

# *I Am Making All Things New*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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# KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

## *Service of the Word*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter begins a transition from the resurrection to the times in which our Lord is no longer visibly present. However, even though we do not see him now with our eyes, Jesus is still present. He has not abandoned us to a world of frustration and pain. He has sent his Spirit to be with us and promises to turn sorrow into joy—here and now in small ways, but completely when he returns to eliminate sin and its effects and bring the new creation.*

**HYMN (8:15)**

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home* | #539

**HYMN (10:45)**

*Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* | Sunday School

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! 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 us forgiveness.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you—of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ—to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

**C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you! Amen.

## HYMN

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* | #543: v.4

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray that we love others: Merciful Father, you have reached out to all people through your Son Jesus, who died for us all. Encourage us to live as your chosen people and give of ourselves to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## HISTORY READING

Acts 11:1–18

*God has included non-Jewish people in his gift of the Holy Spirit, bringing peace and joy to all groups of people.*

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup>and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup>Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup>I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’”

<sup>8</sup>“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup>“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and then it was pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup>“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup>He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

## GOSPEL READING

John 16:12–22

*Jesus prepares us for his departure from this earth as he promises the Holy Spirit who brings peace and joy through an always-deepening knowledge of the truth.*

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

<sup>16</sup>“In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

<sup>17</sup>Some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more,

and then after a little while you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**P:** Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C:** **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 is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN

*In Heaven Above* | #542

## SERMON

*I Am Making All Things New | Revelation 21:1-7*

*Jesus has promised the glory of a new creation. All sorrow caused by sin is absent, and Christ himself is personally present.*

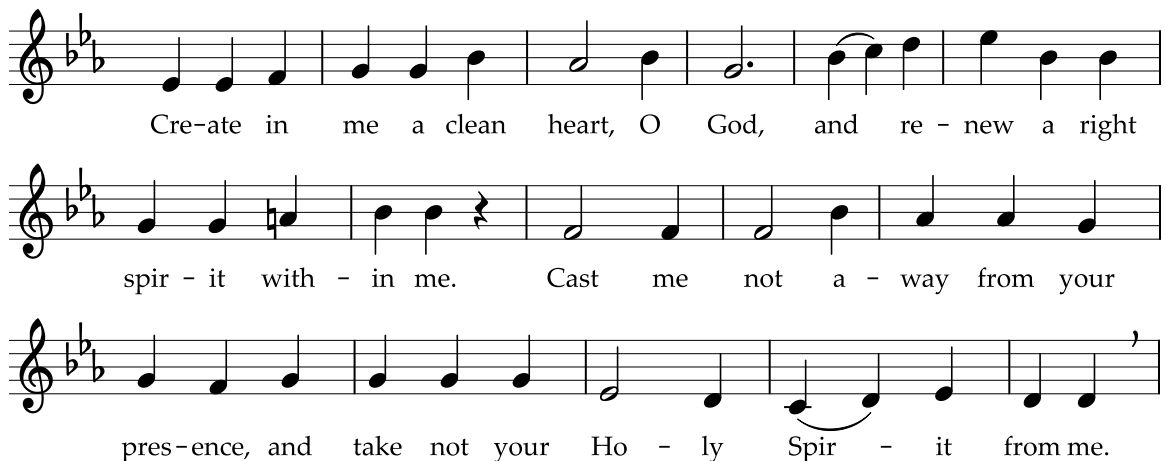
<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

## HYMN

*Create in Me*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERING AND PRAYERS

# *Service of the Sacrament*

P: Let us pray: It is truly, good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Passover Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

## HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Sab - a - oth; Heav'n 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,  
 bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## CONSECRATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

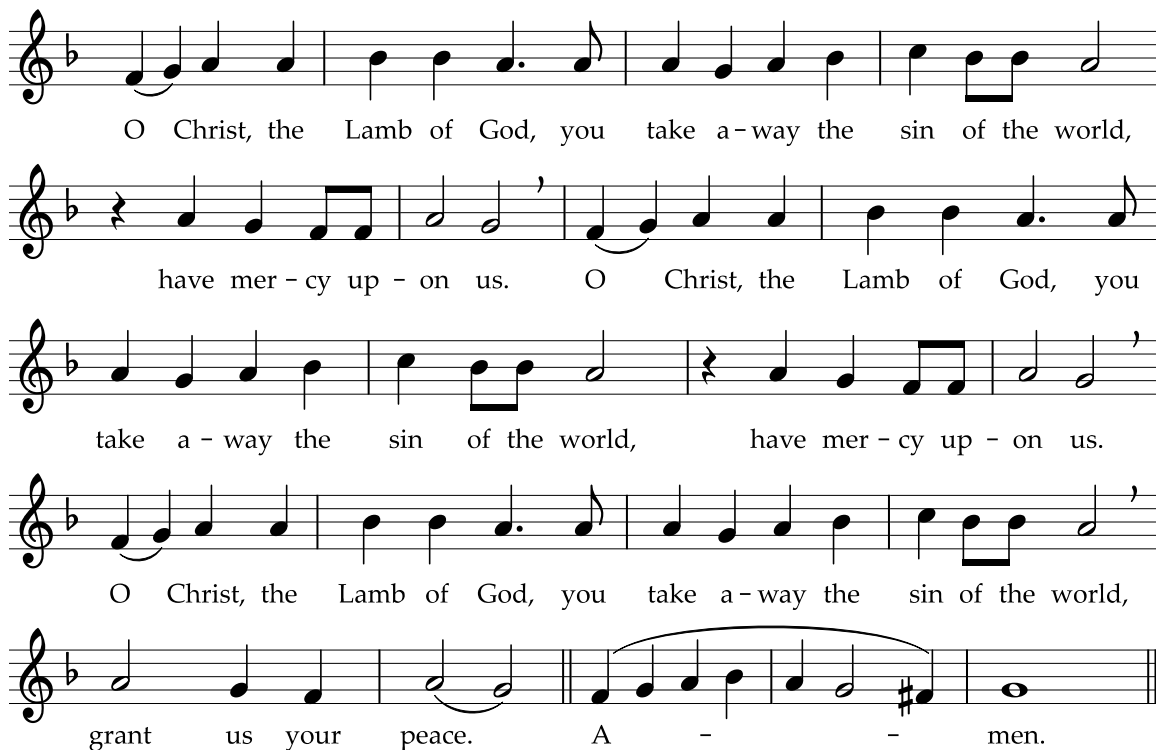
*Personal prayers for before and after Holy Communion can be found on page 40 in the front portion of the hymnary.*

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Lamb of God*



O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,  
 have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,  
 grant us your peace. A - - - men.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

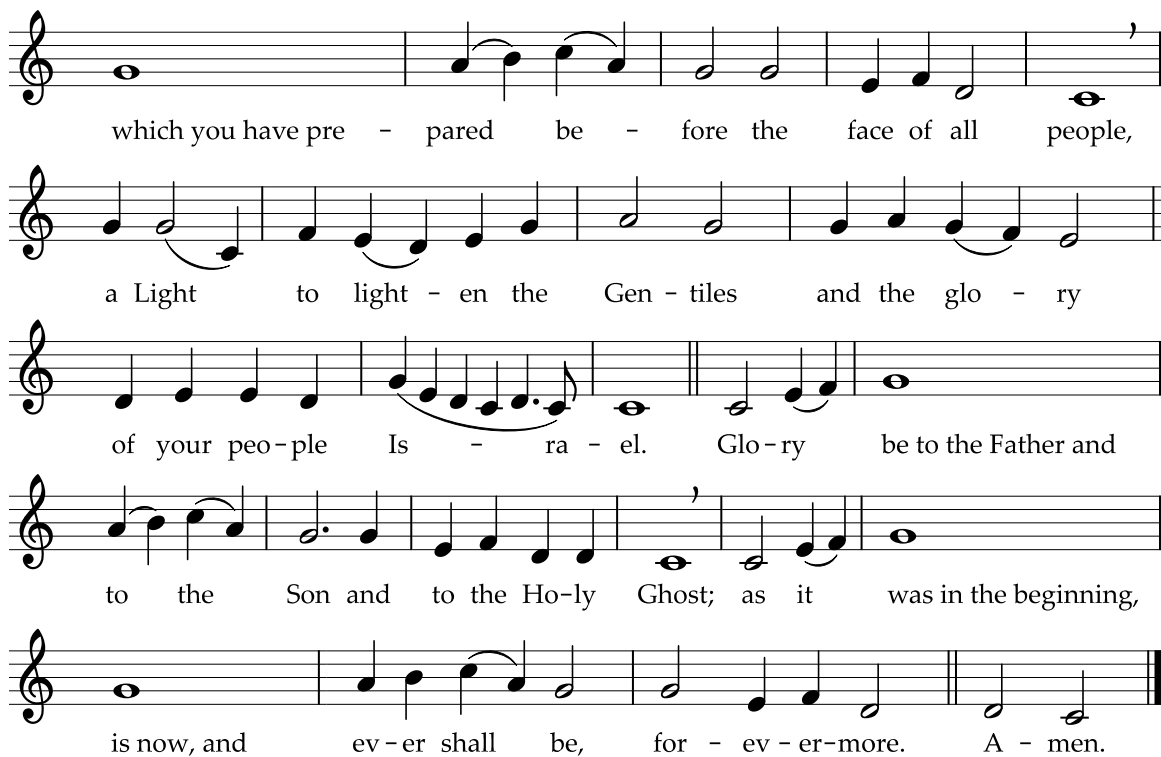
*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | #378*

## HYMN

*Let Your Servant Depart in Peace*



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace  
 ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,



which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry  
of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

## PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

# *Announcements*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send all requests for bulletin announcements to [bulletin@kog-els.org](mailto:bulletin@kog-els.org).

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship times next Sunday are 8:15 and 10:00—our summer worship schedule—and remain on that schedule until Labor Day. Monday evenings remain at 6:30.

## **VOTERS' MEETING**

This past Tuesday, the voters' assembly

- approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year,
- approved endowment fund requests,
- elected board and committee members for the upcoming year,
- thanked Mark Honerbrink for many years of service as Treasurer,
- thanked Gerry Reason for his term as President,
- called Keri Strausser who will serve as Preschool Director,
- called Katie Roeber who will serve as Associate Preschool Director.

## **RECIPES**

Copies of the delicious soup recipes served during our Lenten dinners are available on the Pioneers bulletin board near the church kitchen.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Contact Wanda Warnke with prayer requests at (612) 529-1497.

# Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am	Farewell Reception
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Pioneers Awards Dinner
	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares
	7:00 pm	Board of Youth
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	King of Grace School Graduation
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	8:15 am	Worship Service
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service

**Preacher**.....Rev. Erv Ekhoﬀ | **Liturgist**.....Rev. Ben Wiechmann  
**Organist** .....Karen Merseth | **Pianist (Monday)** .....Emily Bredeson  
**Children's Music**..... Emily Wiechmann

**Counters Today** ..... Polly & Nathan Potratz, Carol & Ken Johnson  
**Counters Next Sunday** ..... Ann Werner, Julia & Jeff Ripley  
**Usher Captains Today** .....Steve Kopacek, Loren Braun  
**Usher Captains Next Sunday**.....Bruce Christensen, Brian Pederson  
**Video Team Today** .....Ben Oppitz  
**Video Team Next Sunday** ..... TBD  
**Coffee Clean Up Today** ..... Board of Elders  
**May Altar Guild**..... Kathy Reason & Anne Bechtold

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by the Behmer family in praise and glory to God.

## Offerings Last Week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154  
 Received Last Week: \$14,731

Average Needed Year to Date: \$743,084  
 Received Year to Date: \$796,191