

# CANTATE (THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Grace Lutheran Church

Hillcrest at Kavanaugh Little Rock, Arkansas

April 28, 2024

#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
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#### **WELCOME**

Good morning and welcome to Grace! We are glad that you joined us today, whether online or here at Grace. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith as taught here at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact our pastor.

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Isaiah 12:1–6 James 1:16–21 John 16:5–15

## Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

#### HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in our Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers today are given by Doris Holzhauer in honor of her husband Carroll's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday (4/27) and in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings.

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:
Communion Assistant:
Kantor:
Altar Guild:
Choir:

Streaming:

Rev. Kent Schaaf
Chaplain Shawn Found
Jacquelyn Magnuson
Ginny Ralston
Mannerchor
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR CANTATE (THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

#### Prelude

## Ringing of the Bell

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## Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1.John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

## **Confession of Sins**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



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## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b



- Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\* A for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.
- His right hand and his | holy arm\* have worked salva- | tion for him.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

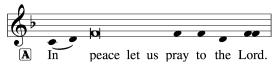
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\*  $\mathbf{A}$ for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

## **Kyrie**

Mark 10:47





Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





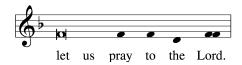
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



al - so with you.

## P Let us pray.

And

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.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,

call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle James 1:16–21

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

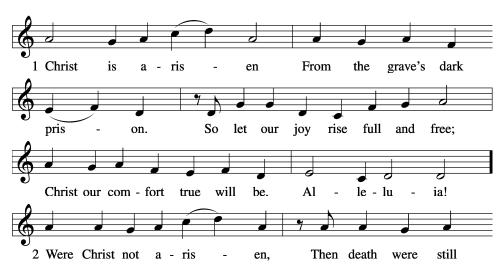
Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

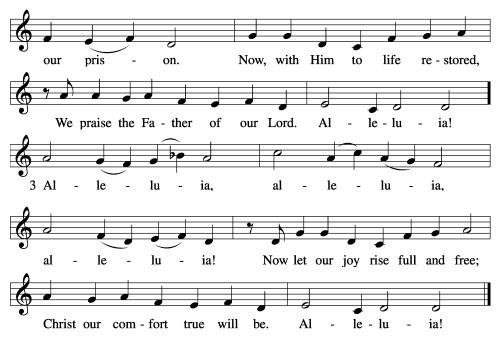
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Sequence Hymn: Christ Is Arisen: Christ Is Arisen

LSB 459





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Holy Gospel

John 16:5–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He

will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

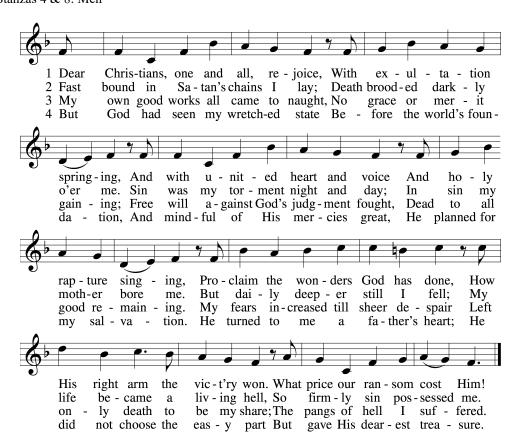


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## Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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Stanzas 2 & 6: Choir Stanzas 3 & 7: Women Stanzas 4 & 8: Men



- 5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
  Was born of virgin mother;
  And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
  He came to be my brother.
  His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
  A servant's form, like mine, He wore
  To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
  Your ransom I Myself will be;
  For you I strive and wrestle.
  For I am yours, and you are Mine,
  And where I am you may remain;
  The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
  All this I suffer for your good;
  Be steadfast and believing.
  Life will from death the vict'ry win;
  My innocence shall bear your sin,
  And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,
  From earth to heav'n ascending,
  And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
  The Holy Spirit sending;
  In trouble He will comfort you
  And teach you always to be true
  And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

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#### Sermon

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#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with the following:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C hear our prayer.

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Offering & Voluntary

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

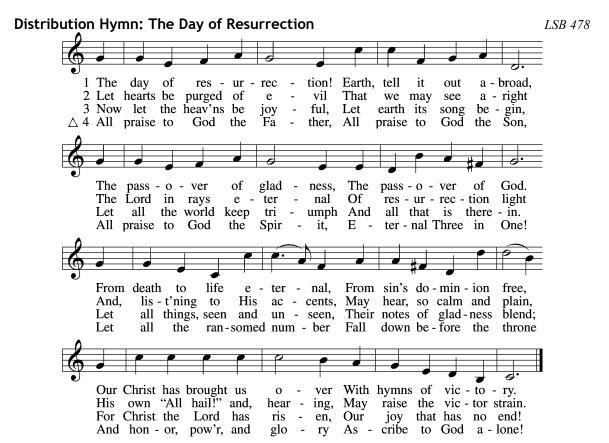
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Following the Offertory, the live stream is paused for the Service of the Sacrament. If you would like to request a pastoral visit to receive the Sacrament, please contact Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

The live stream audio will resume with the distribution hymns, and the video will resume after the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

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## Distribution Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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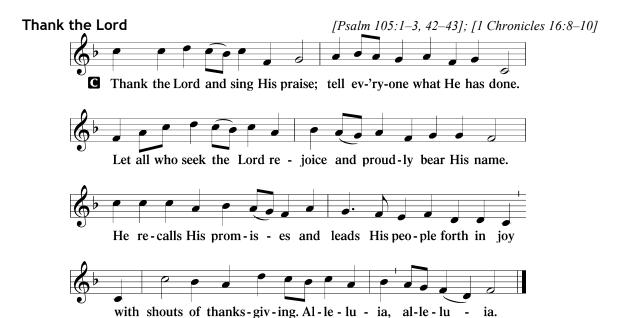
## Distribution Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Benediction** 

Numbers 6:24-26



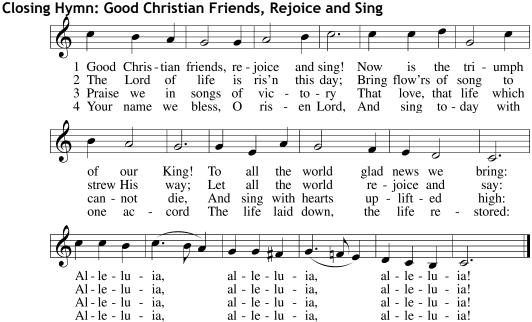
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







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#### Postlude

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Next Sunday, May 5: Rogate (Easter 6)

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle: James 1:22-27 Gospel: John 16:23-33

Hymn of the Day: Our Father, Who from Heaven Above – LSB 766

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

April 28 – Nancy Orpin, Velta Schaaf, Henry Schluterman, Bob Schmidt

April 29 – Mike Morrison, Ginny Ralston

May 2 – Kaye Gilbert

May 3 – Russlynn Krueger

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

May 1 – Tim & Sandy Sweeney

May 3 – Bill & Anita Allaben

May 4 – Gervais & Sharon LeBlanc, Adam & Tatiana Wolfe

#### - In Our Prayers -

\*Names of those with health concerns will remain on the prayer list <u>for 2 weeks</u> after a request is made. If you wish to make <u>or renew</u> a prayer request, please call or email Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

**HEALTH CONCERNS**: Johnny Holzhauer (Carroll's brother), Doris Holzhauer, Elsie Westerfield, Cassandra Chagnon (Tammie Leach), Shirley Schnackenberg (Brad's mom)

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**: Ralph & Joan Ann Olsen, Nancy Orpin, Myrna Smith, Robert & Jan Grant, Robert & Wilma Richter, Elsie Westerfield, Kay Jenkins, Dorris Deislinger, Joe & Cecillia Gelzine, Mildred Burgess, Emily Esget, Carol Ann Mitchell (Donna Langlais 'friend)

SEMINARY STUDENT: John, Jana & Rosie Carpenter

**MEMBERS WE PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**: The Goodwin Family, The Graf Family, Robert & Jan Grant, Tim & Debbie Green, The Hammond Family, The Hardman Family, Raymond & Sammye Sue Harrill, The Hass Family, Henry & Jeanette Heritz, Laura Hettman, The Hicks Family, The Hill Family The Holzhauer Families, Darrell & Karen Horton

MEMBERS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY: Connor Barnes, Nicholas Wold (Marine Corps) & Ethan Wold (Navy Corpsman)

#### **MEMORIALS:**

#### IN MEMORY OF CHUCK FANDREI:

TO THE WALTER MEMORIAL BENEVOLENCE FUND By Susie Barlow

#### - News & Notes -

Please submit announcement requests for News & Notes to the church office by noon on Tuesday.

**VOTERS MEETING** TODAY immediately after Divine Worship.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS**: This week Kantor Magnuson will continue a study on Lutheran funerals. We will learn why we do what we do in the funeral service, how the funeral is a confession of faith, and how the service provides the comfort of the Gospel. The study will also include suggestions for planning a funeral, especially considerations for hymns and music. All women of Grace are invited to join us this Wednesday, May 1st at 10:30 AM.

**VBS 2024** VBS this year will be God's Water Works! We will need volunteers - if you are interested, please talk to Megan Calvillo or Lauren Schluterman!

**ASCENSION DIVINE SERVICE** We will be celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord with a festival Divine Service at Grace on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 PM. Forty days after Easter, Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father. He now fills all things and is truly present in Word and Sacrament. Mark your calendars and come celebrate this joyous occasion with us!

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS**: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8a – 5p, Crystal hunt w/the Bakers (Mena, AR), June 1<sup>st</sup>, The Call booth at Disney Extravaganza. Please contact Lauren at **laurenschluterman@gmail.com** for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS Thank you to all who have previously volunteered on Wednesdays, you are appreciated! Please use the SignUp Genius link to sign up to help. All you have to do is go to this link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9AB2AAAFEC07-46934196-2024">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9AB2AAAFEC07-46934196-2024</a>) and sign up for any Wednesday you want to sponsor. Contact the church office to find out more information.

## Acolyte Schedule The Acolyte(s) light the candles & the Crucifer carries the Crucifix.

<b>April 28</b> - Cooper - Crucifer	Amifaith – Acolyte
May 5 - Jonas - Crucifer	Milo – Acolyte
May 12 - Brayden - Crucifer	Amifaith – Acolyte
May 19 - Tyler - Crucifer	Velta – Acolyte
May 26 - Henry - Crucifer	Effie – Acolyte

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Schaaf at 501.663.3631 or *kent.schaaf@glclr.org* to make an appointment. If there is a pastoral care emergency, you may call/text his cell **24**/7 at 501.703.4474. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**SUNDAY:** 

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

12:00 p.m. Voters Meeting

MON. – FRI.:

7:30 a.m. Early Childhood Development Center

**WEDNESDAY:** 

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist Service

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Freewill Meal (Parker Hall)

6:00 p.m. Schola Cantorum (Choir Room, 2nd-8th graders)

6:00 p.m. Preaching Partners (Parker Hall)

**THURSDAY:** 

7:00 p.m. Kantorei Rehearsals (Choir Room & Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY:** 

8 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship crystal hunt w/the Bakers

(Mena, AR)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion