

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 25, 2025**  
**10:00AM**

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God loves you all the time  
C **And all the time God loves you.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C **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.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence for self-examination*


Most merciful God,

C **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.

C **Amen.**

*1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here




väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.


*2*



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## GREETING

P The grace of our 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.

# KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have  
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer-cy. A-men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo-ry for-ev-er-more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
*Refrain*  
freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.  
2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and  
*Refrain*  
glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67

*Read Responsively*

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22—22.5

- <sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
- <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
- <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- <sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

*Please stand as you are able at the last verse*



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!



## NICENE CREED

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene creed.

**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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**ANTHEM**

*Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*    **Donald Fishel and Joel Raney**

Alleluia, shout for joy loud and long;  
Alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.  
Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.  
Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen. He has risen!  
We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to the Savior.  
Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, give praise to his name.  
Alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.

## OFFERING

*Offering plates are at the doors of the sanctuary and you may place your gifts there after communion or before you leave.*  
*If you would like to give online, please go to [www.glcde.org](http://www.glcde.org) or use the QR code.*



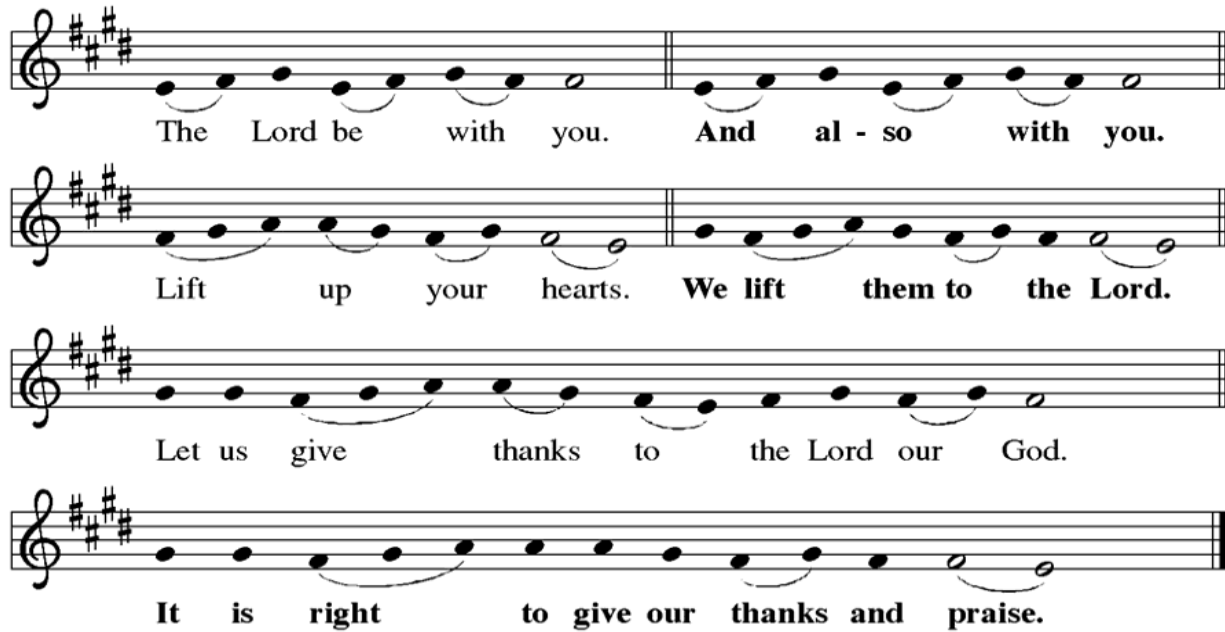
## OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

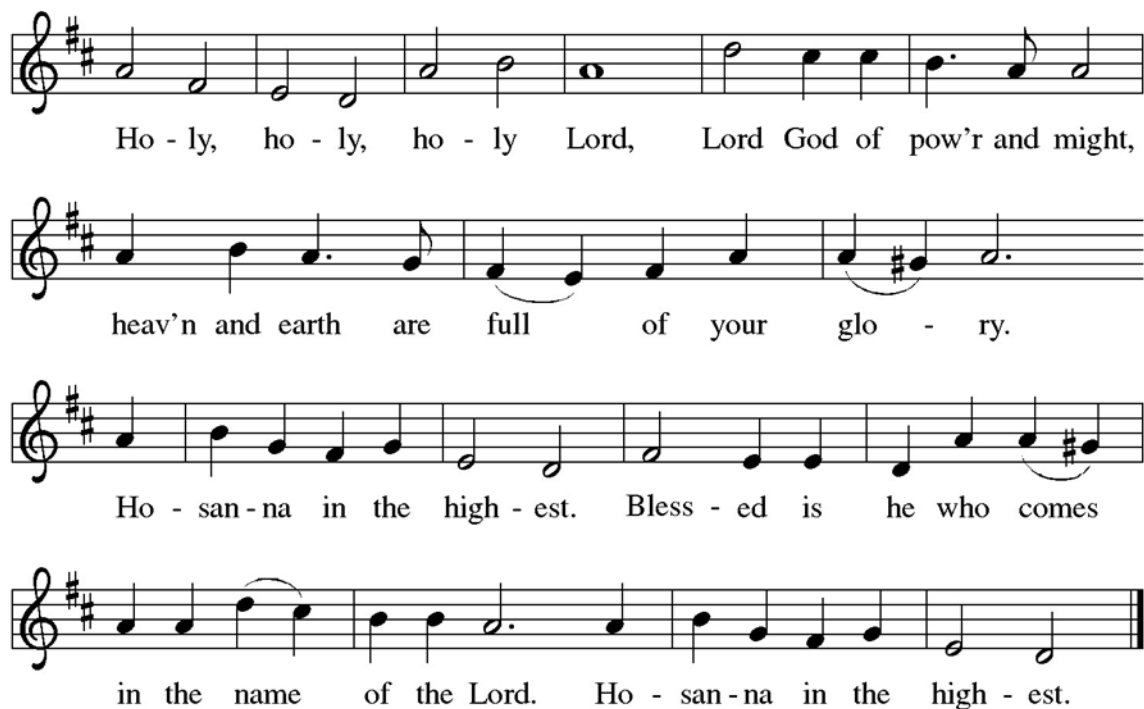
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

## DIALOGUE



P It is indeed right our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true paschal lamb who gave himself  
to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures  
and with angels and archangels,  
cherubin and seraphim, we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn.



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C**       **Our Father in heaven,  
          hallowed be your name,  
          your kingdom come,  
          your will be done,  
          on earth as in heaven.  
          Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
          as we forgive those  
          who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
          and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
          and the glory are yours,  
          now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P**       Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.  
          All are welcome at the table of the Lord.



*Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.*

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

### *O God Our Help In Ages Past* ELW 632

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

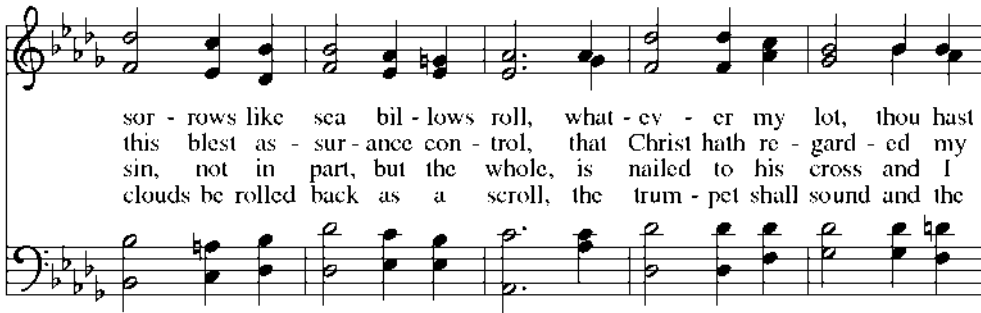


# HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION


## *When Peace Like a River* ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul.

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW 773

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## 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.**

## BLESSING

P God our tender parent,  
God the crucified and risen one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

G G/B C C/D D

1 Come! Live in the light!  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!

G G/B C D D/F#

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

Em Em<sup>7</sup>/D C G/B

called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C C/D D

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*  
 Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C D D/F# C/G D/G G G/B C

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

D Em Em<sup>7</sup>/D G/B C D D/F#

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C/G D/G G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C D C/G D/G G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Peace

## I LEAVE WITH YOU

JOHN 14:27



### Worship Assistants

**Assisting Minister:** *Mark Teasley*

**Greeter:** *Stacey Dambaugh*

**Ushers:** *Tim Dambaugh, Larry Matchen*

**Reader:** *Penny Matchen*

**Sound:** *Greg Munson*

**Streamer:** *Jeremy Magoon*

**Counters:** *Jim Foskett, Beth Fenner*

**Nursery:** *Peter Tuhy, Tim Dambaugh*



*The Chancel Flowers are offered to the Glory of God  
by the Dambaughs  
in honor of Ethan, Hannah and Lucan birthdays.*

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor

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