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A Legacy of Love

The Easter season brings renewed energy and hope to faithful disciples in every generation. The Holy Spirit keeps calling us to join the great cloud of witnesses who can say “We have seen the Lord!” This is a tremendous legacy that we receive by grace through faith, and we pass it on to others who will also be known as disciples of Jesus.

A legacy is more than a monetary inheritance. It is a call to honor someone’s memory and to keep alive the traditions, values, and visions that this person hoped would continue. The legacy of Jesus involves all these things and so much more. He has empowered us to find hope at the foot of the cross, life in an empty tomb, and light amid darkness. He tells us that we can live a new life, and he says in the clearest language possible: “Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

This legacy is the foundation of all that we do as the church of Jesus Christ. It fills our lives with meaning and purpose. It calls us to live with both courage and humility. It gives us a new hunger for God’s justice and peace. It reminds us that we belong to Christ—and we are called to live as disciples of the one who was crucified and who rose from the grave to make all things new.

Rejoice in this great calling! Even as we face the difficult challenges of living faithfully in a complex world so wounded by the power of sin, God makes it possible for others to see that Christ is alive in our hearts. This may be more than we were expecting, but day by day, this legacy lives on. Open your hearts to the gift of a love as great as this!

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

Easter We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

*My Lord What a Morning
Forest Temple*

*Grace Notes
Clapper Kids*

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High
(stanzas 1-4)*

ELW 835 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you.

C And also with you.

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voi - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us Pray... O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.
- C** **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**

Sit

Special Music

A Joyful Psalm

Grace Notes

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

L A reading from **Acts:**




¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 148:

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
- ³**Praise the LORD, | sun and moon
sing praise, all you | shining stars.**
- ⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. 
- ⁷**Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;**
- ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
- ¹¹**sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;**
- ¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. 
- ¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!** 

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

☐ A reading from **Revelation:**

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ⁶Then 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.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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.**

Sit

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Jesus loves me when I'm good, when I do the things I should.

Jesus loves me when I'm bad, though it makes him very sad.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

☞ Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

☞ Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches **University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, Faith Bible Church; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*** Hear us, O God,

☞ **and give us new life.**

A Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth's resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls)*.

A Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer, including Cameron, family of Chris Bush, Irene Corr, Joyce Daugherty, Karl Golnek, Grace and her hospitalization, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Ruth Kemper, Norma Ludlow, Elsie Merrow, Dorothy Neil, Kim Ogden, Steve Rider, Vickey, George Ulrich, Jr. and the 2019 Graduates. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

A You promise new life for all the faithful departed (*especially*). Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. Hear us, O God,

G and give us new life.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

G Amen.

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

*Joyful Rhythm
Celebration*

*Grace Notes
Clapper Kids*

Arise in body or spirit.

Offertory

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.
- G** **Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of God

- P** The peace of risen Christ be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P** It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**

☞ 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.**

☞ 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.**

☞ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

- ☐ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- ☑ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**
- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.



A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -



men, Come Lord Je - sus.

- ☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -



men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

- ☐ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the

u-ni-ty_ of the Spir-it _____ all glo-ry and hon-or is

yours, O God, now and for-ev-er, _____

A - - - men. _____

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us.

Final time:



Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional Verses:

You break the chains of hatred and fear:
You are the way of justice and peace:
You are the way of mercy and love:
You are the bread of life for us all:
You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

Where Charity and Love Prevail
Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW 359
ELW 777
ELW 708

Sending of Communion

- Ⓐ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- ☞ **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- Ⓟ The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

Dismissal

- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Ⓐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!
- ☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Anyone who wishes to come up close to watch or participate in ringing the bells is welcome!

Festival Fanfare
Afterthoughts

Grace Notes
Clapper Kids

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 19	Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am
	Bells Ring in both services
Monday, May 20	LACS Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 21	Council 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 23	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm
	Grace Notes 5:45 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Emma Peck	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Anna Scheck
Lector	Hope Peck	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Bill & Lorraine Freedlund
Children's Church	~	Shayna Gibbons
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
Bread Maker –	Deborah Wilke	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, May 26, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Hope Peck	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Emma Peck	Joe Longcor
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Volunteer
Usher	Dave Neeb & Kay Marsh	Gary Golnek & Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Lyle & Joyce Proksch	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church	~	Traci Wales
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
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Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 89 **Weekly Giving: \$3,848.00** Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Commitment Sunday is today, and we will be hearing the final Temple Talk during service. Forms will be passed out for your pledge and returned in baskets that the ushers will distribute. Please prayerfully consider your monetary commitment to Grace and it's programs!

Adult Forum meets today at 9:30 in the conference room. Today we study the Beginning of the End. Next week we study Condemned and Crucified.

Nursery Attendant: Grace Lutheran Church seeks to hire a paid attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please submit names of potential candidates to Jana Bishop, Youth and Family Committee Coordinator.

Relay for Life: Luminaria Bags will be available today – May 26 at a cost of \$10 each. Cash or checks made out to American Cancer Society (memo – Barry RFL) will be accepted.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Kristi Winick. Kristi is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.953.6638.

Summer Office Hours will begin on Tuesday, May 28th. As we did last summer, the office will open at 8 am and close at 3 pm, Monday through Thursday. Lunch closing will be from 12 noon – 1 pm each day.

3rd Annual Grace family picnic and prayer walk! June 9th after 2nd service at the Poholski home. 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville. Bring your favorite lawn chair. Food and drink will be provided. If you desire an adult beverage, please bring your own. The prayer walk through the woods is optional.

Please join Tom Peck in a time of fun, food and fellowship as he celebrates Hope and Emma's High School Graduation. Their Open House will be on Sunday, June 2nd from 1-4pm at the home of Mark and Jana Bishop – 1314 Whiskey Run Dr, Hastings MI. If you need a map, please pick one up in the Narthex.

Come join us on Friday night June 28, 2019 as we go see the **Whitecaps play the Dayton Dragons** at Fifth Third Ballpark. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$21.50 per person which will include reserved seats behind Homeplate, hotdog and soft drink. Make checks payable to BOG and may be given to either Joe Longcor or Jack Vos.