

I am
the
vine;
you
are
the
branches.
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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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MAY 1ST & 2ND, 2021

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion each Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

Adult and High School Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Restrooms can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

Radio: Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGJ—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive

but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Pre Service Music

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(D. Akers; LSB 721)

Opening Hymn (Saturday)

“The Tree of Life”

#561

Opening Hymn (Sunday)

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

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Service of Holy Baptism

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**We welcome today, by the waters of Holy Baptism, Ryne
James Lamb, son of Mark & Jill Lamb**

Confession and Absolution

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Introit (Cantor/Choir)

Ps. 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16



*A little while, and you will see me no | longer;**
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.

*Every day I will | bless you**
and praise your name forever and | ever.

The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

*All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,**
and all your saints shall | bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*A little while, and you will see me no | longer;**
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Choir Anthem

“Hallelujah, Jesus Lives”

(text: D.N. Schultz; music: R.C. Schultz)

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What

prevents me from being baptized?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Gradual (Choir) *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–11

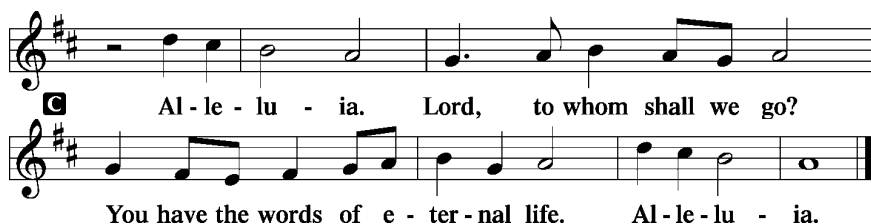
¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia (Saturday)



Verse of the Day (Choir)

Rom. 6:9; John 14:23

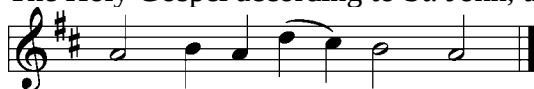
Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” # 633
(Choir sings verse 5)

Sermon

Nicene Creed p. 174

Offering

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Prayers of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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Communion Hymns 594, 636, 571

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Closing Hymn “Lift High the Cross” #837

COMMUNION

To help pastor, elders and visiting pastors during communion, if you prefer the common cup please place your hands with both palms up. Thank you for your help in this manner.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 33

Sunday: 126

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

ELDERS ON DUTY:	Stu Endorf/Karl Heck
ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
CANTOR:	Karl Bergdolt
CHOIR:	Senior Choir
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Mike & Kyla Endorf
	Kurt Haecker/Duane Fowler
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Bruce Bluhm/Colleen Carey
	Evonne Wageman/Janet Petermann
THIS WEEK'S DOOR MONITOR:	Mark Liess
NEXT WEEK'S DOOR MONITOR:	Keith Pobanz
CRUCIFER:	Kyle Sheeks
ACOLYTE:	Xavier Carr
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Mark Liess
	In memory of Mary Liess

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2021 GRADUATES OF GRACE: Please congratulate the following Grace members who will graduate high school this year: Elizabeth Huggins, Gavin Link, Brody Sheeks, and Brian Yager Jr.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: Please note that the Children's Choir will continue to practice until May 12th.

GO BIG GIVE: On May 6th the day of giving begins for organizations in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties. By giving through Go Big Give, your gifts can be matched and be part of monetary prizes that can be won. Visit www.gobiggive.org/Prizes to view all the other fun ways to grow your gift.