

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Communion**

April 26, 2026

9:30 am

**Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA**

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord in this Easter Season! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor. We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

arr. Hal Hopson

Please stand as you are able.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

God Is Here!

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***GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by
name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide
us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to
the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING – Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you

endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and

bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

During this flu season and the ongoing pandemic, we remind you that it is appropriate to greet each other and pass the peace verbally rather than have hand contact, which helps to transmit the flu virus.

Please remember to use the hand sanitizers that are available in each pew, upon arrival and throughout the service as needed.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. Roger Emerson

Grace Chancel Choir

***SETTING THE TABLE**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. 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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

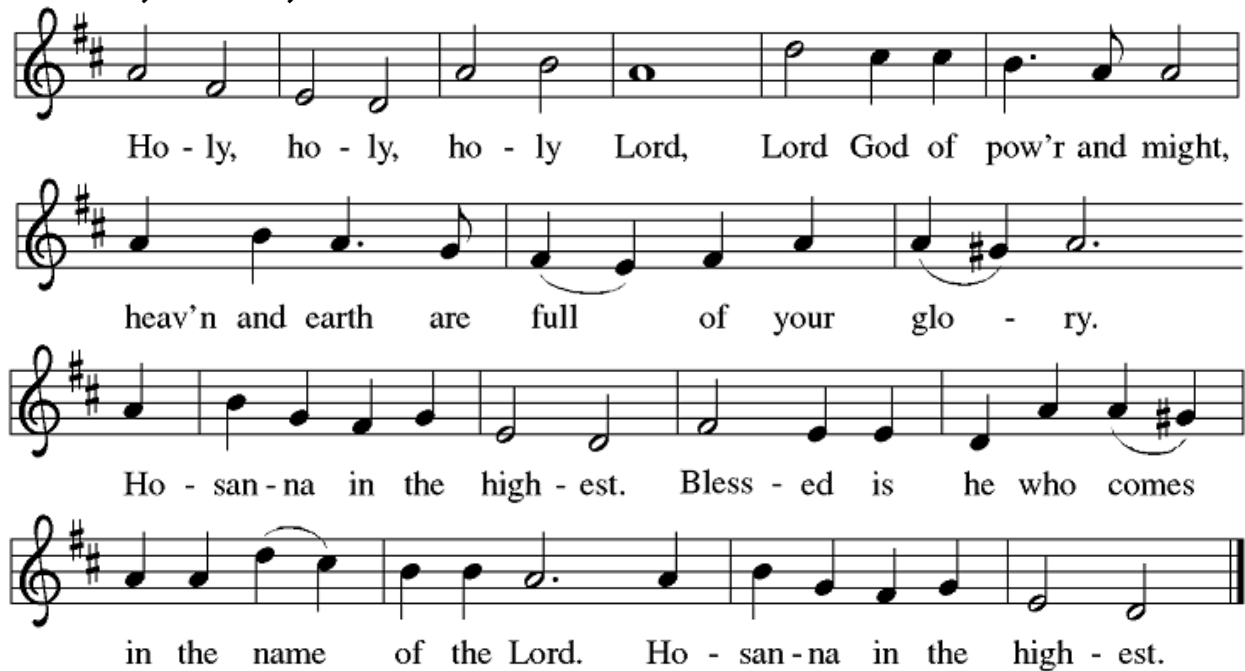
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise;

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

*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.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

Amen!

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

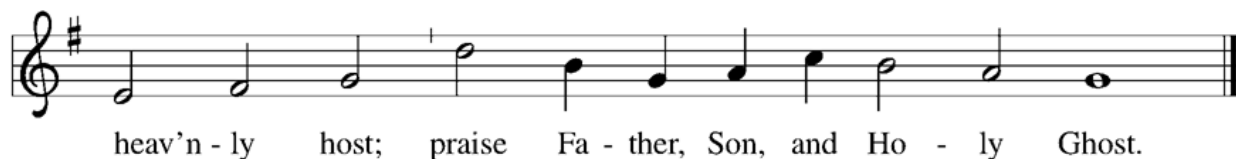
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

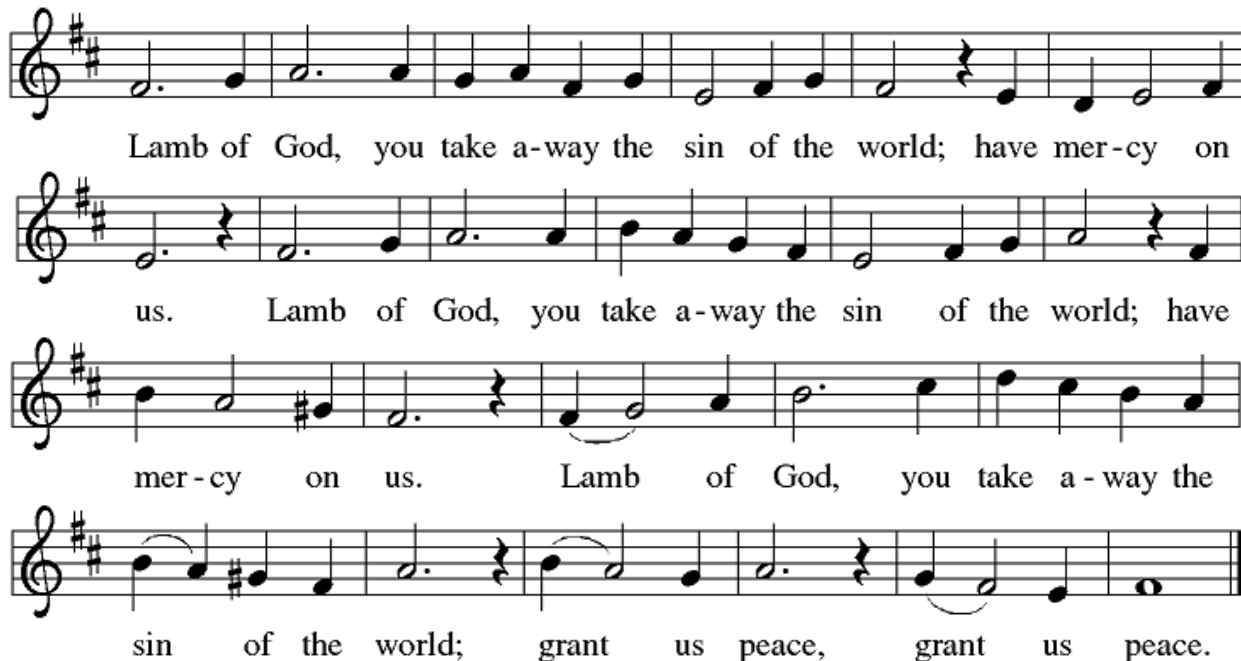
Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

LAMB OF GOD



***BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. 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, **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

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.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

Jesus, Feed Us

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister..... Randy Easton
Lector..... Don Barlup
Acolyte Nathan Robison
Communion Assistants Susan Dickinson, Ann Hoffman
Sound Larry Hoffman
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist..... Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: April 25 - May 1

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Carson Osswald, Karen Osswald, Dr. Robert Little, Ed Klemmer, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Cheryl A., Amy Vogel, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

We hold in prayer the recently departed...

George Ringer

Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region – Fam Jam on April 26

Fam Jam will be held on April 26. Family Promise has some new and interesting items in their Silent Auction and have added the Gift Card Plinko. We would love to see you at the event too...and a few of your friends! Here is the link for the April 26th event:

<https://familyproisehcr.betterworld.org/events/fam-jam-2026>

Individual Spiritual Direction



If you would like to find out more information regarding Spiritual Direction you can email Pastor Eckert at pastoreckert@gracecamphill.org. If you are interested in signing up for Monthly Individual Spiritual Direction (Space is limited) provided by Pastor Eckert please go to our website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/spiritual-formation>, use the

QR code to the left, sign up on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the parking lot hallway or call the church office. Pastor Eckert will then contact you. If you may be interested in Group Spiritual Direction, Spiritual Retreats and Grief Group please sign up as well so we can determine the level of interest for these ministries.

Grace Capital Campaign

The Grace Capital Campaign has begun! Our building needs repairs, replacements, and upgrades to continue operating our ministries. Prayerfully consider donating to our campaign to support the community ministries and activities which Grace offers. Pledges are confidential. The goal is to raise a minimum of **\$270,000** to fund the following projects:

- Replace sanctuary windows.
- Fire alarm system replacement.
- New welcome sign
- Library air conditioning units
- Roof repair
- Sunday School hall repair (water damage)
- Seal the leaking conference room fireplace.
- Chelsea stairway repair (water damage)
- Security upgrades
- New carpet
- Carillon replacement

You can find pledge cards in the church's common rooms, narthexes or the church office. Return completed pledge cards to the church office. If you choose an annual pledge, Grace will send you a reminder each year to send your pledged amount.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!

-The Capital Campaign Committee

Check out the new Merchandise Store for Grace

Looking for some Grace swag? Check out our new merchandise store at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-camp-hill-merch/> or use the QR code. You can find hats, clothing (with Grace's purpose on the back) and water bottles. What a fantastic way to support Grace and start a conversation. Grace's Youth Group was just added to our Merch Store! Show some love for our Youth Group and consider purchasing a shirt or sweatshirt.



GRACE LUTHERAN MERCHANDISE

Journeys of Paul in Greece with Pastor Chad Butz and Evan Houck – Oct. 17-24

Join Pastor Chad Butz and Evan Houck Oct. 17-24, 2026 as we explore the journey of Paul in Greece. Paul is one of, if not the most, influential theologian for the Christian church as we know it. Come and see first hand the places that he walked and ministered through. We will be departing October 17th and returning on the 24th. There is an optional cruise to extend your journey. Looking forward to entering into this pilgrimage with you all! You can find out more information regarding the trip and how to sign up on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/journeys-of-paul-in-greece>. *Please note that any registrations received after June 24, 2026 will incur late fees depending on when the registration was received. The exact amounts can be found on the pamphlet.*



Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **April** is **Midwest Food Bank**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the QR Code.



Give Now

Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

If you need pastoral assistance or to request At Home Communion, please contact Pastor Chad at 717-737-0439x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org. If you need a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. *A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life-threatening circumstances.*

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Please email any information to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Calendar

4/25/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
4/26/26	9:00am	Coffee Hour w/Fellowship & Community Outreach Ministry (After worship from 10:30 – 11:00am, too)
	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00am	Children's Church
	10:30am	Acolyte Training in Sanctuary
4/27/26	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
4/28/26	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room
	1:00pm	Bible Study in Small Conference Room
4/29/26	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
4/30/26	6:00pm	Bells of Grace in Balcony
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

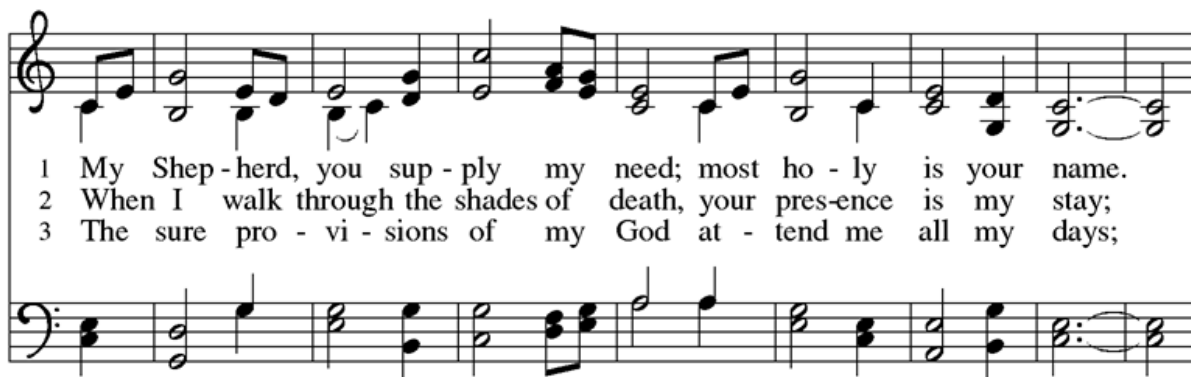
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

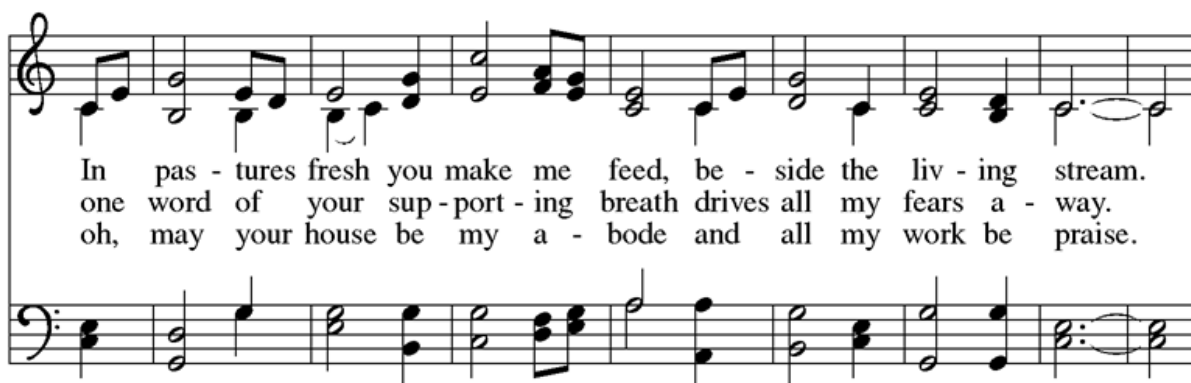
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

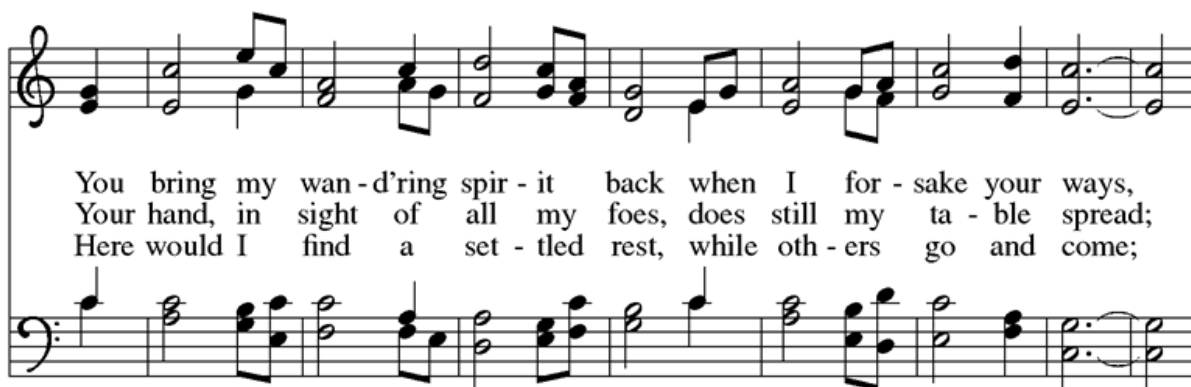
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



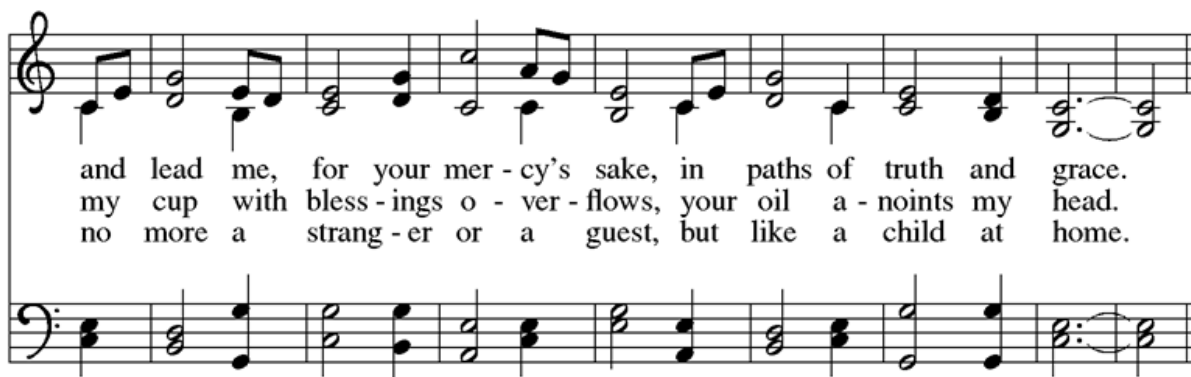
1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.

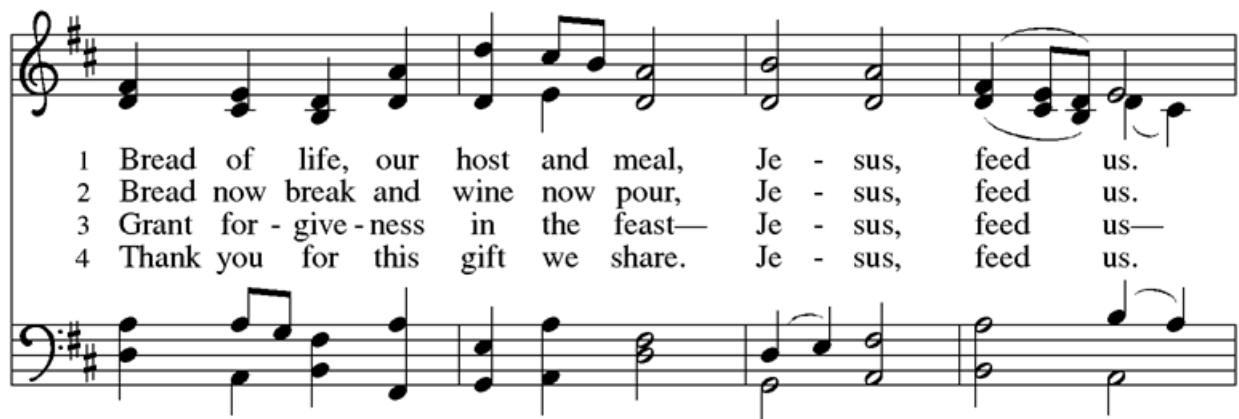


You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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