

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Joy Comes in the Morning: *Easter Sunday*

### **Today's Worship Theme**

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **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: TBA*  
*Altar Guild: Carolyn Witt*

*Usher: Bob & Joan Streightiff*  
*Coffee Host: The People of Grace*

✠ **GATHER** ✠

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).



**PRELUDE**

*"Jesus Shall Reign"  
Ringers of Grace*

*Sondra K. Tucker*

*Please stand and turn with the cross as the crucifer processes forward.*

**RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION**

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sin and death reign no more.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*ELW 365*

**GREETING**

*Ally Jacob*

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Assisting Minister: Roger Bodo*

Let us pray. 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.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Ally Jacob*

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message, then are upstairs for Children's Church & Music, returning for Holy Communion.*

## **A READING FROM Acts 10:34-43**

Lector: Charlene Sox

*God raised Jesus on the third day.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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.**

## **A READING FROM 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26**

*Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

*Please stand and face the procession.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (vs. 1-2)*

*ELW 377*

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

*The women proclaim the resurrection.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But 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.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (vs. 4-5)*

*ELW 377*

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Steve Troisi*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*

*ELW 367*

**NICENE CREED**

We profess our faith using the words of the 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.**

*(CONT.)*

**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.**

*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 be seated.*

**✠ MEAL ✠**

**OFFERING SONG**

*"Jesus Lives, Alleluia!"*

*Lloyd Larson*

*Christ is risen! Sing your alleluias! Heaven and earth, resound with alleluias!  
Jesus lives, Alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross! Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia!*

*Who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love. Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

*Christ is risen! Sing your alleluias! Heaven and earth, resound with alleluias!  
Jesus lives, Alleluia!*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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 musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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

*Communion Assistant: Amy Atkins*

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **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. Communion will be served at the head of the aisle. Please note that healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after you've received communion.*







**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Lasst uns erfreuen/Easter Song”* Rebecca Groom Te Velde

**Guest Musician, Andrew Cook: Trumpet**

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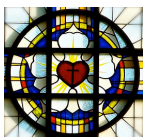
**READINGS FOR APRIL 27**

Acts 5:27-32 | Psalm 118:14-29 | Revelation 1:4-8 | John 20:19-31

**GIVING REPORT**

Giving September 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025

|              |                       |                     |                              |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| March Giving | March Budgeted Giving | Year to Date Giving | Year to Date Budgeted Giving |
| \$27,632.56  | \$31,666.67           | \$237,065.42        | \$221,666.69                 |



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