

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ

## Service of Installation of Rev. Nancy M. Raabe as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 19, 2021  
At 4:30 p.m.

Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator

PRELUDE: Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. by Kevin Freaney

## Evening Prayer *Vespers*

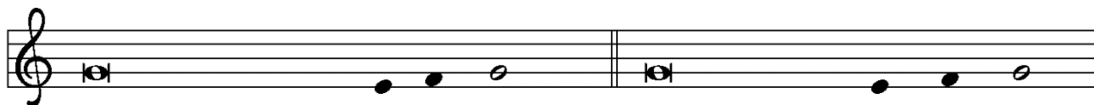
*Please stand.*

*A large, lighted candle is carried into the sanctuary.*

### OPENING



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**



Hymn of Light: "Christ, Mighty Savior"

ELW 560



**All:** 1. Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of  
**Women:** 2. Now comes the day's end as the  
**Men:** 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning  
**All:** 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our  
**All:** 5. *Though* bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall



all cre - a - tion, you make the day - time  
 sun is set - ting, mir - ror of day - break,  
 rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly chant - ing  
 sup - pli - ca - tion, that you may grant us  
 keep their vig - il, for - ev - er rest - ing



ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
 pledge of res - ur - rec - tion; while in the heav - ens  
 ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
 par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
 in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the heav - ens.  
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
 join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.  
 rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wea - ry.  
 wor - ship - ing our Sav - ior now and for - ev - er.

## Thanksgiving for Light



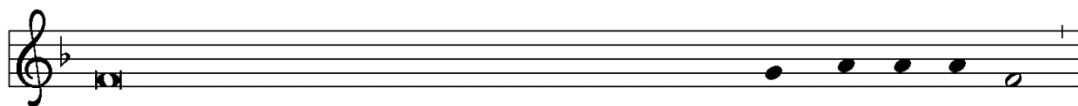
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



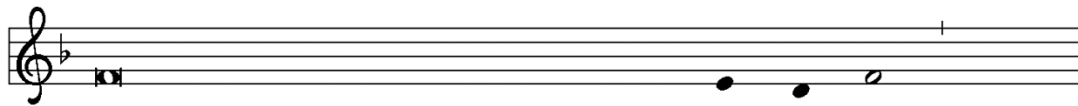
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



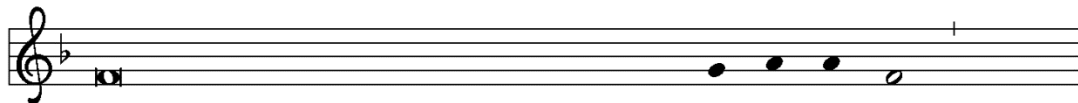
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be



a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci - ful,



and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Psalmody (Psalm 141)



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All

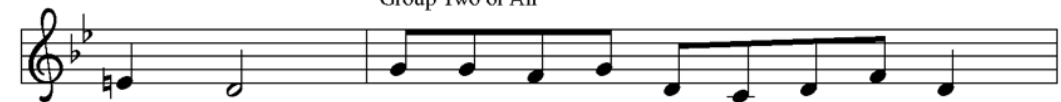


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

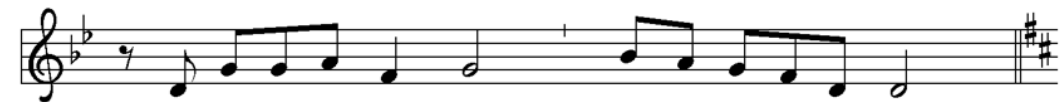


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All

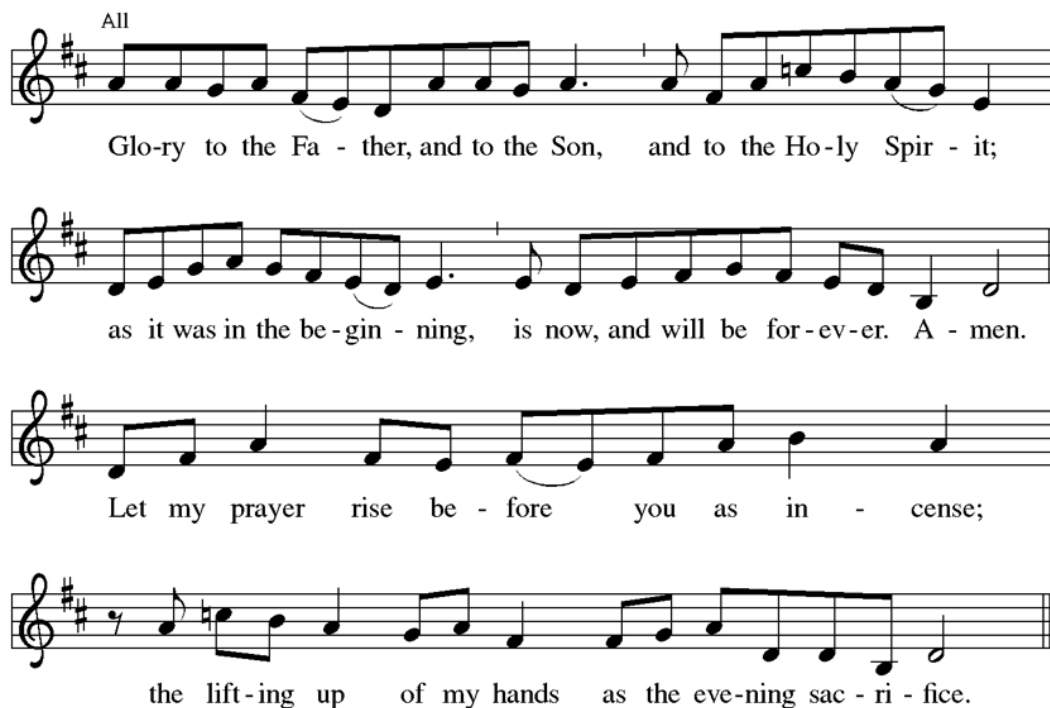


do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
 Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;  
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm prayer

## WORD

*Dr. Lisa Dahill and Deacon Rebecca Mastalerz are joining us by audio from their respective locations in Southern California and Southern Ohio.*

**Romans 10:5-17**

**Read by Rev. Dr. Lisa A. Dahill  
 ELCA Pastor and Professor of Christian Spirituality,  
 California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA**

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring

Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?<sup>[c]</sup> And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 22:24-27**

**Read by Deacon Rebecca Grace Mastalerz,  
Rostered leader, Southern Ohio Synod, Cincinnati, OH**

<sup>24</sup>A dispute arose among [the disciples] as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Gospel Canticle: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

ELW 251



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## INSTALLATION

### Presentation

*The assembly stands.*

*The pastor being installed and the council president come forward.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Having been authorized by the church to install Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

*The council president addresses the presiding minister.*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Grace Lutheran Church Hatfield, have called Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Pastor.

I present Nancy Raabe and this letter certifying the call.

*The council president gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.*

*The assembly is seated.*

### Address and Questions

*The readers address the minister of word and sacrament.*

**Peggy Schmidt, Council President:** *A reading from John:* Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

**Tom Salter, Call Committee member:** *A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

***Laura Slugg, congregation member:*** *A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, but put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

*The presiding minister addresses questions to the minister of word and sacrament.*

Nancy Raabe, in the presence of this assembly  
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures  
and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God’s care,

will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,

and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,

that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,

will you receive Nancy Raabe as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for Nancy Raabe?

Will you help and honor her in carrying out this ministry?

In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.*

Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe, the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought us again from the dead by the blood of the eternal covenant, through our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in everything good, so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The pastor stands. The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism.*

*A representative of the congregation, Council member Carol MacDonald, hands the pastor a vessel of water and says:* You have been called to be among us to baptize. Here is water which symbolizes God's gift of belonging in Christ.

**People: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.**

*They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation, Robert Reilly, Call Committee Chair, hands the pastor a Bible and says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news of Christ. Here are the scriptures that express this call.

**People: Thanks be to God for the good news of Christ.**

*They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation, Jean Shaffer, Grace Music and Giving ministries, hands the pastor a chalice and says:*

You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at the Lord's supper. Receive now this chalice as a symbol of our worship life.

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

*They proceed to the midst of the congregation. A confirmation student of the congregation, Elijah Krout, hands the pastor Luther's Small Catechism and says:*

You have been called to be among us to teach God's Word. Receive now this catechism which represents this call.

**People: Thanks be to God for the life-giving Word.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, I present to you Pastor Nancy Raabe.

Let us welcome Pastor Raabe in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*


*The service continues with the prayers of intercession, with Pastor Raabe now the presiding minister. Prayers are included for the newly installed pastor, all ministries in the church, and all Christians in their vocations.*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*To the petition "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer."*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

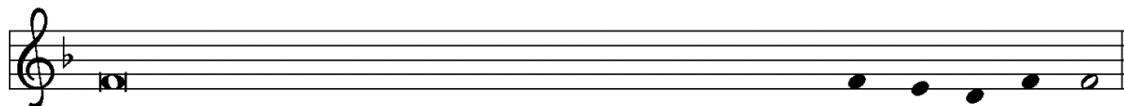
#### **Blessing**



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God." The first phrase ends with a double bar line, and the second phrase begins with a new measure.

#### **Benediction**



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us." The first phrase ends with a double bar line, and the second phrase begins with a new measure.



A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "A - men." The first phrase ends with a double bar line, and the second phrase begins with a new measure.

Hymn: "The Son of God, Our Christ"

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1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;  
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be  
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought  
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.  
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

*The Greeting of the Peace is shared.*

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception.*

## **Worship leaders**

Rev. Bryan Penman, Dean of the Montgomery Conference, Southeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod and Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Conshohocken  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Bill Raabe, Cantor  
Readers: Rev. Dr. Lisa A. Dahill and Deacon Rebecca Grace Mastalerz, friends of  
Pastor Raabe  
Congregation representatives: Peggy Schmidt, Tom Salter, Laura Slugg, Robert Reilly,  
Carol MacDonald, Jean Shaffer, and Elijah Krout  
Ushers: Matt and Wyeth Slugg  
Acolytes: Jayson and Cristiano Tula  
Audiovisual team: Dan and Tami Sarm



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