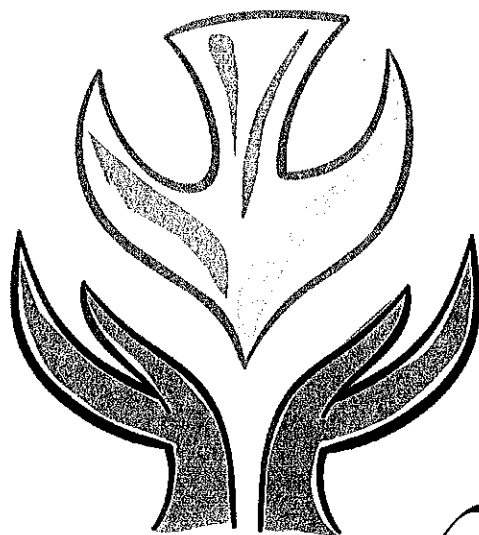


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



Join Us for
WORSHIP

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

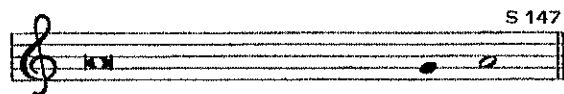
A: Amen. Assembly sits.

GREETING – (ELW p. 147)

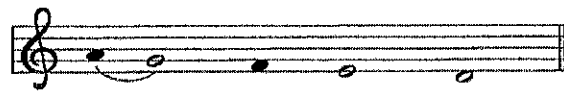
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

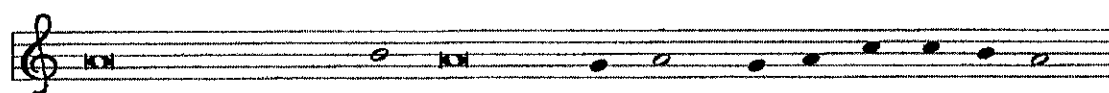
KYRIE – (ELW p. 147)



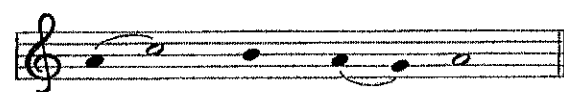
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



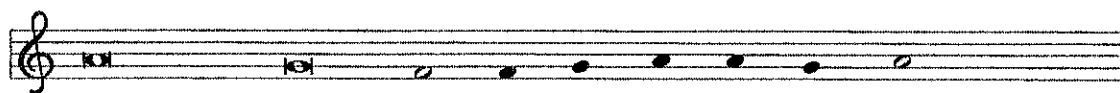
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



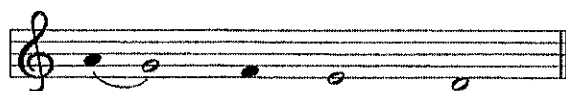
Lord, have mer - cy.



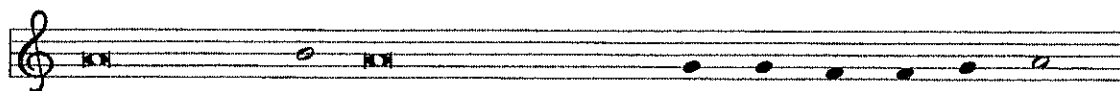
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



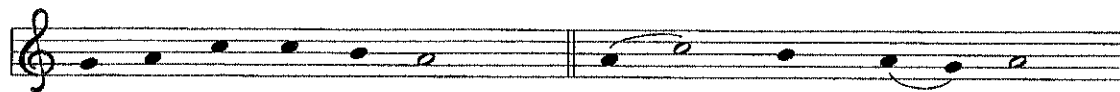
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



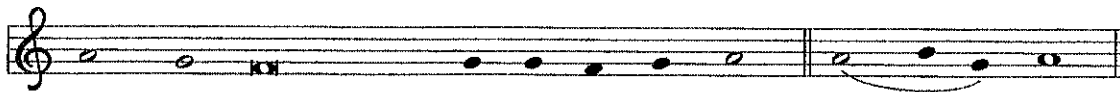
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – (ELW p. S149)

Refrain

Assisting minister

S 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

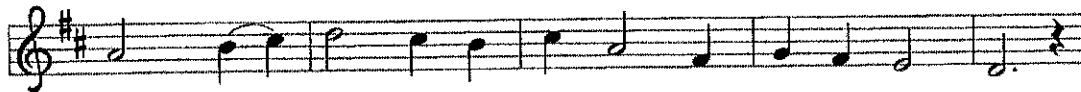
All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

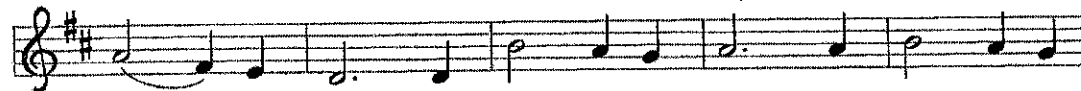


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

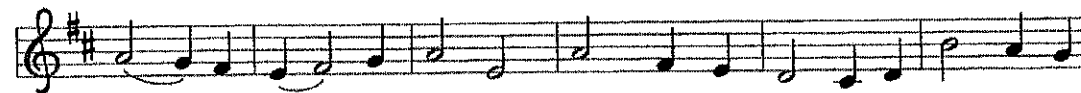
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING –Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.


A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW p. S151a) *Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

S 151a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

NICENE CREED – (ELW p. 104)

**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 INTERCESSION – (ELW p.152)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE – (ELW p. 152) *Please stand in body or spirit*

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW p. 152 & 153)

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

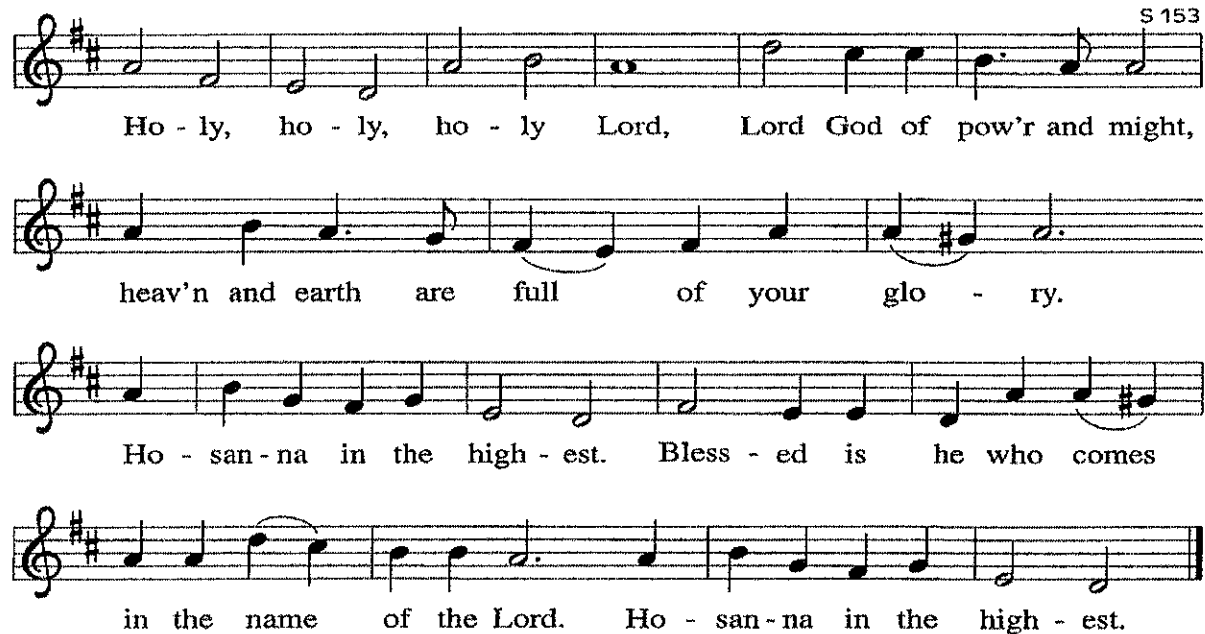
P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

S 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW p. 154)

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.

LAMB OF GOD – (ELW p. 154)

S 154



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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING – (ELW p. 113)

A: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the dismissal:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

*Please join us for
fellowship in the basement
following worship ☺*

SENDING SONG

Postlude

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering Song – WOV #748 “Bind Us Together”

Hymn of the Day – ELW # 392 Verses 1, 2, 3

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Sending Song – ELW # 826 “Thine the Amen”

We pray always for . . .

*Louis & Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken,
Elaine Hauberg, Kathi Johnson, Diane Roesener & Joan Wellensiek*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Juliana, Hassan, Jackline & Charles, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Announcements

TODAY 5/17/26 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

TUESDAY 5/19/26

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – All

WEDNESDAY 5/20/26

VBS Planning Meeting @ Osage – 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 5/24/26 Day of Pentecost Wear Red

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.

You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church),
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

GET INVOLVED WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a planning meeting on May 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Osage. Students will participate in daily Bible lessons, music, crafts, exercise and a meal.

We need Volunteers!

Any Grace member can volunteer. Vacation Bible School dates are July 13-17 at St. Paul's UCC, Osage in the evening with time to be determined at the planning meeting. We welcome your interest in youth, your participation, and your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Pastor will be at the Synod Assembly on Sunday, May 31st. There will be a Hymn Sing Fest at the 8:30 a.m. service. Please let Dean or Pastor know of a hymn that you would like to sing. This will include the Lessons & prayers.

Those wishing to watch the 2026 Closing Worship and Closing of Assembly with Presiding Bishop Curry at 10:00 a.m. will be available to watch together in the church basement or at home via livestream @ [**https://www.youtube.com/@NebraskaSynod**](https://www.youtube.com/@NebraskaSynod)

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
⁸³You ride in the heavens, O God,
in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice,
your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is in the skies.
³⁵How wonderful you are
in your holy places,
O God of Israel,
giving strength and power
to your 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.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

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."