

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



“YOU ARE WITNESSES
OF
THESE
THINGS.”

LUKE 24:48

Today's Worship Theme

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Welcome & Worship Notes

- We're glad you are here! Please know children can join us for worship too.
- Congregation responses are in **bold** print. "ELW" is the red hymnal. The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Our ushers can provide devices for those with hearing impairment.
- Need the internet? *GraceGuests Network* Password: *GraceGuests1234*
- Please turn off all cell phones or place them in silent mode.
- Restrooms and water fountain are down the hall from the Sanctuary.
- A quiet, comfortable room is available to anyone needing it; it is located around the corner from the restrooms.
- **Got kids?** Children are welcome in worship. Grab an activity bag and children's bulletin located at the entrance. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message and may continue upstairs for Children's Church & Music (about 20 minutes), during the sermon. Children will return for Holy Communion and are welcome to receive the sacrament. Nursery is available for children 6 weeks–4 years old.

Grace Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.



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Greeter: John Smyre
Altar Guild: Beth Reavis

Usher: Roger Bodo
Coffee Host: TBD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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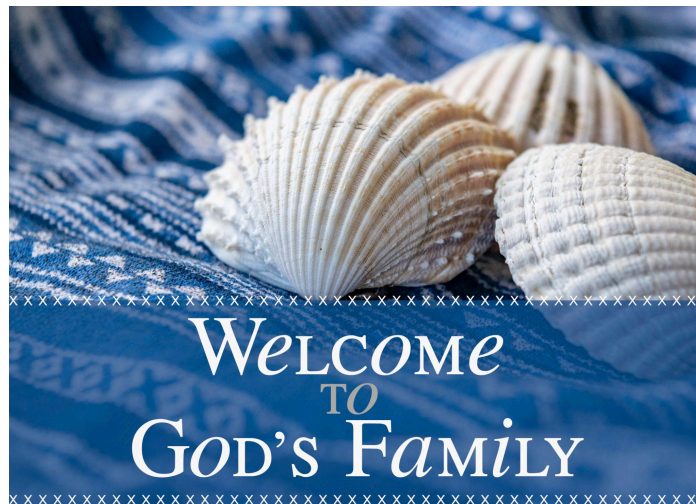
PRELUDE

"O Jesu, an de dina"
("Around You, O Lord Jesus")

Stephen Gabrielsen

HOLY BAPTISM ELW p. 227

Please join us in thanksgiving and celebration of the baptism of Isaac William Burkhart, child of Chris and Jordan Burkhart.



BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Welcome Child of God"

Rain-drops o-ceans, lakes and ri-vers Wel-come child of God. Mo-thers, fa-thers,
6
bro-thers, sis-ters Wel-come child of God. When the world feels wide a-round you
11
When the dark of night sur-rounds you We are here to
14
tend and guide you Wel-come child of God.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister: Charlie Wallin

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.**

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message, then are invited to the classrooms upstairs for Children’s Church & Music, then return before Holy Communion.

A READING FROM Acts 3:12-19

Lector: JoAnn Wright

Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

A READING FROM 1 John 3:1-7

The revealing of the children of God

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

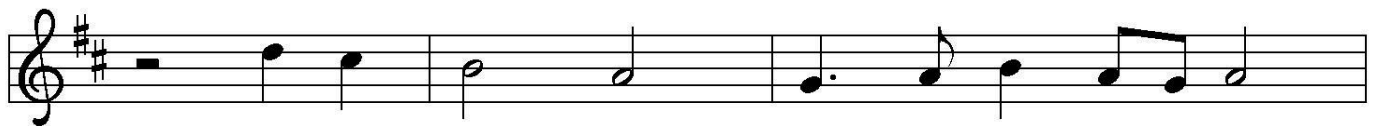
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

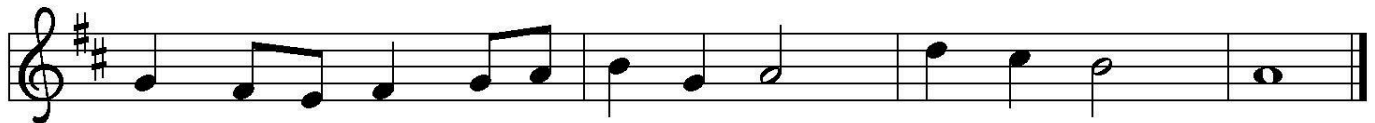
GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

Eating with the risen Christ

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. (CONT.)

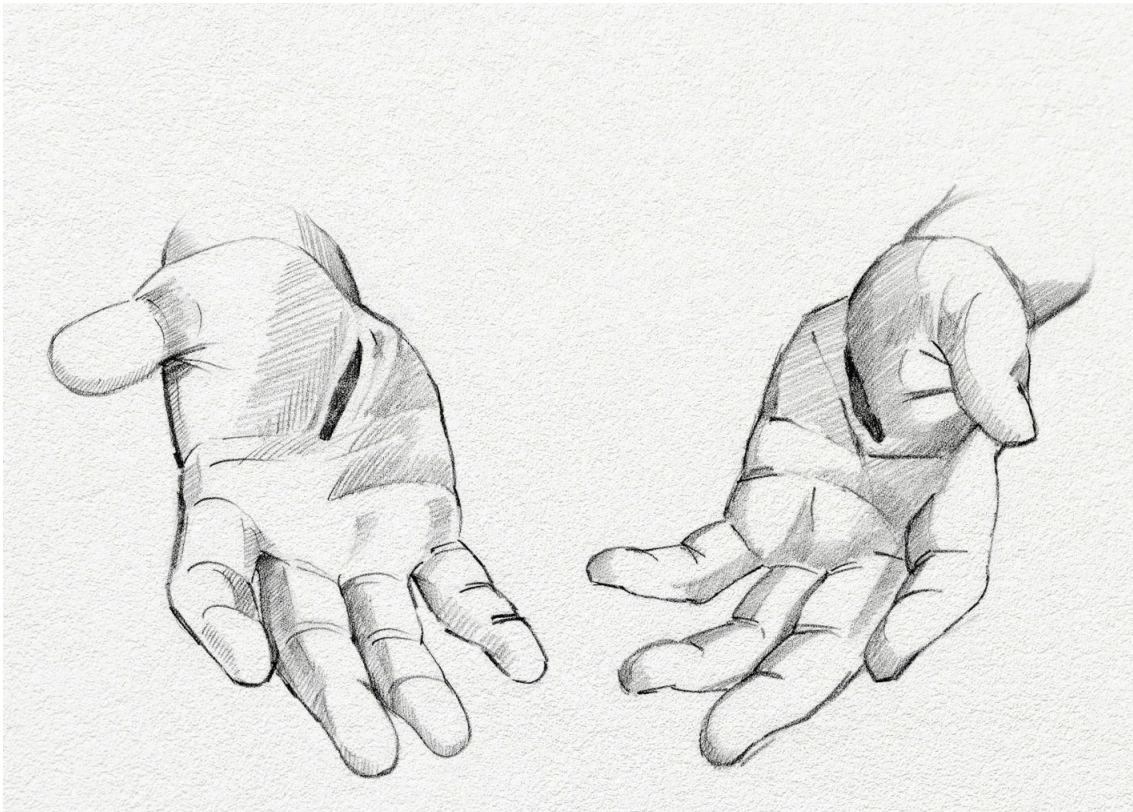
⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Troisi



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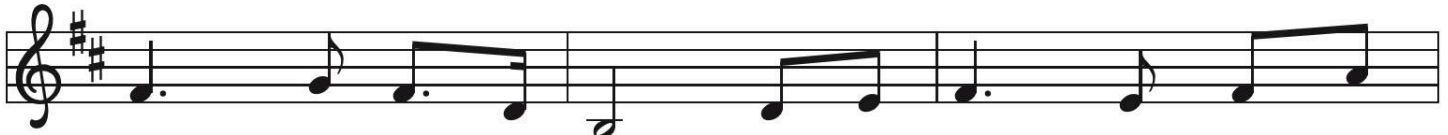
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Touch that Soothes and Heals”

ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

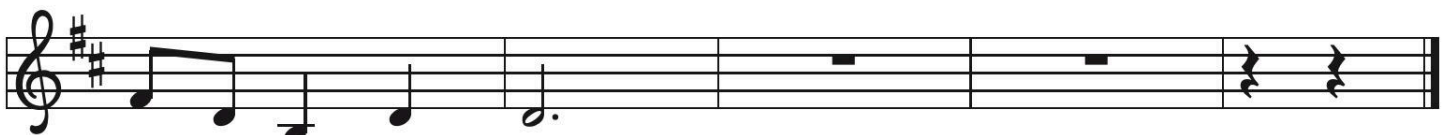
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace, then be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG

"Baptized and Set Free"

John Helgen

*We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing and wholeness and more.*

*We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater; indeed,
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.*

*We are nourished by water, all living things,
And by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be know;
Precious river ever flowing, now carry us home.*

*Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved but set free! From now on we will be
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free.*

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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In 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."

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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you.

*The first, third & fifth Sunday of the month, communion is served at the head of the aisle. On the **second** & fourth Sunday, it is served around the altar rail. Also note that on the third Sunday, healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion.*



COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Be Not Afraid”
“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 388
ELW 522

✠ **SENDING** ✠

CHORAL BLESSING

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW 674

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Vruechten” (“This Joyful Eastertide”) Keith Kolander

The Burkharts & Ruckers invite their entire Grace family to join them in the Fellowship Hall for a reception to follow worship today to celebrate Isaac's baptism.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thad and Katie Borkowski and Robert Nairns by Tom & Michelle Borkowski.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Isaac William Burkhart by Kelly & Peter Rucker.

READINGS FOR APRIL 21

Acts 4:5-12 | Psalm 23 | 1 John 3:16-24 | John 10:11-18

GIVING REPORT

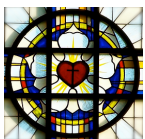
Giving September 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024

March Giving	March Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$38,280.88	\$30,000.00	\$228,243.64	\$210,000.00

HERE'S A GLANCE OF THIS COMING WEEK AT GRACE!

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School (C) • Worship (S) • St. Elizabeth's (S) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Mtg. (Z) • AA Mtg.(LLFH) • PIKA Mtg.(FH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Lot work day • LSA (on campus) • Habitat Mtg. (FH) • Girl Scouts Mtg. (LLFI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Mtg. • PEO Mtg. (FH) • <u>Grace Quilters</u> • LSA (CH) • Handbell Rehearsal • Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study (C) • Susan recording 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theology on Tap (off) 	

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