 families every week, with a food pantry on Tuesday afternoons and a free breakfast every Thursday and Friday morning. In 2021, the pantry gave out 300,000 pounds of food; this year, we're on pace to give out 450,000 pounds.

Grace Welcome Center is so much more than providing food to those in need. Due to our strong reputation and connection to this community, we are often the first community agency approached for a helping hand when individuals and/or families lose their income or become homeless. Grace Welcome Center ensures their dignity and gives them hope by providing immediate assistance with food, clothing and bathing.

We also provide a connection for them to

Kenosha Human Development Services where they get enrolled in Coordinated Entry for community services, which will



give them access to emergency shelter and counseling services.

The Welcome Center celebrated its fifth anniversary on May 13 with an open house, and a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by students at Harborside Academy. Look for photos on the Welcome Center's Facebook page and in next week's *Grace Notes*.

We thank our sponsors: Harborside Parent Teacher &

Student Organization and DeRango's.

Group Activities in May & June

Men's Group

The Grace Men's group will meet after the worship service on May 29. A cookout is planned.

New Member Class

Our next new members class starts on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Planting Garden

Immediately after the worship service on Sunday, June 5, join us in the courtyard for the planting of pollinators. For details, please see Karen Kempinen.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for watering the garden in the courtyard.



Welcome Center pantry walk-up line volunteers still needed to wear warm jackets last week.

Kemper Hall Alumnæ Present Organ Concert

On Saturday, May 21, The Kemper Hall Alumnæ Association presents an organ concert in the chapel at Kemper Center by Dr. Brian Schoettler. The program will feature works Johann Sebastian Bach, Couperin, Locklair, Florence Price, and Louis Vierne.

Dr. Schoettler is a member of the organ faculty of the Music Institute of Chicago and is Minister of Music & Organist at First United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Schoettler has performed around the world as well as with the Carthage Choir, The Carthage Wind

Orchestra, and the Tremper Golden Strings.

One of the members of the Kemper Hall Alumnæ Association recently had occasion to engage Dr. Schoettler at St. Mary's Chapel at Kemper Hall and when alumnæ heard him play, his performance reminded the alumnæ of the days when Sister Hildegard played us in to chapel every morning on the great Holtkamp pipe organ.

Dr. Schoettler's concert on the more modern organ now in the chapel offers the public a chance to enjoy beautiful music and visit the historic chapel at

Kemper Center—perhaps for the first time, or perhaps to revisit the site of a wedding or other event you attended.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. You can order and pay online at the door or at www.kempercenter.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Kemper Hall Alumnæ Association is raising funds to renovate part of the fourth floor of Kemper Center to establish a museum for the history and artifacts of Kemper Hall, the girls' school that existed from 1870 to 1975 in the buildings that are now Kemper Center.

Offerings: May 8, 2022

General offering	\$ 493.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 8.00
Parking lot repair	\$ 10.00
via Thrivent Choice	\$ 179.00
From non-members:	
General offering	\$ 495.00
Outreach	\$ 500.00
Welcome Center	\$ 1,150.00
Amistad Cristiana building use.....	\$ 800.00

Processing fees	(\$ 4.70)
Total	\$ 3,630.30
Grace weekly budget in 2022:	\$ 3,269.56

NOTES: We thank St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Waukesha for their gift of \$500 for outreach at Grace. Thanks also to Somers United Church of Christ for their gift of \$1,000 for the Grace Welcome Center food pantry.

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ELCA Plans Social Statement on Government, Civic Engagement

What is important to you when you think about government? What about how the church and the state relate to each other?

A task force is at work on a new social statement about civics and faith, and it wants to hear from you. This social statement was requested by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. A key piece of this process is hearing from ELCA members about their priorities and perspectives.

Social statements establish the basis for the ELCA's public voice and policy decisions. They also serve as a teaching tool to help people discern and discuss their views on an issue.

This month you can connect directly with the task

force to let them know what's important to you!

Join members of the ELCA social statement task force for an ELCA-wide virtual listening event. The event will introduce what social statements are and how they're developed. Then, participants will have a chance to share with task force members directly in breakout groups. The main questions will be:

- + What themes, ideas or topics do you think the task force needs to talk about or consider for the social statement?
- + What is important for the task force to consider in creating an effective social statement?

There are two opportunities to participate:



📅 Tuesday, May 24, 7:00-8:15 p.m. Central time

📅 Wednesday, May 25, 7:00-8:15 p.m. Central time

To learn more about the social statement process, visit elca.org/civicsandfaith. For more on our preexisting social statements and study materials, including a new study guide on Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action, visit elca.org/socialstatements.

If you have any questions, email civicsandfaith@elca.org