

Sixth Sunday of Easter † May 10, 2026

**“...NOW HE
COMMANDS
ALL PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE
TO REPENT.**

**FOR HE HAS SET A DAY WHEN HE WILL
JUDGE THE WORLD WITH JUSTICE BY
THE MAN HE HAS APPOINTED. HE HAS
GIVEN PROOF OF THIS TO EVERYONE BY
RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.”**

ACTS 17:30-31, NIV

The Opening

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn WS 730 *Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

C **Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.



G *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Scripture

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 66 Selected Verses


- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
C **Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- P** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
C **You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**
- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
C **I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**
- P** But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
C **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**



Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- ¹⁷ "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **C** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn TLH 511 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: Acts 17:22-34

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and

man's devising. ³⁰ "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." ³³ So Paul departed from among them. ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

SERMON THEME:
A SPECIAL TRANSMISSION
FROM MARS (HILL)

Part I: Unbelievers, we are not alone!
Part II: Believers, we are God's emissaries!

Sermon Worksheet:

What events led to Paul's preaching at the Areopagus in Athens?

What did the Athenians already know about God? What did they not know? (Hint: think about the altar TO THE UNKNOWN GOD)

Why does God predetermine all peoples' time and place? (v.26)

What does the verb "grope" in verse 27 help us to understand?

What call to repentance does Paul proclaim in verse 31?

What special mission does God give to Paul and all believers?

How should believers see unbelievers? As enemies?

How should we feel when our mission work seems disappointing?

What assurance is given to each believer about the time and place in which we live?

The Response

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Hymn TLH 496 *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement insert.

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☒ 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☒ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

☒ Amen!

Closing Hymn WS 738:1 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home**, ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.
- † **Questions?** Please alert one of the ushers on duty. They would be happy to assist you!

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the gospel of Christ crucified for sinners.*



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The Announcements

Happy Mother's Day! *Thank God for mothers, young and old, Who live today within Christ's fold; Who pattern, as in days of yore, The godly mothers, gone before, Whose hands repose - complete their task. Thank God for these! Then Lord, we ask, Bless mothers who for us still pray. Thank God for them this Mother's Day. (Anonymous)*

Ascension Service: This Thursday, May 14 at 7pm is our Ascension Service. We hope you can join us on the observance of our Savior's glorious ascension into heaven!

Confirmation is next Sunday, May 17. Riley Oman will confirm her Christian faith and be welcomed into communicant membership. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am.

Levi Michael Maki (7lbs, 21in) was born on May 7 to new parents John and Maddi. Both mother and child are healthy and recovering well. Praise the LORD! A baptism is being planned for an upcoming Sunday.

Flowers will be planted around the outside of the church on Wed. May 13, at 4pm for anyone interested in helping. Speak to Heidi Nelson with questions.

New Formatting: The bulletin and the slide projection are undergoing some formatting changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try out some new styles and aesthetics!

Member Visits: As part of his onboarding process at Grace, Pastor Naumann is planning to personally visit all church members between now and Christmas. So if your last name begins with an A,B,C, you can expect him to contact you soon!

"God's Word from Grace Fridley" Sermon Podcast: The weekly sermon is now available as a podcast for convenient listening and sharing with family and friends. It can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, and Audible. Simply search for "God's Word from Grace Fridley" and subscribe.

Suggestions Requested: You are invited to provide your suggestions for how to use God's gift of \$282K from the Marie Miller bequest. Please send your suggestions to Dale Enns who will log them for discussion at future Council and Voters Meetings. These can be in any form including email, text, or verbal. Examples of previous suggestions include: LSB hymnals, replace failing electronic piano, furniture, multiple building improvement as well as sanctuary improvement projects, donations to ILC Building Fund or other CLC funds, an endowment.

Graduates: Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2026) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 24. Riley Oman and Elsie Snyder will also graduate from Grace School that day.

"The Branches": If you would like to start receiving "The Branches" (A CLC women's magazine) please contact Sandy Hulke: thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. Previous subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes? Contact Sandy.

Daily Rest: Daily Rest is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has offered to collect the \$15 payments again this year. You may give this payment to her directly or mail

your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.

CLC Call News: Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Stephen Kuehne	Church Cleaners: R&H Nelson	School Cleaners: M&R Vandev eer
Usher Team 3: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandev eer; Uriah Wales		Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandev eer

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Thu. 5/14	7pm	Ascension Service
Sun. 5/17	9am	Confirmation Examination
	10am	Confirmation Sunday Service
Fri. 5/22	7pm	ILC Spring Concert @ Messiah, Eau Claire, WI
Sat. 5/23	10am	ILC Graduation @ ILC Campus, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 5/24	9am	Pentecost Sunday Service (Summer Schedule Begins)
Sat. 6/6		MN Delegate Conference @ Berea, Inver Grove Heights

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List


Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Judy Dahlin remains homebound as she contends with the loss of her sight. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound as she contends with the loss of her sight. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound as she contends with chronic illness. **Jane Cowan** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for lung cancer. **John and Maddi Maki** are the thankful new parents of **Levi Michael**; both mother and son are recovering well. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor Naumann and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last Week Attendance: Worship: 94 † Bible Class: 41 † Sunday School: 16

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,791	CLC:	850			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,609	CLC	-590			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	99,359	CLC:	27,250			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	97,200	CLC:	25,920			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	2,159	CLC:	1330			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	75	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	20	Kinship:	146	EduK8:	250
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	100	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	4,583	Sanctuary:	20,234		

Grace Council Meeting Minutes - Sunday, May 3, 2026

The meeting opened with prayer at 12:16 pm.

Roll Call: Pastor Naumann; Chairman: Dale Enns; Secretary: Bill Rust; Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom; Board of Elders: Frank Radichel, Phil Radichel, Al Rosendahl; Board of Education: Dale Enns, Kyle Aymond, Benno Sydow; Board of Trustees: Jeff Stifter, Dan Kelley (absent), Rick Nelson; Attendance Total: 11

April 2026 council meeting minutes read.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented; support; passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was sent by email prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented; support; passed by unanimous vote.

Pastor

- Thanks to the congregation for the warm welcome.
- Visits with most of the member shut-ins have taken place and there are plans to visit those remaining.
- Would like to visit each member in the next 6 months. Will start working through the list.
- 3 new adult members and 2 new child members - Max Milbrandt, Samuel & Rachel Dickenson and their 2 children.
- Pastor Nauman will now be doing the confirmation examination instead of Pastor Fleischer.
- Plans are to continue using Daniel Hein's services while he is still on the payroll.
- Plans are to update the bulletin to a new format.
- Pastor would like the formation of an outreach committee to be considered.

Board of Elders

- Working with Pastor as he gets situated.

Motion to recommend to the voters that we form an appointed outreach committee; support; passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the Pastor's and Elder's reports; support; passed by unanimous vote.

Board of Education

- Nothing to report.

Board of Trustees

- The swing set was installed with the help of several individuals.
- Just leaving the area under the swing set as grass for now. May put some small stones in later utilizing funds previously approved for the project.
- Rick did a walk through of the parsonage with Janelle. Cabinet adjustments and bathroom upgrades are on the list along with several other items. Many of the tasks can be done by members.
- One of the school door side windows needs to be resealed. Rick will check with the installer to get resolved.

Motion to approve the Trustee's report; support; passed by unanimous vote.

Sanctuary Committee

- Nothing to report.

Other Business

- The chairman has formed a committee to discuss a teacher housing allowance and the 2027 budget. Members of the committee are Dale Enns (chair), Phil Radichel, Steven Kuehne, Pat Paplow, and Bill Rust.
- Miller Estate Funds - Some discussion on soliciting suggestions from the congregation on uses for the funds. Dale has already received some suggestions. An announcement can be added to the bulletin requesting their input.
- Since Pastor will be on a mission trip in July it is suggested that the July voter's meeting be rescheduled.

Motion to move the July voters meeting to Sunday, June 21; support; passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed with the singing of the common doxology at 12:50 pm.

Bill Rust

Secretary, Grace Lutheran Church