

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**OPENING MUSIC**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” setting, Kenneth Kosche (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us, the Kishwaukee Headwaters,  
the Rock River, and Lake Michigan.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"**

ELW 384 (Public Domain)

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING:** **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 119 & 120*  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**  
*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

**SECOND READING:** **1 Peter 1:17-23**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 232*  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs.



God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.*



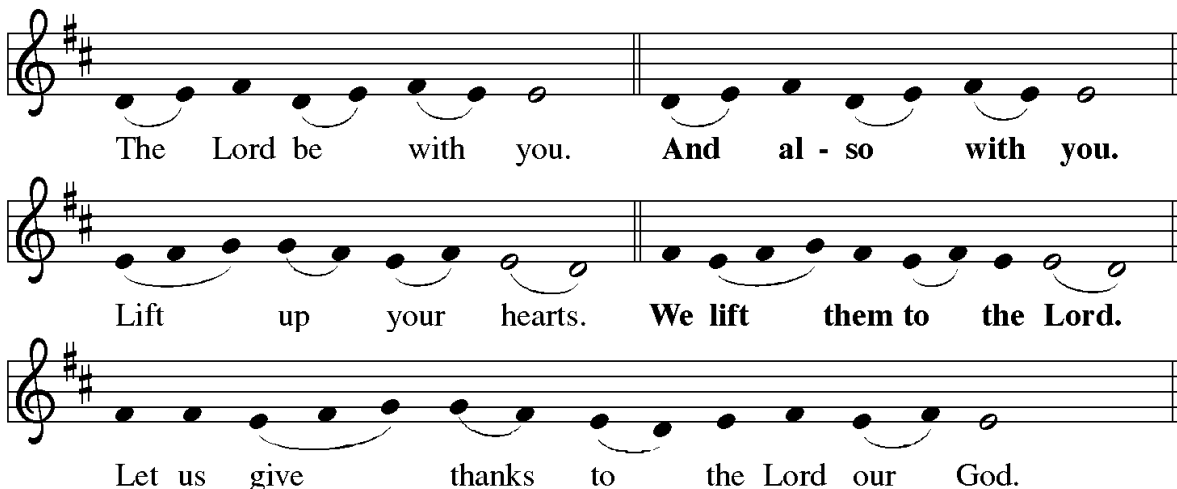
## OFFERING ANTHEM

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

arr. by Michael R. Keller (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

ELW pg.112, left column

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the Lord’s table.*

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Lamb of God”**

ELW pg. 112 (Augsburg Fortress)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

ELW 674 (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**

ELW 377 (One License)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**

setting, David Cherwien (Augsburg Fortress)



**Worship Team**

A/V Team: Andy Bellavia

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sonia Brzezinski, Doug Noe,

Mary Noe, Mike Phillips

Greeters: Nancy Kreznor, William Kreznor

Acolyte: Cai Given

Reader: Paul Lockwood

Ushers: Carrie Jarnecke, Kevin Jarnecke, Robert Teuber

Children's Sermon: Cindy Meyer

Altar Guild: Andy Bellavia, Mary Beth Bellavia, Joy Aavang, Barb Aavang

Musicians: Jan Burns, Rev. Ringers, Terry Aavang, Judy Reilly

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

**Presence Light Sponsor:**

In honor of our 42nd anniversary; given by William & Nancy Kreznor.

**Bulletin Sponsors:**

In memory of my parents, Arnold & Linda Holman; given by Mary Johnson.

In honor of Dan's Birthday; given by Janette Hess.



*Faith & Flavors Kids Kitchen*

*April 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 11:30am*  
*Limited spots available*



**FAITH FACTORY FRIDAY**

**Play Bold. Love Big. Grow in Faith.**

**April 24th 5:30pm-7:30pm**



*Hymn Sing Potluck*



*Saturday April 25th*

*Dinner at 6pm followed by Hymns in the Sanctuary*



Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day. You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.



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**St. Ann's Episcopal & Grace Lutheran Mobile Food Pantry**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm**  
Across from Woodstock High School



*Rooted & Renewed*  
*Who Are You When No-One Needs You?*  
April 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm

**SPRING CLEANUP**  
SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-12PM

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Road Trip: On the Go With God**  
📍 June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 11:30 A.M. 📍

*A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!*