



SCOUT SUNDAY
MAY 4, 2025
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GREETING FROM THE SCOUT MASTER

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.

My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield - ing grass - y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.

I'll trav-el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car - ried on, their joy un - spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -

word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour - age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

GREETING

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

C: Amen.

Scout Chaplin: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, as you blessed your people of the past by dining with them, bless us also, this day, by joining us around the table we set in your name, believing that, in your presence, we will be nurtured in heart, soul and mind; enlightening our thinking and inspiring a radical compassion and hospitality that sends us out to respond faithfully and effectively to the pernicious hungerings of our times. We come to take our place with you, come now, and take your place with us, for it is in your name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18

Now Adonai, the Lord, was seen by Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as Abraham sat at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. Abraham looked up and almost could not believe what he saw! There were three men standing there in the sun opposite his tent. When Abraham saw them, he jumped up and ran from the tent entrance to meet them, bowing down to the ground and saying, "My lords, please, if I find favor with you, please, do not pass by your servant. Please, let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread that you may refresh your hearts, and after that you may pass on--for you have, after all, passed your servant's way!" So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham ran back into the tent to tell his wife, Sarah, "Quickly! Take three full measures of our choicest flour and knead it to make cakes!"

Then Abraham ran out to the oxen and took a young ox, tender and good, and gave it to a servant who quickly made it ready to be ready for the feast.

Then Abraham ran and got cream and milk and the young ox that he had prepared and set it before the three men.

Abraham stood across the way from them, under the tree, while the three men ate.

Then the three men said to Abraham, "Where is your wife, Sarah?"

And Abraham said, "There, in the tent."

Then one of the three men said, "I will return, yes return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind the man. Now Abraham and Sarah were rather old, old enough that Sarah was beyond the age of showing any indication that she was still able to become pregnant.

So, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I become worn out is there to be pleasure for me? And even my Lord is old."

But Adonai, the Lord, said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Will I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything beyond Adonai, the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

But then Sarah pretended, saying, "No, I did not laugh"; for she was afraid.

But he said, "Oh, no, indeed, you laughed."

S: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

SC: Adonai, the Lord, is faithful in all the Lord's words,
and gracious in all the Lord's deeds.

**C: Adonai, the Lord, upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

SC: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**C: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

SC: Adonai, the Lord, is just in all the Lord's ways,
and kind in all the Lord's doings.

**C: Adonai, the Lord, is near to all who call on the Lord,
to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

SC: He fulfills the desire of all who fear the Lord;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**C: Adonai, the Lord, watches over all who love the Lord,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

SC: My mouth will speak the praise of Adonai, the Lord,
and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, so Jesus went into Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, learned that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house and she came and brought an alabaster jar of ointment to into the dining room. The woman then stood behind Jesus, at his feet, weeping, and she began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus to lunch saw what was happening, he said to himself, "Hah! If Jesus really was a prophet, he would know who this woman is and what kind of woman is touching him--that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered the Pharisees thoughts, saying, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," the Pharisee replied, "Speak."

Jesus said, "There was a certain creditor had two debtors. One of the debtors owed him five hundred denarii, and the other owed him fifty. When neither of them could pay their debt, the creditor canceled the debts for both of them. Who, then, will love that creditor the most?" Simon answered, "That one who had the most forgiven."

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged correctly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; because she has shown complete, unselfish compassion and love. But, of course, the one who feels that only a little needs to have been forgiven of them – as you said - loves less."

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

S: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24

Listen! On Easter day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, which is about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that were happening at that moment. As they were conversing and discussing, Jesus, himself, came near and went along the road with them, but their eyes did not see him in a way that they knew it was him.

And Jesus said to them, "What are these words that you are tossing back and forth with one another as you walk together?"

This stopped them in their tracks and they look gloomily at each other.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, said to Jesus, "Have you have been visiting in Jerusalem and still don't know what has been going on there these last few days?"

Jesus asked them, "What do you mean?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus, the Nazorean, who

became a great prophet, powerful in words and works before God and all the people to the point that our religious leaders handed him over to the judgement of death and crucified him. But we had hoped that Jesus was the one who was getting ready to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all of this, it has been three days since he died, but some women from our group got us all excited because they went out to the tomb early in the morning and when they did not find his body there, they came back speaking about having seen a vision of angels and saying, 'He lives!' Some of us who were there went to the tomb and found it was just as the women said, but they did not see Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how misunderstanding and slow the heart is to have faith grounded in all that the prophets have said. Was it not God's ordained plan that the Christ suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

And beginning with Moses and going on through all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he was just going to keep walking on.

But they strongly urged him to stay with them, saying, "Stay with us! It is late in the evening, and the day is almost over."

So, Jesus went in to stay with them.

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were completely opened, and they recognized him, and he was no longer seen by them.

And they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts caused to burn within us while he was talking to us along the way – while he was completely opening the scriptures to us??"

That same hour they got up and went back to Jerusalem and they found the eleven apostles and their companions, all gathered together.

Those who had gathered were saying, "Adonai, the Lord, has been raised, indeed, and Simon has seen him!"

Then the two who had come back told the rest what had happened to them on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Scout Hymn* [tune: ELW 390]

Now as I start upon my chosen way,
In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play,
Grant as I promise, Courage new for me
To be the best, the best that I can be.

Help me to keep my Honour shining bright,
May I be Loyal in the hardest fight
Let me be able for my Task, and then,
To earn a place among my fellow men.

Open mine eyes to see things as I should,
That I may do my daily turn of good,
Let me be ready, waiting for each need
To keep me clean in thought and word and deed.

So as I journey on my chosen way,
In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play,
Grant as I promise, Courage new for me
To be the best, the BEST that I can be.

*Lyrics by Ralph Reader
Tune: Woodlands*

THE BOY SCOUT LAW

A Responsive Reading based on the Twelve Points of the Scout Law.

Troop: A Scout is Trustworthy!

**C: No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house;
no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence.**

Psalms 101:7

Troop: A Scout is Loyal!

**C: It is a loyal thing you do when you render any service
to the friends, even though they are strangers to you.**

3 John 1:5

Troop: A Scout is Helpful!

**C: In all this I have given you an example that by such work
we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord
Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give
than to receive.'**

Acts 20:35

Troop: A Scout is Friendly!

C: Some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.

Proverbs 18:24

Troop: A Scout is Courteous!

C: Remind them to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show courtesy to everyone.

Titus 3:2

Troop: A Scout is Kind!

C: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

Troop: A Scout is Obedient!

C: So, Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51

Troop: A Scout is Cheerful!

C: In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Troop: A Scout is Thrifty!

C: Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it.

Proverbs 21:20

Troop: A Scout is Brave!

C: Be strong and of good courage.

1 Chronicles 28:20

Troop: A Scout is Clean!

C: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.

Psalms 24:3

Troop: A Scout is Reverent!

C: And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

THE PRAYERS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SC: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

SC: Let us give one another a sign of God's peace.

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OFFERTORY

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

SC: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All are wel-come, friend and stran - ger, at the banquet
of the Sav-ior. All are wel - come, all are wel-come
here.

P: Called to love as Jesus loves us; no regard for age or race. He will feed all those who join him: come, take your place.

C: [Refrain]

P: Everyone is now invited, take the place He offers you; seats of honor at His table, come, this is true.

C: [Refrain]

P: Celebrate with God the Father, and with Christ His only Son, In the love of God the Spirit; Great Three in One.

C: [Refrain]

P: On the night in which our Lord was handed over . . .

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Everyone seeking Christ's Presence in this moment is welcome to come to the Communion rails and receive the bread and the wine/grape juice. Please come forward whenever you are moved to do so, taking an empty cup from the round tray at the head of the aisle (the pre-filled glass is grape juice). Once having received, your used cup can be placed in the basket at the head of the side aisle as you return to your seat.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, May 4

Scout Sunday & Name Tag Sunday

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m. Congregational Breakfast sponsored
by Troop 174

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation

Classes

9:45 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting

10:10 a.m. No Choir rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Regular Worship

Tuesday, May 6

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

7:45 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Grace Bakers

Sunday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class Final Exam Review

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

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