

Called to Live Lives of Faith in Christ

May 10,
2026



Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Welcome, guests! We're delighted you could join us. If you have any questions or need more information about our church, any member of Grace will be happy to assist you. This folder contains all the details about our services, with congregational responses indicated by indentation and bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church entrance; it will be used only by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: The love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Jesus' promise of another Counselor is a significant one: the Holy Spirit enables us to do what Jesus asks. This Sunday's lessons teach that love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make this possible.

MORNING PRAYER: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think on what is true and long for what is good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN:

#152

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

****Please Stand for the Last Verse****

Vs 1-5, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
 Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think on what is true and long for what is good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 17:22 – 31

Could this lesson be more timely? Paul preached to a people enamored with spirituality yet ignorant of the true God. To a people who thought they had all the answers, Paul offered real knowledge of the true God, unknown to them.

Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ‘For


in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 66

Refrain



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone



*

Refrain

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
Praise our God, O peoples,*
let the sound of his praise be heard.
He has preserved our lives*
and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*
let me tell you what he has done for me.
If I had cherished sin in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened;
but God has surely listened*
and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the **Father** and **to** the **Son***
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:15 – 22

*Peter explains what that means for our lives: Set apart Christ as Lord. Love for our Lord means obedience to his commands—even if it means suffering. The Christian can offer willing obedience in the face of suffering because Christ rules and Holy Baptism guarantees our connection to him. **But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.***

Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)



GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15 – 21

Because I live, you, too, will live! Jesus promises more than a mere resurrection from the dead for his disciples. In the very face of his own death, Jesus did not promise that he would come back to life, but that he is alive in the soteriological sense. Jesus is life, that state of blessed holiness, perfect righteousness, and communion with God.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



“If you love me, hold on to my commands. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*****Please Be Seated*****

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#169

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
 Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
 Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
 re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea,
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

SERMON TEXT:**1 PETER 3:15 – 22****SERMON THEME:****PREPARED TO GIVE YOUR DEFENSE FOR YOUR HOPE****CREATE IN ME**

C: 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests. Should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you have fulfilled your promises through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You grant us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion, you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom so that we can rejoice in your glorious triumph.

Let us lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to intercede for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of His power. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne and singing the song of victory:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we share the good news of hope and new life with those around us. Guide us in utilizing all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us so that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick and strengthen the faith of those who are suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#343

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

Please Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by the resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

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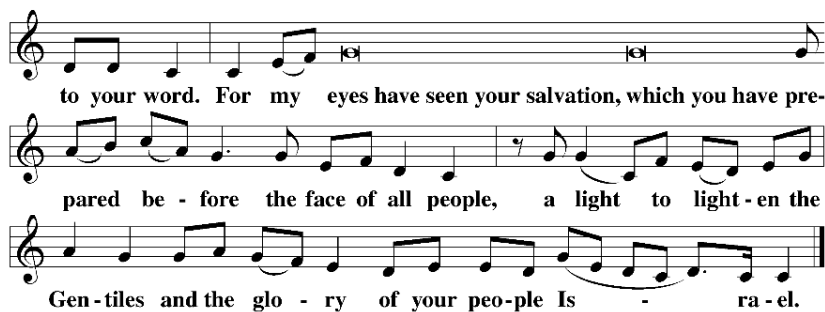
DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We practice close communion in accordance with Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please speak with Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

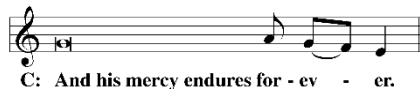
SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#529

BUILT ON THE ROCK



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



steeples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God did re - ceive us, Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 With all his grace and his fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you al - ways."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
 Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS (88 88 88 8) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the sole source of absolute truth.
- The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, assuming His human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins forgiven for all people and credited to His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return. All unbelievers will be condemned to eternal torment, and the present world will be destroyed. Then all believers will be with Him in heaven forever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Voters' Meeting: Our church will hold the annual Voters' Meeting—voting members include all our confirmed men over 18. The meeting will be held on May 17.

Bible Information Class: We have just begun a new class on Thursday evenings at 6 pm. Gene Baldwin is hosting it at his home. Please contact Pastor Emmons or Gene for directions. All our members are also welcome to attend; you can also tune in via Zoom using the link posted for the midweek Bible Study.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Please consider our Sunday morning adult Bible Study as we study Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus.

Midweek Bible Study: Our Tuesday evening Bible Study has resumed. We will meet at 6 pm at Carroll's home, 3211 SW Umatilla Rd., or join us on Zoom. We will finish our study of the book of Daniel, focusing on chapters 9-12.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Game Night: Join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun at our upcoming Game Night on May 15 at 6 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, share food, and create lasting memories at Carroll's home, 3211 SW Umatilla Rd.

Pastor Out of Town: Pastor and Tammi will be on vacation from May 31 to June 10. For emergencies, please contact Elder Gene Baldwin at 541-610-9978, as Pastor will be out of phone coverage while he is away.

Candy Jars: Please enjoy a jar of candy! You are welcome to return the jar with spare change, bills, or a check to raise funds for the ELS Women's Missions Society District 12. The District 12 Women's Group voted to designate the funds for the ELS Ukraine Special Projects (Foreign Missions) and the ELS Bethany Lutheran College Scholarships for Teacher Certification for 2026. Questions? Please talk with Penny Port and Mavis Vandelicht. Please return jars by May 31st. Checks should be written to Grace Lutheran Church. District 12 meets annually on the last weekend in September. The 2026 Rally is scheduled to be held in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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