



Grace Lutheran Church
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7th Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025 9:15 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Rev. Karen Sease, representing the Southeastern PA Synod

Susanna Faust, Minister of Music
Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
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Prelude: Hymn Interpretations

Arrangements by Nancy Raabe

The Son of God, Our Christ

The Word of God is Source and Seed

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

GATHERING

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P. In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C. Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C. make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C. make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C. make us one as you are one.



Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

George Wallace Briggs

Sung to the tune HYFRYDOL

1 God hath spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holdeth fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

2 God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

3 God yet speaketh by the Spirit,
speaketh to our hearts again,
in the agelong Word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Thru the rise and fall of nations,
one sure faith yet standing fast,

God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

GREETING

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

Prayer of the Day

P. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.



¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw

the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm 97



- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- ² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.
- ³ Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.
- ⁴ **Lightnings light | up the world;**
the earth | sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,**
and all the peoples | see your glory. R
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,**

because of your judgments, O LORD.

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

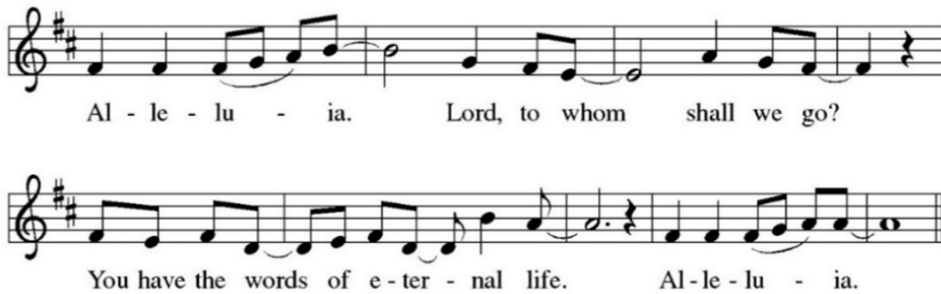
Children's Message

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



Gospel: John 17:20-26

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 17th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon: Last Words

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: The Son of God, Our Christ

ELW 584

Arrangement by Anne Krentz Organ, dedicated to Pastor Nancy Raabe

Stanzas 1,2 – All Stanza 3 – Choir Stanzas 4,5 – All



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.

PRAYERS

To the petition "Hear us, O God," please respond: "Your mercy is great."



GREETING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.

Music at the Offering: Go Gently, Go Lightly

Text, Shirley Erena Murray; tune and setting, Nancy Raabe


Vocal solo, Martin Raabe; flute, Wendy Walter

Go gently, go lightly,
go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry
much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness,
go spreading God's kindness,
stay centered on Jesus
and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.

OFFERTORY

ELW Setting 3



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **C. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

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

C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 6

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Unity Mass, Norah Duncan

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

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

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

sins_ of the world, grant_ us_ peace, grant_ us_ peace.



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 For thy glo - ry we were first cre - at - ed to share both the
 3 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which has
 4 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing to our Fa - ther and King, and our



joice in the day you were born: on this fes - ti - val day,
 na - ture and king - dom di - vine; now cre - at - ed a - gain,
 joined us to Je - sus' . . . name; so u - nit - ed in heart,
 rap - tur - ous prais - es re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,



come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
 that our lives may re - main through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain; sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
 and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

Address

The person whose call is concluding, a representative of the congregation, and a representative of the synod come before the assembly.

The representative of the congregation, Peggy Schmidt, addresses the pastor whose call is concluding.

Pastor Raabe, on May 2, 2021, we of Grace Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: To proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

The representative of the synod, Pastor Karen Sease, addresses the assembly.

People of God, members of Grace Lutheran Church, do you release Nancy Raabe from service as your pastor?

C. We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Pastor Raabe: Dear friends, you have allowed me to share the responsibilities of the ordained ministry in your midst. At the beginning of our ministry, you presented me with symbols expressing my special role among you. It is time for me to return to you what you have lent to me.

Move to the font.

P. I was called among you to baptize. Here is water which symbolizes God's gift of belonging in Christ.

A vessel of water is given to a lay representative, Carol MacDonald.

P. And the people respond:

C. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Move to the pulpit.

P: I was called among you to proclaim the Good News of Christ. Here are the Scriptures that express this call.

A Bible is presented to a lay representative, Robert Reilly.

P. And the people respond:

C. Thanks be to God for the good news of Christ.

Move to the altar.

P: I was called among you to lead worship and preside at Holy Communion. Receive now this chalice as a symbol of our worship life.

A chalice is presented to a lay representative, Jean Shaffer.

P. And the people respond:

C. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Move to the midst of the congregation.

P: I was called among you to teach God's Word. Here is Luther's Small Catechism which represents this call.

The Small Catechism is presented to a recent confirmand, Lennon Kaler.

P. And the people respond:

C. Thanks be to God for the life-giving Word.

The representative of the synod, Pastor Karen Sease, addresses the person whose call is concluding.

Pastor Raabe, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Grace Lutheran Church?

P. I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

The elements are returned to their places.

Thanksgiving and Sending

The representative of the synod, Pastor Karen Sease, leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them,
and you call them to various avenues of service.
We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Nancy Raabe
among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.
You surround your people in every time and place;
keep us close in your love.
You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together.
Heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Raabe, her family, and all of us
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.
As she been a blessing to us,
so now send her forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

Pastor Raabe, your sisters and brothers in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared.
We promise you our continued support and prayer.

Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation
and in the ministry of Pastor Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe,
with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come,
I announce that Nancy Raabe's service as pastor in this congregation
is now concluded.

Blessing

P. The Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **C. Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: When in Our Music God is Glorified

ELW 851

Dismissal

A. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude on HYFRYDOL

Setting by Nancy Raabe

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: Kathy Stawasz

Crucifer and vocal soloist: Martin Raabe

Flutist: Wendy Walter

Ushers: Jeff Krout & Kay Deussing

Communion Assistant: Kathy Stawasz

Altar Guild: Sue Wieland Acolyte: Usher

Altar Flower Prep: Emily Woltmann

Council Offering & Lockup: TBD

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

Congregation representatives: Peggy Schmidt, Carol

MacDonald, Robert Reilly, Jean Shaffer, Lennon Kaler

**Please join us in the
fellowship hall for a festive
brunch following the service!**

NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you another

Advocate, the Spirit of truth

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