



## Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

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 Sunday Worship 9:00am



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**May 3, 2026**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +  
 Divine Service—Setting One  
 May 3, 2026

**Ringing of the Bells & Greeting**

**Opening Hymn #662 Onward, Christian Soldiers**

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
 Marching as to war,  
 With the cross of Jesus  
 Going on before.  
 Christ, the royal master,  
 Leads against the foe;  
 Forward into battle  
 See His banners go! Refrain

Refrain  
 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
 Marching as to war,  
 With the cross of Jesus  
 Going on before.

2 Like a mighty army  
 Moves the Church of God;  
 Brothers, we are treading  
 Where the saints have trod.  
 We are not divided,  
 All one body we,  
 One in hope and doctrine,  
 One in charity. Refrain

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
 Kingdoms rise and wane,  
 But the Church of Jesus  
 Constant will remain.  
 Gates of hell can never  
 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
 We have Christ's own promise,  
 And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
 Join our happy throng,

# Names of Jesus

I N O N V L W N M L F P Z T M P S C Z P X R P G  
 K V D D A W I P D W D R E H P E H S D O O G I D  
 G N A Q O M O G B N D U X N M W X F D Y Z W M O  
 B Q J G X K F E H O U H R Y K K F Q P O Q G M G  
 J C H F E A S O G T M K R G D K B I J S R S A F  
 W Q V I B M V F N Q O O E O W J L Y Z B I Q N O  
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 K D X V I C I E K F J S G G L K Z T J Z E Q D V  
 C M I H B D E L V O T B S Y Y M C P A H C B R T  
 T O J V P J X I C T R U N E N A C K W R N H O M  
 R Y Z G M R D F C Z U G A D M D V J Z Q I W W N  
 I K F W N U T E I J T J M B W K E X N R R P R V  
 Q I X N I F I S M Y H E Y Y Q J Y J P Q P E I B  
 Q K B U Y C O W F T S I R H C O L Y Z V Z Q U L  
 U O Q R B H H Y S Q F J B Z J Z B S S I K M X E

Lamb of God	Prince of Peace	Alpha and Omega
Word	Immanuel	Savior
Morning Star	Vine	Light of the World
Good Shepherd	Life	Truth
Way	Messiah	Son of Man
Son of God	Christ	Jesus

**Those Serving Us this Week**  
**May 3, 2026**

**Elders:** Darrell K / Mark H / Ryan Z  
**Ushers:** Christ Colt / Brayson Z  
**Reader:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Trustee:** Roy Thoms  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Acolyte:** Ushers

**Those Serving us Next Week**  
**May 10, 2026**

**Elders:** Darrell k / Mark H / Ryan Z  
**Ushers:** Chris Colt / Brayson Z  
**Reader:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Trustee:** Ricky Harris  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Acolyte:** Ushers

Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain

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**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

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.**

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.**

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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Salutation & Collect of Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen**

## **First Lesson:** Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist

during worship. Come with your caps and gowns and sit together . There will be a short reception after Worship.

**Attention Grace members** if you borrowed a ladder from the storage room please return it. We are missing 3 ladders from the storage room. Thank you!

## **This Week at Grace Lutheran +**

- Sun, May 3: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am**  
**Education Hour at 10:15 am**  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm  
4-H at 4:00 pm
- Mon, May 4: NO Bible Study at 9:30 am**  
Spring Pastor’s conference  
Rachel Circle at 1:00 pm
- Sun, May 10: Worship Service at 9:00 am**  
Education Hour at 10:15 am  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

The Norfolk location only does two of these fish boils a year and they said the Fish Boil here at Grace is by far their favorite. They are so pleased by the support, and people attending this event, to help them carry out their mission.

This week is also National Volunteer Week. This is a time to spotlight inspiring people whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and the world in general. It challenges all of us to do better and look for ways to be active volunteers, and to join hands to impact others.

The Orphan Grain Train is an organization that we support year round with different needs that they have, and there is so much need, now more than ever with the casualties and humanitarian needs that arise after the weather and massive fires that have raised such havoc in people's lives, and they are always ready with a helping hand and life saving measures. We raised \$12,043.00. Great job Grace Families.

Fellowship and Social Ministry Board

**Reflection:** May 3, 2026—5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Stewardship Sentence: Spring reminds us that staying rooted in Christ yields abundant fruit; our giving fosters growth of God's kingdom.

**Thrivent:** New Choice Dollars of the 1st quarter of 2026 should be available for you to direct about April 6, 2026. To direct your choice dollars call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)

**Calling all Seniors:** If you are graduating from High School or college we want to recognize you. Please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. We will be honoring you Sunday May 17

the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Sermon**

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Peter 2:2–10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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### Alleluia

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John 21:1-14

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### Gospel Lesson John 14:1–14

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in

+ News and Notes +

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**Don't Have Cash Today?** You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

**Visitors:** You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with. to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

**Holy Communion:** If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God’s Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine.

### **On Main Street:**

May 10 airing

This is the Life – “The Now Crowd” – A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

Worship Service – Vicar Caleb Garman of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “Faith in the One who has been Raised Up” based on Numbers 21:4-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information.

**Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil :** THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !! To Everyone that helped in any way from the prepping, the actual event, and the clean-up of the annual Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil. We had a wide variety of the awesome baking that Lutherans are famous for that was donated.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn** #490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence! Text: Public domain

**Sermon** "Has It Been Dusted?" John 14:1-14

**Confession of Faith-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**

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

Distribution Hymns: 461, 353, 465

**Post-Communion Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** #924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.