

# *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*April 28, 2024*



*Grace Lutheran Church  
Auburn, Michigan  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

## Welcome to Our Guests

We give thanks to our risen Lord and Savior that you're with us to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord won for us by His suffering, dying, and third-day rising! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, personal spiritual struggles, understanding of our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. Pastor is available to speak with you before the service in the narthex (entrance at the rear of the sanctuary), or you can contact him on his cell phone at 607-972-5792. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. The peace of Christ be with you!

## Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper

We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who partake of the Lord's Supper. If anyone eats and drinks our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily (that is, not believing what this meal is and the benefits it gives), they eat and drink to their great spiritual harm. Therefore, we kindly ask that any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold to a belief different from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) would not commune today.

Those who confess oneness in doctrine with us and are members of this congregation or a sister congregation of the LC-MS are welcome to commune. If you are communing, an usher will invite you from your pew to approach the rail. Pastor will then welcome you to the Lord's Table and you can either kneel or continue standing. You will be offered a cup that holds the Body of Christ. Take the cup and consume the Lord's Body. An elder will follow to pour the Lord's Blood into that same cup. If you are not communing but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms at the rail. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or an elder before the service. Thank you!

## Sermon Summary

What a perfect day for us to give thanks to God for the Large Print work center here at GLC! I mean, the First Reading is literally about a page from the Bible being explained to someone so that they hear and believe the Good News of Jesus! Yes, the Ethiopian Eunuch is chewing on a piece of Scripture that catches his attention from Isaiah 53! ***"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."*** [Acts 8:32b-33] Sounds a lot like the Eunuch's experience, doesn't it? What was done to him was not his choice! No negotiation! Forced on him! His "life" taken away in the sense that he can't have a family continue from his loins! A dead end! No wonder he connects with this text from Isaiah 53! But he's not seeing who this text is really about! And that's when Philip enters! It's all the Lord's doing, of course! He's the One working behind the scenes...scheduling, supplying, sending!

Let's sit with this First Reading today and marvel at this God who schedules those meet and greets that come out of left field for us, who supplies all that we need to share the Good News using all the experiences from all the parties involved, and who sends us to share with more and more so that the conversation gets bigger and bigger! Yes, this conversation that we hear in the First Reading is a conversation we're all a part of, a conversation that Jesus keeps pulling folks into, a conversation about His bleeding love and beating heart for the World, a conversation that can't be exhausted, a conversation that has no end! What a day to give thanks to God for the Large Print work center! These Brothers and Sisters send out Bibles that missionaries use in sharing the Good News and more and more are added to this conversation that has no conclusion!

# Divine Service 1 - LSB 151



## Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C 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.**
- P** 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.  
**C Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*



A little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*  
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

**I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.**

Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.

**The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

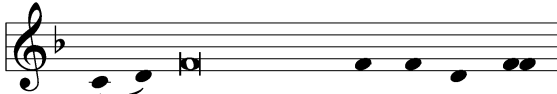
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*  
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

## Kyrie

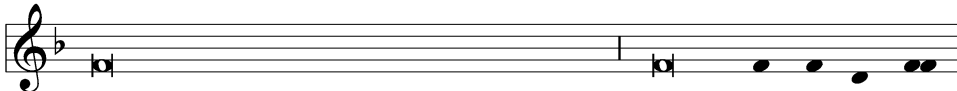
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



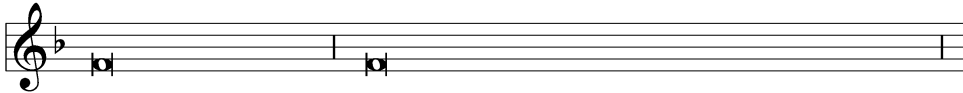
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



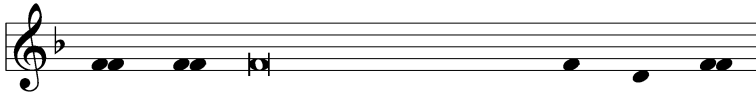
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9


*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Anthem

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing - Sandra Eithun*

## First Reading

*Acts 8:26-40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch,

and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\***  
**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

## Epistle

*1 John 4:1–21*

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 952*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Romans 6:9*

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again,\*  
death no longer has dominion | over him.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*John 14:23*

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will | love him,\*  
and we will come to him and make our | home with him.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



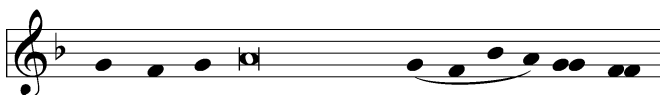
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

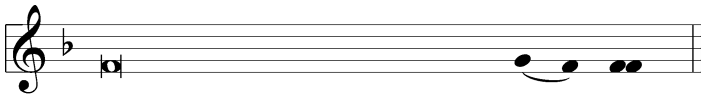
## Lord's Prayer

- G 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.**

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

LSB 611

**Distribution Hymn: All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

LSB 601

**Distribution Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

LSB 490

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

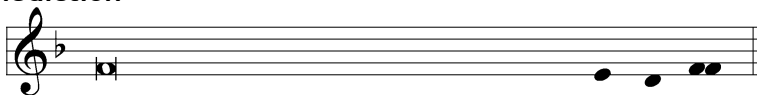
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - men.



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Week: YTD:

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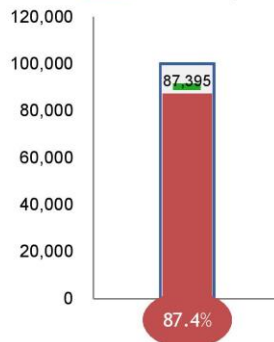
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Grace Lutheran Church Boiler Fund

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This Period	
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**Boiler Fund**

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# Church Notices

## Guest Speaker during Bible Study Hour

Rachel Potts joins us today as we celebrate 9 years of the Large Print work center. Rachel is the Director of Ministry Relations and Strategic Partnerships for Lutheran Braille Workers. She will share with us all that LBW does in the U.S.A. and the World. Let's give Rachel and warm GLC welcome!

## Large Print Sunday

Today Grace is celebrating Large Print Sunday! Rachel Potts from Lutheran Braille Workers is visiting us today in celebration of our 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We give thanks to our volunteers who make Bibles for the visually impaired, and especially to our congregation for prayers and financial support. God has blessed us with His Word and we love sharing it across the globe. Today there will be a freewill door offering to provide additional support to our Large Print work center. Please visit the narthex for treats supplied by the Large Print team, and stop to see our display table with examples of our work. Prior to Bible study, the Large Print work center will be open for you to see.

## Today in Sunday School...

Today in Sunday School we'll study 77. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18). Jesus for us: Jesus humbled Himself on the cross for us so that we could become exalted sons and daughters of God. Words to Remember: *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.* (Romans 3:28)

## YSC This Sunday

YSC is meeting today at Grace! Join us at noon for lunch, learning, and laughter! Pastor Schian will be discussing our storm-stilling Savior; see you there! Note: This will be our last YSC activity of the school year; we'll have a break over the summer and meet again in the fall.



## Congratulations, Shawn & Julie Weiss!

Last week, Grace members Shawn Weiss and Julie Haney were married during their wedding cruise in the Caribbean. It was a great joy for Pastor, Ruth, and Deaconess to be a part of their wedding and their wedding trip!

## Confirmed in the Faith!

This past Sunday, six Grace youth confirmed the faith given to them in their baptism! Back row (L-R): Pastor, Andrew Dominowski, Shael Smith, and Deaconess. Front row (L-R): Libby Paveglio, Vada Netkowski, Molly Dominowski, and Molly Beethe! Praise the Lord for this joyous day!



## Our Lord Sends Workers!

We give thanks to God for calling Kaleb Yaeger (son of Bob and Teresa Yaeger) to serve as an associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Sturgis, Michigan this past Wednesday. And closer to Auburn, we thank God for calling Jesse Greenhagen to serve our sister congregation, Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, as associate pastor and campus pastor at CMU. Praise the Lord who provides!

## Encouraging Everyone

In our thoughts and prayers this week is Lois Schwandt. If you would like to send a card or note, the address is: 821 Cambridge St #291, Midland 48642.

## Brought into The Conversation!

Today the church is decked out in white to remind you and me about something special. We've been brought into something extraordinary through the waters of Holy Baptism: a conversation that has no conclusion! That's right! When you and I were baptized, we were brought into Jesus' eternal conversation that has no end, but instead is always expanding, encompassing more and more people. We see that in today's first reading where *"beginning with this Scripture [Philip] told him the good news about Jesus"* (Acts 8:35). Our Lord Jesus brings the Ethiopian Eunuch into His never-ending conversation through Philip's teaching and the waters of Baptism. And that's true for you and me! We were brought into this special conversation with Jesus through water and the Word. And we continue to grow in that conversation by gathering together here at 303 Ruth Street and conversing with Jesus in our personal prayers and devotions. You and I have been brought into something so beautiful and extraordinary! A conversation with no conclusion! The color white reminds us of that!

## Benefit Dinner – Jacob Aiden @ Grace TODAY

Jacob is the son of Sarah & Chris Earle and grandson of Dale and Cheri Fish. He was born 16 weeks prematurely 11 years ago with many special needs which require daily nursing care. Jacob has outgrown his car seat, and at 86 lbs is too big to be lifted in and out of a car. This benefit is for the purpose of helping to purchase a transport van with a lift to be able wheel Jacob right into a vehicle to transport him and have a quality of life outside of his bed/home. This benefit will be held at Grace's gym TODAY, April 28 from 12-4 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks and desserts will be served. Adult and takeout meals are as follows: Adults: \$15, Children: \$10, and children under 5: Free. There will be a Silent Auction accompanying the dinner. If you would like to help with serving, providing baked goods for dessert or any other contribution, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058. We hope to see you there!



## Wednesday Bible Study @ 6 p.m.

This coming Wednesday, May 1, come and meet Deaconess Tirzah Krey as she shares about the mission work going on in Latin America! **All are welcome to attend, not just women!** Hope you can come!

## All New Black and Blue

You're part of a special family tree! Learn more about it in this week's Black and Blue episode!



## Missing a Dish?

Dishes that have been left in the large (gym) kitchen from various meal functions can be claimed on the cart outside the church office.

## E-Board Meeting Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, are available on the Ushers Desk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers listed in the minutes.

## Take A Seat

Dear GLC family; with the newly-updated chairs in the chapel and sanctuary, we no longer need the old ones. The old chairs are currently stacked in the gym and anyone is free to take them until they are all gone.  
-Grace Trustees

### Voters Meeting Elections May 5

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Voters meeting will be held on May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the narthex. Elections of Officers & Boards will be included on the agenda. All adult Grace members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Minutes from the last Voters Meeting held on February 18, are available on the Ushers' Desk in the narthex. The list of positions open for election and candidates for those positions are shown to the right. (Positions and officers not listed are not open for election this year.)

### 2024 Office Candidates

- President: Paul Varner (Incumbent)
- Vice-President: Kye Sugden (Incumbent)
- General Accounts Treasurer: Pete Fredrich (Incumbent)
- Board Of Elders: Greg Braman (Incumbent); Bob Krystosek (Incumbent); Phil Frank (Incumbent); Kim Herbolsheimer (Incumbent); Ryan Doan; Taylor Dietz
- Board of Evangelism/Stewardship: Jane Volders; Karla Weiss (Incumbent); Mary Williams
- Board of Property: Kye Sugden (Incumbent); Craig Harrison (Incumbent)
- Board of Finance: Steve VanTol (Incumbent); LeRoy Taglauer (Incumbent); Zach Smith (Alternate)
- Board of Christian Life: Chris Earle; Zach Smith; Teresa Yaeger (Incumbent); Becca Sugden (Incumbent); Michelle Smith

### Quilting in 2024

We continue our 2024 quilting sessions on May 13 and 20. We will continue to meet at the Gengler home at 1625 Wilder Road, Auburn, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring willing hearts and hands as well as a sack lunch. We continue to strive for another successful year. Quilt top kits that have been completed will now be gathered up for use in quilts. Thank you!

### Fellowship Brunch May 19

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19! Whether you're a long-time member of GLC or just joined, here's an opportunity for you and your family to get to know your Grace Family better! Following Divine Service there will be a brief devotion in the gym followed by brunch. A signup sheet is on the Ushers' Desk in the narthex if you are able to bring a breakfast casserole (egg, french toast, potato, etc.), fruit bowl, or a dessert. LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Julie Burgess will present a gift planning workshop at Grace in the library after the fellowship brunch. Questions? Contact Teresa Yaeger (989-372-1779).

### Overview of Alzheimer's

Everyone is invited to an Overview of Alzheimer's on Monday, May 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Grace in the library. This presentation is free of charge. "Everyone is affected by Alzheimer's or other Dementias in one way or another. People either have some form of Dementia, know someone who has Dementia, or they are caring for someone with Dementia. Come and join Bonnie Fritz, LPN and learn more about Alzheimer's Disease."

### CTSFW Continuing Ed. Open to All at Grace

Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne) Continuing Ed. will be offered August 5-7 at Grace Auburn (303 Ruth Street). Rev. Bill Cwirla will lead a discussion titled "The Heard Word"! It will be a preaching workshop with both pastors and laypeople. All are invited! Two major questions will be discussed! What should pastors expect from their hearers? What should hearers expect from their preachers? It will be a great three days and we want all to know about it. To register, call 260-452-2204.