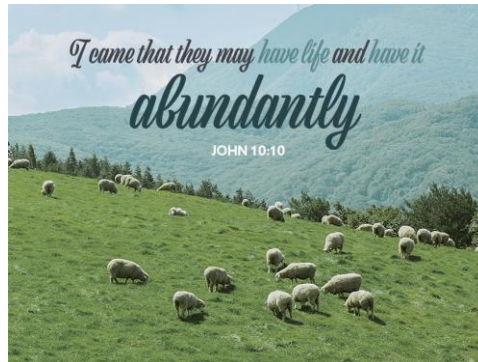


Grace Lutheran Church
1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road
Woodstock, IL 60098
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April 26, 2026; 9:00 A.M.
4th Sunday of Easter



GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

setting, Robert A. Hobby (Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

"**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**"

ELW 385 (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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 2:42-47, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 120*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

Psalm 23

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 2:19-25, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 233
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10:1-10, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 103

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to come forward during the message.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

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Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM – Adeline Kay Randolph

The candidate, parents and sponsors gather at the Baptismal Font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for the candidate, Eric & Blaire Pilgard, present the candidate with these words:

We present Adeline Kay Randolph to receive the Sacrament of Holy baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents, Tyler & Hannah Randolph:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Adeline Kay baptized into Christ? *We do.*

As you bring Adeline Kay to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Adeline Kay may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Adeline Kay grow in the Christian faith and life? *We do.*

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Adeline Kay in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Adeline Kay and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Assembly, please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Adeline Kay, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Adeline Kay with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen

Adeline Kay, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Adeline Kay, the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____ . Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. We rejoice in welcoming Adeline Kay Randolph in the waters of baptism, and Eliana Elizabeth Brenton, Adelynn Rose Hurckes, Cooper James Hurckes, Fletcher Perry Klay, Kali Quinn Klay, Remington Louise Klay, Hailey Grace Kurka as they receive their first communion. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Mark Patterson (Augsburg Fortress)

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.

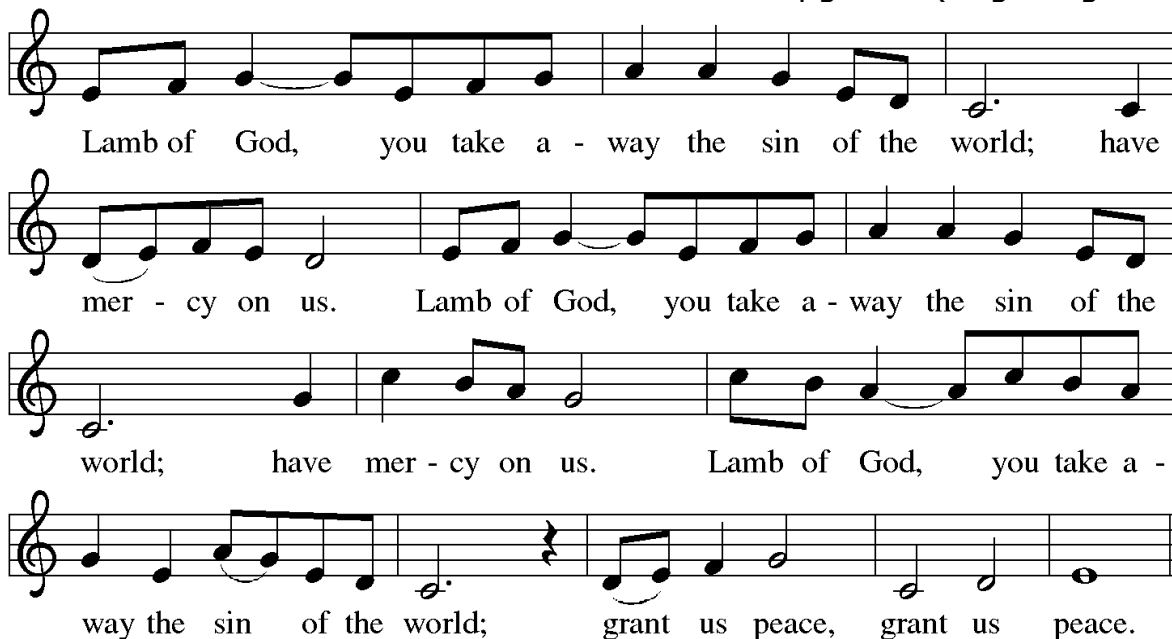
Please be seated. This Sunday, First Communicants are being received. They with their families will come forward to receive communion first.

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.

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789 (Public Domain)

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

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- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
- 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
- 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
- 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925

DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING MUSIC

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

setting Wayne L. Wold (Augsburg Fortress)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Andrew Thomas

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sonia Brzezinski, Robin Gibbs, Judy Reilly, Sally Sheahan

Greeters: Michael Liedtke, Braxton O'Leary

Reader: Michelle Anderson

Ushers: Adele Petersen, Faith Metze

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Sheri Conover, Nanette Behrns, Cathy Meyer, Donna Neubaum

Musicians: Jan Burns, Cherubs, Cindy Meyer

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Presence Light Sponsor:

In honor of our grandson Jakob's birthday; given by Ken & Kathy Zank.

Bulletin Sponsors:

In honor of our grandson Jakob's birthday; given by Ken & Kathy Zank.

In honor of Andy's parents 70th wedding anniversary; given by Andy & Mary Beth Bellavia.



St. Ann's Episcopal & Grace Lutheran Mobile Food Pantry

April 27th 4pm

Across from Woodstock High School



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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SATURDAY MAY 9TH 8AM-12PM

Faith & Flavors Kids Kitchen
May 17th 10am - 11:30am
Limited spots available

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

A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!