

Pentecost 4

June 20, 2021



*Even the
wind and the
sea obey him*

MARK 4:41

Grace Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical)

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Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email at: pastoralthea3@gmail.com or by phone 484-345-0399.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

Serving in Worship Today—

Worship Assistant: Kevin Thomas

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

Sound Technicians: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N.

Family and friends:

Andrea and family, Elliott (friend of Pastor Althea). Jody (niece of Grings), Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Wellfields), JoAnn, (sister of Diana McArdle), Dr. Frank, (friend of Diana McArdle), Jim, Vicki, Don, and Barbara (friends of Meg LaSpina), Bill and Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.)

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condcliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

WITH ONE VOICE
BREAD OF LIFE
Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN SING

Selected hymns are inserted in the bulletin.

Please stand as you are able

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling all life into being.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son, Jesus, was baptized by John and anointed
with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
We receive your promises and we are called to serve you.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

L O R D H A V E M E R C Y
Christ have mercy
 L O R D H A V E M E R C Y

GLORY TO GOD



Refrain: **¶** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



¶ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

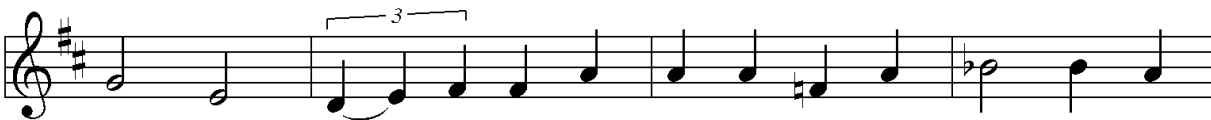


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

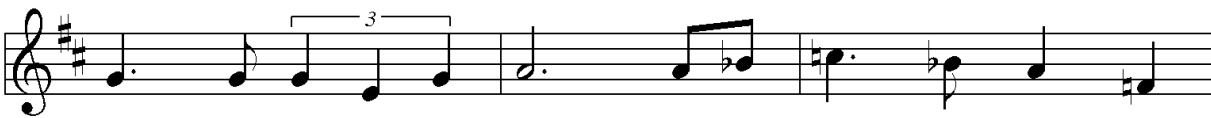
Refrain:



¶ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

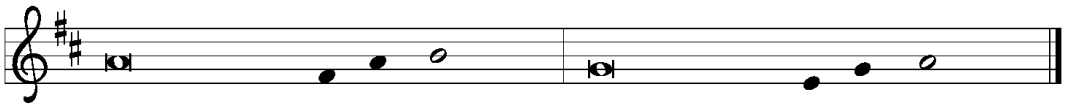
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, /for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

³gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

²³**Some went down to the | sea in ships, / plying their trade | in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works | of the LORD, / God's wonderful works | in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy | wind arose,
which tossed high the waves | of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended | to the depths;
their souls melted away | in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and | reeled like drunkards, / and all their skill was of | no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,
and you delivered them from | their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm | to a whisper / and silenced the waves | of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when | it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished,

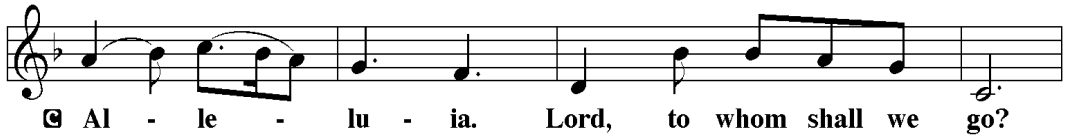
and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to St Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

WOV # 767

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

All things bright and beautiful
 All creatures great and small
 All things wise and wonderful
 The Lord God made them all



WEEKLY OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

by John Rutter

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Please be seated

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

Let us pray. **We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Let us come before Almighty God in prayer.

Brief silence.

Leader: Most Holy God, you have been around since the beginning of time. You have the power to create and to calm storms. Remind all of your children that your steadfast love is always there to see us all through all of life's circumstances.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Christ, our Lord, you reign over all nations. Watch over all who need your presence. Be with leaders of all nations. Grant them wisdom and guide them in promoting peace and unity in all the world.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, You are near to us throughout all of our storms and our sunny days.

We pray for all who need courage and faith. We pray for all those who need your healing touch especially all those we name now or in our hearts...

Send your Holy Spirit to comfort and guide all who are in need.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, you move in many ways. You dwell within our church community and our neighborhood. Continue to strengthen and uphold our many ministries as we serve all of our neighbors in need. Direct our paths that we may use our gifts and talents to do your holy work.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift all of our prayers to you trusting that you hear the needs of our hearts.

All: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

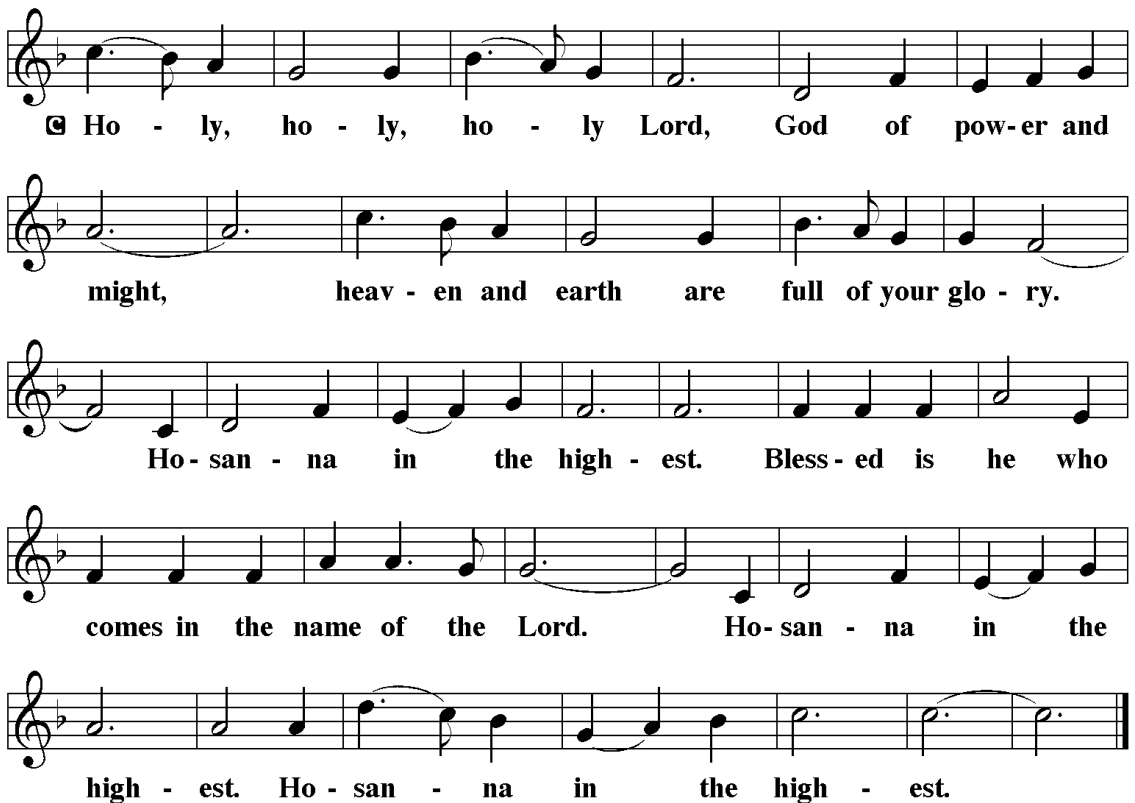
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty God, at this, your holy table, we come to you to be fed by your presence.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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.

Together we celebrate this holy meal. May all praise and thanks be to you, Holy God,
through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by Christ, let us pray.

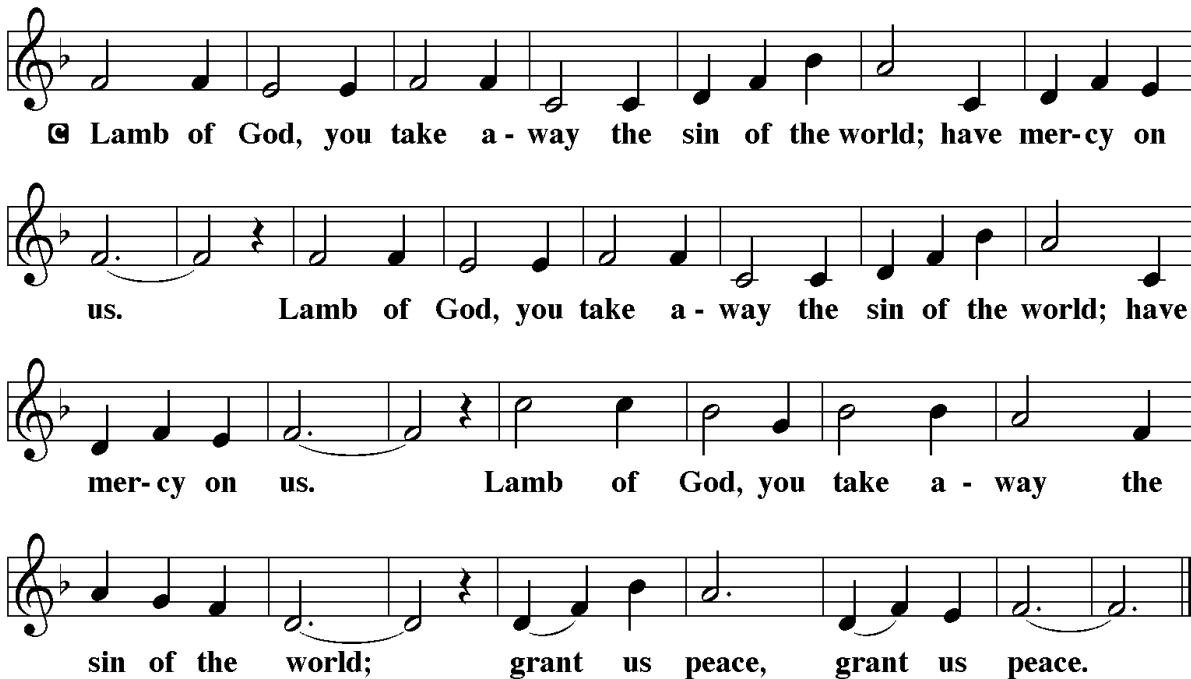
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*We will partake of the bread and grape juice together.
Wait for direction from the pastor.*

Taste and see the love of Christ. **Amen.**

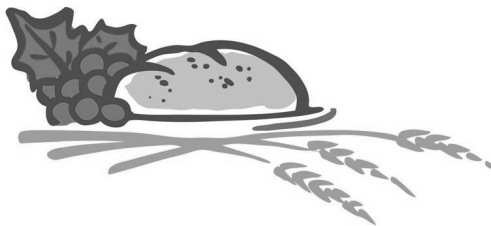
COMMUNION HYMN



♪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** (*brief silence*)

This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** (*brief silence*)



CANTICLE

☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
 Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,
 that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you.

Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Finally, know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW # 763

Music is located on the next page

Please be seated for the postlude.

Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Dave

by Wayne L. Wold

DISMISSAL

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

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SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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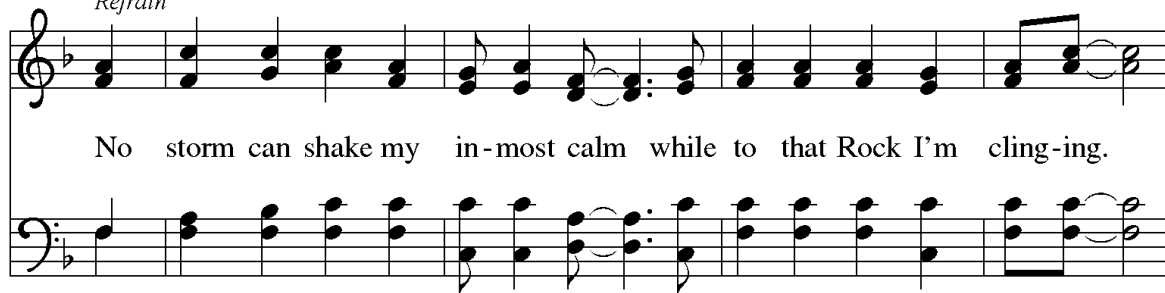


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Events This Week - June 20 - 27, 2021

Sunday 6/20 Pentecost 4

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Monday 6/21

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food

Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 6/22

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 6/23

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall



Thursday 6/24

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6/25

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 6/26

Sunday 6/27 Pentecost 5

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion



2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Available for weekly dedications are Candles, Sanctuary Flowers, Bulletins, Wine & Anthems. Please sign your name next to the date and item on the chart you wish to have dedicated in the bulletin.

Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin, a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office. Thank you, Diana

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of
Patrick G. Syx,
missing you today and always.
Given by Meg

CANDLES, BULLETINS & WINE

Congratulations to all 2021 graduates
from PreK to PHD!
May God bless you and all you do.
Given by Anonymous