

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 17, 2022

He Is Risen!

Alleluia!

Grace Lutheran Church

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Welcome

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
 - Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
 - Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.
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Serving in Worship Today—

Worship Assistant: John Dunn
Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Betty N., John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B., Carol F.,

Family and friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S. (*Pastor Althea*);

Payton (*Joyce Bianco*), Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Annmarie, Kathy (*Marlene Doer*); Phyllis, Shawn (*Carol Fry*); Jody (*Grings*);

Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*);

Jim, Vicki, (*Meg LaSpina*), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Danny (*Renee Pugliese*);

Catherine and Sal (*Corrine Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dotte Currie, (*Deborah Walker*),

Wisdom Family (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene, Family and friends of *Betty Neupauer*

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN;

Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme,

Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

ELW Setting 4
Red Hymnal

Congregation responses in bold print.
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of Our Lord

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

by Joel Raney
Guest musician: H. Ray Hunsicker

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your
hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

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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.**

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together...**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

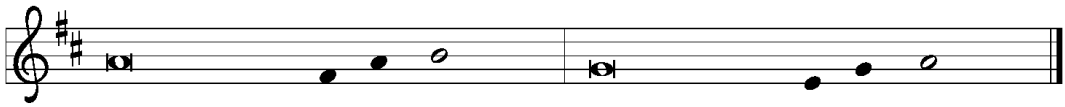
WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good; / God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare, / "God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength | and my song, / and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord | is exalted! / The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live, / and declare the works | of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely, / but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the Lord; / here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected / has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has | this been done; / it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the | Lord has made; / let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: First Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Verses 1 & 2

ELW # 362**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Verses 6 & 7

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Please be seated

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

All Children are invited to follow our Sunday school teachers downstairs for a children's lesson. Children will be back upstairs for Communion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace.

OFFERTORY

Now the Green Blade Rises

by Michael Burkhardt

Congregation: please join the choir on Verses 1, 3, & 4
when invited to do so.

ELW # 379

Please stand as your are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (sung)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pastor: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Brief silence.

Leader: Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life and love with others. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world especially missionaries and those who deliver food and resources. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor: Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way especially those on our hearts today... Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or sorrow. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Leader: Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. We offer to you these petitions and all those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you may yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come to us, Lord Jesus.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SENDING**

Christ healed many, defeated demons, and taught the disciples to love and serve others.

We are called to be God's hands and feet in the world.

Christ suffered and died so that we may live.

Let us sing praises for the gift of God's grace and forgiveness.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Christ our Lord, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the postlude.
Take this time to listen to the music and
contemplate the message presented today.*

POSTLUDE*Toccata*

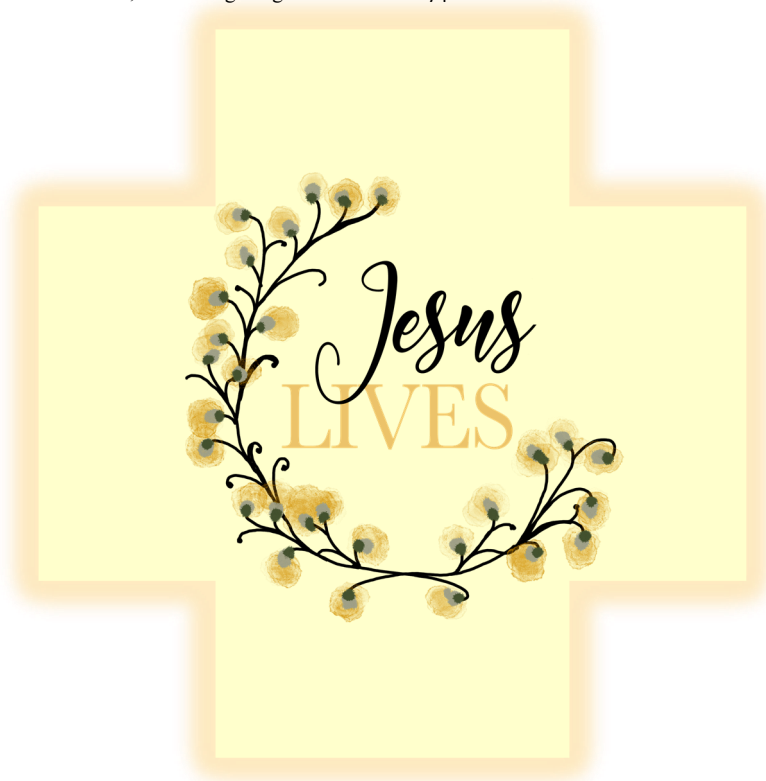
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Events This Week: April 17 - 24

Sunday 4/17 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am - Spoken Service
 8:24 am - Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship
Grace Friends Sunday School
 3:30 pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Monday 4/18



7:00 pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - 4/19

9:00 to 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 2:00 pm - Moving with Grace—
Walking Together
 6:30 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday - 4/20

9:00 to 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 11:30 am — 3:30 pm - Bayside Duplicate
Bridge - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 4/21

9:00 to 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 4/22

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers
 7:30 pm - AA Meeting - Church Lounge

Saturday 4/23

4:00 pm - Moving with Grace
Walking Together

Sunday 4/24 Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge
 8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Grace Friends Sunday School
Joyful Noise Offering for
Sister Jean's Kitchen
 6:00 pm - Catechism Class
 @ Reformation

Dedications

MUSIC/ANTHEM

In Honor of all Musicians
 Given by Bob and Dona-Lee Hughes



BULLETINS

In Loving Memory of Frank
 on our Anniversary, April 18, 1964
 Given by Diana