

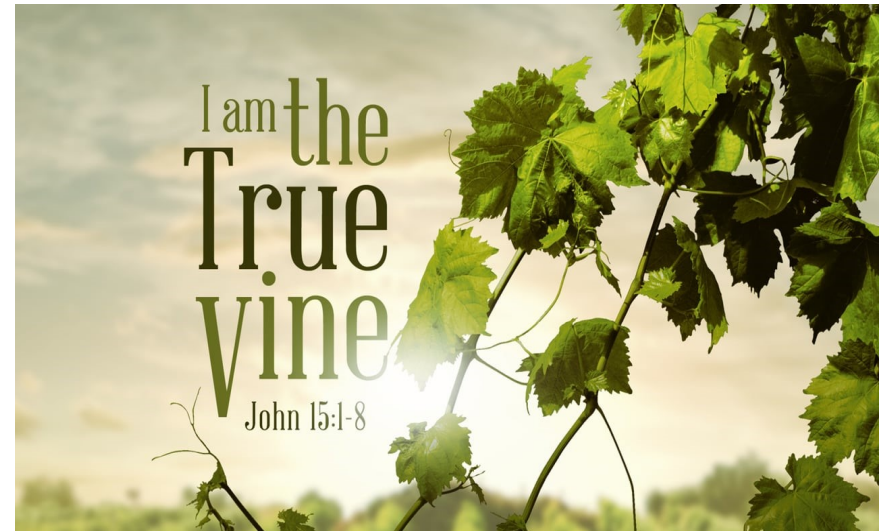
Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

www.gracelemars.org

Sunday Worship 9:00am

Sunday School (Sept-May) & Adult Bible Study
10:15am



May 2nd, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

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✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠
Divine Service —Setting 1
May 2, 2021

Ringin of the Bells & Greeting

Opening Hymn #691 *“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”*

1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.

2 Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

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Invocation

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

Amen!

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God , who is faithful and just , will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful
and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word,**

Serving Next Week May 9th, 2021✠

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp

Ushers: Mark Heimgartner

Reader: Allyn Anderson

Trustee: Lola Fitch

Music: Regan Peters

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representative, Joni Kellen at 712-541-5074. Your support is appreciated.

THE CHOSEN Have you heard of the Christian TV series “The Chosen”? If you are interested in watching it, we will be showing it in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays starting April 20th at 1:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Lois or Lola.

GRADUATION If you are a graduating high school senior or graduating from college and would like to be recognized please provide your graduation information and future plans to the box outside the church office by May 16th.

MAIN STREET LIVING Next weeks This is the Life 10:00am– “A Will to Live” – A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital then has his will contested by relatives.

Worship Service 10:30am – Rev. Nathan Henschen of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bancroft, NE, delivers the message “Christ’s Impartial Love” based on John 15:9-17. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

SUPPORTING ON MAIN STREET If you would like to help support the weekly broadcast of On Main Street by Lutheran Hour Ministries, you can send a check to:

Main Street Living
3204 S. Lakeport Street,
Sioux City, IA 51106

CHRISTIAN NEEDS is collecting the following items–
Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Cleaning Products, Laundry Soap (small size)

OPEN HOUSE Come help us celebrate- class of 2021. Graduation party honoring Luke Geitz will be held Saturday, May 22, from 1:30-3:30pm at 1531 3rd Ave SE, Le Mars.

ALTAR GUILD Is looking for someone to fill an open slot for the months of May and June. If you are interested please Contact Lola Fitch 546-7292.

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.

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.
Amen.

Salutation & Collect of Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.
Amen.

First Lesson Acts 8:26-40
²⁶ Now 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. ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² 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.³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ 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?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 John 4:1-11

¹ 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. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his

◆News & Notes for May 2nd, 2021◆

◆Those Serving Us This Week◆

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Ushers: Mark Heimgartner

Reader: Allyn Anderson

Trustee: Carl Schwartz

Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp

HOLY COMMUNION If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You,

Pastor Geitz.

PRAYERS Please pray for Ron Van Gorkum, Roxanne the Daughter-in Law of Arlene Urban

VISITORS If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give during the offerings. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We just desire that you give to God out of what He has blessed you with. Pastor

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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS did you know you can choose to have your Thrivent Choice dollars directed to support Grace Lutheran’s Ministry? Feel free to contact our

Benediction
Amen.

Closing Hymn #903 “*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*”

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.

2 Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan’s empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David’s holy Son! Help us, O Lord;
descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.

4 Blessèd is He who comes to us With messages of grace; He, in
the Lord’s name, comes to us To save our fallen race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav’ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

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✠This Week at Grace Lutheran✠

Sun, May 2: Worship at 9:00am w/ HC
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am
Trustee Meeting 11:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Mon, May 3: Bible Study at 9:30am
Elders Meeting 7:00pm

Tues, May 14: The Chosen 1:30pm

Thur, May 6: High School Bible Study 7:00am

Sat, May 8: Private Baptism 3:00pm

Sun May, 9: Mother’s Day Worship Service 9:00am
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Alleluia

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn #595 “O Blessed Spring”

1 O blessèd spring, where Word and sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be
A branch of this life-giving Tree.

2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain,
The boughs will shout for joy again.

3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

4 As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing
And trust the promise of the spring.

5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive
And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Sermon "Been Pruned Lately?" John 15:1-8

Confession of Faith-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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy
on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns 633, 469, 461

Post-Communion Blessing

Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

Amen.