

## Welcome to Worship

*Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.*

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**Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 10:45 AM**



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At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!

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## **Prelude and Bell Ringing**

### **Welcome and Offering of Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Welcome to Worship!

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

#### **† Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named). Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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† *The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of  
peace. Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and  
for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,  
giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

‡ **Gathering Song**

*Holy Forever*

Verse 1           A thousand generations falling down in worship  
                      To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
                      And all who've gone before us  
                      And all who will believe  
                      Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus       (Jesus) Your name is the highest  
                      Your name is the greatest  
                      Your name stands above them all  
                      All thrones and dominions  
                      All powers and positions  
                      Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1           And the angels cry Holy  
                      All creation cries Holy  
                      You are lifted high Holy  
                      Holy forever

Verse 2           If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
                      Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
                      If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
                      Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
                      We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2           Hear Your people sing Holy  
                      To the King of Kings Holy  
                      You will always be Holy  
                      Holy forever

Tag            You will always be Holy  
                   Holy forever

† **Greeting**

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

All:    **And also with you.**

† **Kyrie**

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

† **Song of Praise**

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -

va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

† **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup>“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up,

having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.<sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message (Sing)***I've Got the Joy*

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart  
 Down in my heart!  
 Down in my heart!  
 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart  
 Down in my heart to stay

† **Gospel Acclamation**

What are you look - ing for? Come,  
 see, come and see. What are you  
 look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

P: A reading from the Gospel of John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

† **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

**Pastor Cole McCormick**

### † Song of the Day

*Because He Lives (Amen)*

Verse 1      I believe in the Son  
                   I believe in the Risen One  
                   I believe I overcome  
                   By the power of His blood

Chorus        Amen amen  
                   I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
                   Amen amen  
                   Let my song join the one that never ends  
                   (Because He lives)

Verse 2        I was dead in the grave  
                   I was covered in sin and shame  
                   I heard mercy call my name  
                   He rolled the stone away

Chorus      Amen amen  
 I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
 Amen amen  
 Let my song join the one that never ends  
 (Because He lives)

Bridge      Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
 Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
 I know He holds my life  
 My future in His hand

Ending      Because He lives

‡ **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 the Church**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### **Loaves and Fishes Offering**

*Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.*

### **Offering Song**

### ***You Are My All in All***

Verse 1      You are my strength  
                   When I am weak  
                   You are the treasure  
                   That I seek  
                   You are my all in all  
                   Seeking You as a precious jewel  
                   Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
                   You are my all in all

Chorus        Jesus Lamb of God  
                   Worthy is Your name  
                   Jesus Lamb of God  
                   Worthy is Your name

Verse 2      Taking my sin  
                  My cross my shame  
                  Rising again I bless Your name  
                  You are my all in all  
                  When I fall down You pick me up  
                  When I am dry You fill my cup  
                  You are my all in all

Chorus        Jesus Lamb of God  
                  Worthy is Your name  
                  Jesus Lamb of God  
                  Worthy is Your name

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### ‡ **Holy Communion**

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.

### ‡ **Lords Prayer (Sing)**

**Rachel Kurtz**

**Our Father which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 your will be done  
 on earth as it is, is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and help us  
 remember 'til all people are fed  
 forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us  
 whether friend or foe**

**lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and thine is the  
glory  
forever, forever  
Ah... Ah... Ah... A - men**

### **Communion Song**

### *Goodness of Jesus*

Verse 1      Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
                  Come you anxious soul now and see  
                  There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
                  Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus        Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus  
                  Satisfied he is all that I need  
                  May it be come what may that I rest all my days  
                  In the goodness of Jesus

Verse 2        Come find what this world cannot offer  
                  Come and find your joy here complete  
                  Taste the living water never thirst again  
                  Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

Verse 3        Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
                  He is all he said he would be  
                  Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart  
                  Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

### **Prayer after Communion**

P:      Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among  
          us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace  
          to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your  
          healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**All: Amen.**

### † **Blessing**

P:      God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ,  
          the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and  
          peace, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

† **Sending Song***I Believe*

Verse 1      I believe there is one salvation  
                  One doorway that leads to life  
                  One redemption one confession  
                  I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2      I believe in the crucifixion  
                  By His blood I have been set free  
                  I believe in the resurrection  
                  Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus        All praise to God the Father  
                  All praise to Christ the Son  
                  All praise to the Holy Spirit  
                  Our God has overcome  
                  The King who was and is and evermore will be  
                  In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Verse 3      I believe in the hope of heaven  
                  He's preparing a place for me  
                  Far beyond what hearts imagine  
                  Ears have heard or eyes have seen

Verse 4      I believe that day is coming  
                  He's returning to claim His bride  
                  Light the altar keep it burning  
                  See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Chorus        All praise to God the Father  
                  All praise to Christ the Son  
                  All praise to the Holy Spirit  
                  Our God has overcome  
                  The King who was and is and evermore will be  
                  In Jesus' mighty name I believe

† **Sending**

P:      Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All:    **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**