

Thank you for joining us in worship!

Welcome to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

*Love
one another*

JOHN 13:34



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

8:15 & 11:00 am

Welcome to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church,
*and a special welcome to our guests and those
returning after a time away.*

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

*If you are new or visiting with us this morning, we'd love to have you fill out a
GREEN WELCOME CARD so we can follow up.*

We love having children in worship and we also know that sometimes little ones
have a hard time sitting through the whole service. Our Nursery is not yet open,
but we have ***Crayons, clipboards and activity sheets***
available as you come in. And for your convenience, the worship service can be
viewed on the ***TV monitor*** in the Narthex.

*We also have a **special time** with kids in worship in every service.*

*Whether you are looking for a place to connect with others,
grow in your faith, put your talents to work, or a safe place to ask questions,
we welcome you to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.*

We hope you'll return again soon.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

SIGN OF THE CROSS

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city,
through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever....
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. **Amen.**

1st



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945
 Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

GREETING

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

And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,
 you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL READING: *John 13:31-35*

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.


YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

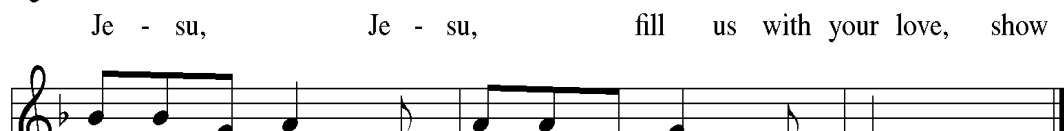
#what love looks like

Pastor Sandy VanZyl

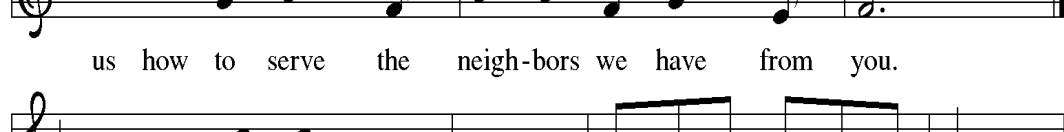
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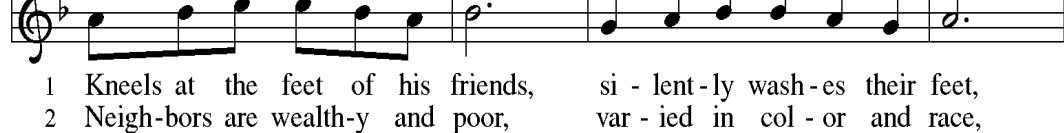
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



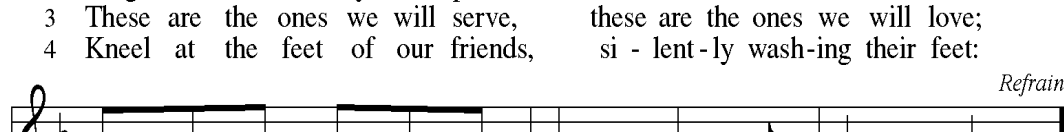
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.
 Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
 Text and music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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 PEOPLE

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of Almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church,
for people in need, and for all of creation.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

OFFERING - God blesses us abundantly each and every day. In this season of new life,
we look for God's presence in our midst and give thanks.
Sharing what we have is one way we show our gratitude.

Offerings can be placed in the **offering baskets** around the sanctuary,
Or **mailed** to the church at 10955 Elmore Rd, 99516
Visit www.amazinggracelutheranchurch.org/giving to **give electronically**.
You can also **give by texting** a dollar amount to: 206-565-1422
or **download the VANCO Mobile app** from the App Store.

*Thank you for your gifts that support the mission & ministry of our congregation,
so we can continue to share the Good News of God's Amazing Grace.*

Kids are invited to bring forward change for **The Giving Jar**.

OFFERING OF MUSIC *God Of Music, Guide Our Song* *by Daniel Kantor*

OFFERING PRAYER

Great Shepherd of the Sheep,
we are your flock and we bring to you offerings from our hearts and our lives. Be our
Shepherd always, and send us forth, that we might bring to other sheep the message of
your love. Amen

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(Please stand)*

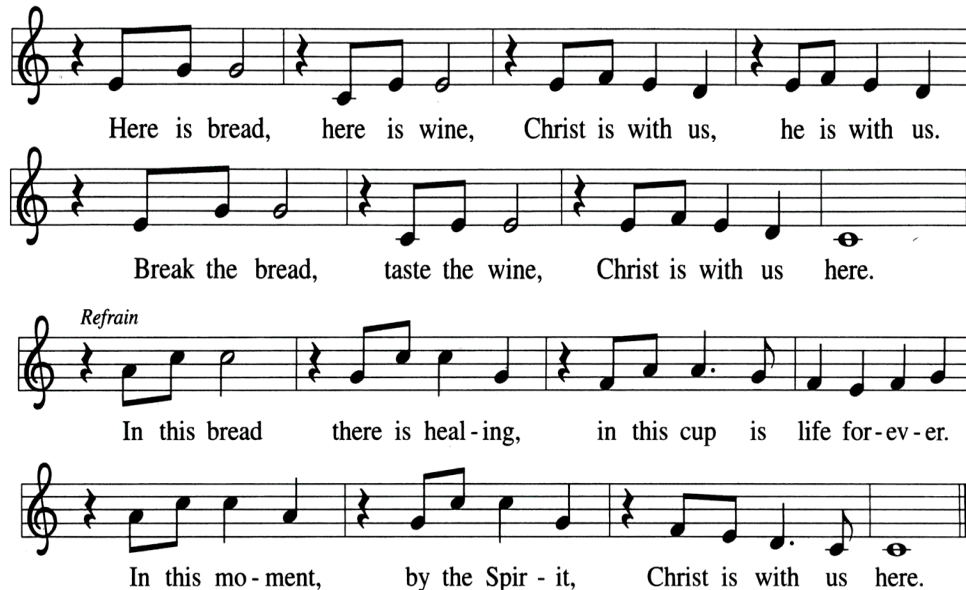
The God of Easter morning and every morning be with you all.
and also with you

People of Easter, lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God who also raises *us* to new life.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

HERE IS BREAD



Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

*Text: Graham Kendrick, b.1950
Music: Graham Kendrick*

REMEMBERING THE STORY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion will be served continuously today. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive, and then return to your seat by the outside aisles. We have both red wine and white grape juice, and let us know if you need a gluten-free wafer. If you are unable to come up, please let someone know and we'll gladly bring Communion to you where you're seated. All are welcome at Christ's table - members, guests, friends, children - everyone!

SHARING IN COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ.
Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into all the world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THANK YOU & FAREWELL and GODSPEED for Anne Hancock

CLOSING SONG

O Day Full of Grace ELW 627 *Text: Grace Matsutani*

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace; Share the Good News!



We will miss you Anne!



Thank you for joining us in worship!

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