

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

**Congregational response in bold.**

## Prelude

*Joyful!*.....Hymn to Joy/St. Anne, arr. Ruth Schram

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Heart & Voice Choir** *Love One Another*

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. (*Silence for reflection.*)

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve**

**beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ..... ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

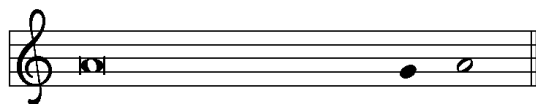
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## Greeting

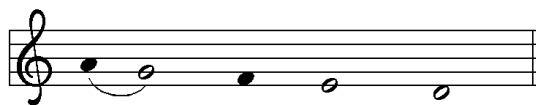
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.* ..... ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



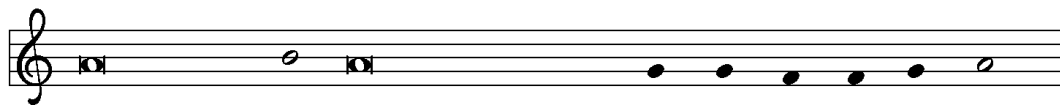
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



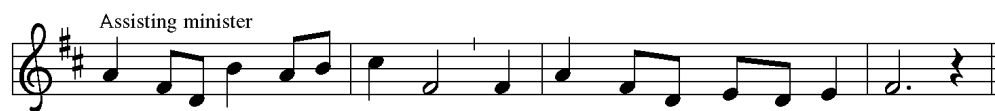
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest ..... ELW p. 148



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.



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.



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



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.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit**

**of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Heart & Voice Choir Anthem**

*I Am the Vine* ..... C. Harry Causey

## **Children's Message**

### **First Reading | Acts 8:26-40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside 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 silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He

commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## **Responsive Reading | 1 John 4:7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives 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 do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.**

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

**So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so 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 reached perfection in love.**

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars;

**for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.**

The commandment we have from God is this:

**those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.**

## **Gospel Reading | John 15:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

# Hymn of the Day

*You Are Mine*..... ELW 581

- 1 I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.
- 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me. Refrain.

## *Refrain*

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

- 3 I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name. *Refrain*.
- 4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now and walk and live! *Refrain*

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.



*Sponsor: I present Henry Kelly to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Henry baptized into Christ?

*Parents: I do.*

As you bring Henry to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents: I do.*

Do you promise to nurture Henry in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsor: I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Henry and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third**

**day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Baptism**

Henry, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain them with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Henry, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Becky and Kraig. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Henry. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with Henry the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

## Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

# Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

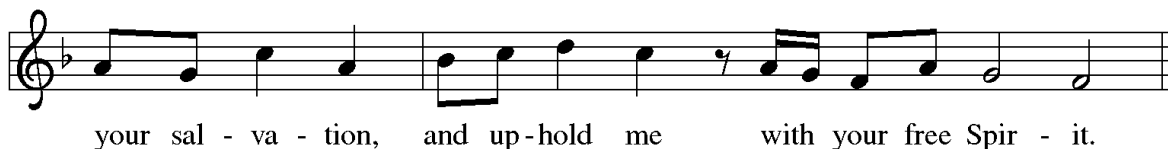
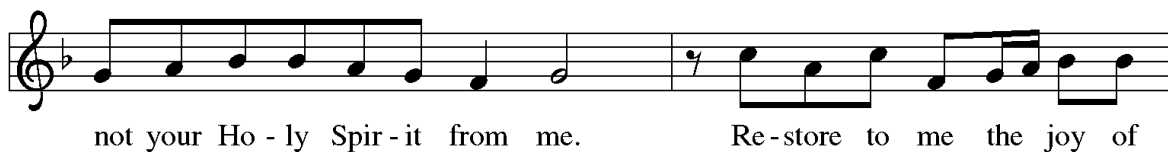
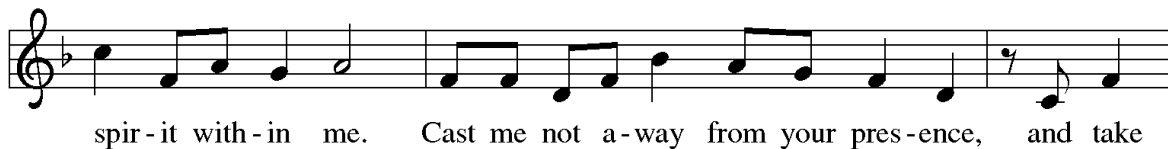
**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

O God, in your generosity, we receive new blessings with each passing day. You offer us light from the sun, moon, and stars to guide, nurture, and shine upon all creation. Let us give our offerings with a heart of gratitude for God's blessings and love.

## Offering Hymn

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*..... ELW 186



## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

# Anointing with Oil for Healing & Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God... **Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.**

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Compassionate God... **The strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.**

All-knowing God... **Source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.**

Loving God... **Our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.**

God of great and abundant mercy... **With your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ..... ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name

to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

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## **Sending**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* ..... arr. Matthew McConnell

# Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:office@gracewelcomesyou.org), for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

# Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

# Serving in Worship

<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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<b>Acolyte</b>	Janice Gibbs
<b>Crucifer</b>	Dennis Boehme
<b>Greeters</b>	Ann Jepson, Jackie Cain
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Jepson, Rod Levsen
<b>Sound System</b>	Chuck Lehman
<b>Jr Bible Study</b>	Jane Rock, Carol Keller
<b>Prayers</b>	Chryss Hartman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mike Keller
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b>	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b>	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee/Cookies/Snacks</b>	Gloria & Jim Lange, Karen Jewel

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 28

8:30am Healing Worship/Livestream  
10:30am Healing Worship

## Monday, April 29

10:30am Staff Meeting  
1:30pm Garden Party Meeting - PBH  
2:30pm Endowment Committee Mtg  
4:30pm Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, April 30

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

## Wednesday, May 1

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation  
5:30pm Grief Support Group  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 2

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH  
12:00pm Prayer Group

## Friday, May 3

**Annie Vacation Day/Office Closed**

10:30am PEO (Private Event)

## Saturday, May 4

## Sunday, May 5

8:30am Traditional Worship/Livestream  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

## Monday, May 6

**Pray & Play (8:30-4pm)**

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer via Zoom

## Tuesday, May 7

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH  
1:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg  
5:00pm Property Committee Mtg

## Wednesday, May 8

9:00am Quilters  
11:00am Tai Chi - FH  
12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 9

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH

## Friday, May 10

## Saturday, May 11

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## Looking Ahead

- **May 3** Office Closed/Annie Vacation Day
- **May 6** Pray & Play
- **May 17** Kid's Spring Party
- **May 17-18** Synod Assembly
- **May 19** Pet Food Collection
- **May 19** Graduate Recognition
- **May 23** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **May 26** Joint 9:30am Worship
- **May 27** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **June 9** Joint Outdoor Worship and Garden Party
- **June 17-21** Vacation Bible School
- **June 17-21** Annie Vacation
- **July 4-5** Office Closed for Independence Day

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Weekly Update



## Sacrament of Holy Baptism | Henry Kelly

**Today at the 8:30am service we welcome Henry Charles Kelly**, son of Becky & Kraig Kelly, and grandson of Joel & Ann Lorentzen, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. *We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.*

## Knee Scooter to Borrow?

As you may know, Pastor Kirsten had a planned surgery on her ankle last Friday. As part of her recovery she has been instructed to remain off her ankle for three weeks. If you happen to have a scooter she could kneel on for those three weeks, please contact Pastor Kirsten at [pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org).



## Kids Spring Party!

**May 17 | 5:30-7:30pm**

Our Epiphany Party was such a hit that we want to have another party! Grown-ups can take a few hours for themselves, and kids get dinner, a Bible story, and lots of silly games. Kids three years old and older are invited to join. Register online at [bit.ly/GraceSP2024](https://bit.ly/GraceSP2024).

## Start Saving for the Garden Party Yard Sale!

The Garden Party will be here soon! **Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Party is June 9**, and we will once again be collecting yard/garden-related items for our yard sale. We will accept donations the week before the event. Feel free to contact Ken Krumwiede with any questions.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Plant Sale

The BBBS-MV Annual Plant Sale is a great opportunity to beautify your home and community while supporting one-to-one youth mentoring. AND by purchasing plants and flowers through the sale, you are also supporting the Grace Garden Party, as they donate plants for our own sale. The online plant sale is closed, but you can attend the retail sale in Davenport at Northwest Bank & Trust May 10-13, 8am-7pm.

## Vacation Bible School | June 17-21

**9am-3pm\* each day** Save the date and register for a week of learning, growing, and laughing. The staff from Camp Shalom will lead VBS along with Pastor Kirsten and volunteers. For them to join us, we need at least twelve kids registered by May 31. (\$20/child, \$40 maximum/family for camp.) Financial assistance is always available, and your request is always confidential. Register online at [bit.ly/GraceVBS2024](https://bit.ly/GraceVBS2024) \*Extended Care Option: 8am-9am and 3-4pm for an additional charge of \$10/family.



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## New Logo | You Get to Vote!

**Last chance!** Pastor Stephanie and Annie have been working the past year on refreshing and updating our website and logo. The council has voted on their top two choices for the new logo, and you get to vote on which one you like best! Upon reflecting what it means to be Grace, and what image would best reflect our missions and ministry, we developed a logo inspired by the waves of light that pass over the cross behind the altar bringing vision to "Waves of mercy, waves of Grace". **To vote:** use the slips of paper in the narthex (which show the photo inspiration and the two logos), email the office, or go to [bit.ly/GraceLogoVote](http://bit.ly/GraceLogoVote) to vote online.

## Pet Food Sunday | May 19

On Sunday, May 19, Grace Lutheran Church will host Pet Food Sunday. The proceeds will be taken to the Rescued center (825 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Ste 101, Silvis IL). Their needs are as follows: dog and cat food (both dry and soft), cat litter, treats, toys and beds. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your checks to Rescued or if cash, please mark your envelope for Rescued. Contact Hollie Swain with any questions.

## Grief Support Group | May 1

Our Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

## Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

**Men's "Lunch & Conversation"** meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or [boehmed@aol.com](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) to be added to the email list.

## Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.

## Hope at the Brickhouse | May 31

Our next dinner service at Hope at the Brickhouse will be Friday, May 31. Watch for an email with a link to sign up online to help with the dinner. Questions? Contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or [kcjewel21@gmail.com](mailto:kcjewel21@gmail.com).

## M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark | June 24-28

**9am-3pm June 24-18 | Registration Fee \$25**

"Back at the Creekbank" Join campers at St. Mark for Music, Art, and Drama Camp - We will celebrate how God has filled our world with love and beauty! Snacks and drinks will be provided, and campers are asked to bring a lunch each day. Any kids who are comfortable reading and performing are welcome. To register, contact Katie Carstens at 563-271-8634. (Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you need financial assistance - your inquiry will be kept in confidence.)

## Urban Servant Corps

Urban Servant Corps is a year long service program during which we practice four main tenets: service, simplicity, spirituality, and intentional community. We invite people, ages 21+ to live in Denver and practice community building in a large home (private bedroom) in the heart of the city. From this community of support, volunteers work full-time at one of our nonprofit partner agencies, accompanying some of Denver's most marginalized and vulnerable communities, while living a modest and simple lifestyle, exploring varying faith perspectives and learning about the intersection of faith and social justice. USC is currently accepting applications for the coming service year, which begins the last week in August! Go to [urbanservantcorps.org](http://urbanservantcorps.org) for more information and to apply.