

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN CHUR CH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As we gather:

Poor Thomas. We don't know why he wasn't with the others on that first Easter when Jesus appeared to them. He doubts their account; who can blame him? And yet he is known ever after as "Doubting Thomas." I have my own doubts. My own fears, anxieties. Voices from within and without that seek to undermine my trust in God. All of these are heightened during the pandemic. Like Thomas, I would love for Jesus to just show up! I would love to see him, and I would love to see all of you. Still, Jesus' loving promise remains: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." You don't have to get rid of your doubts. Just keep clinging to Christ anyway.



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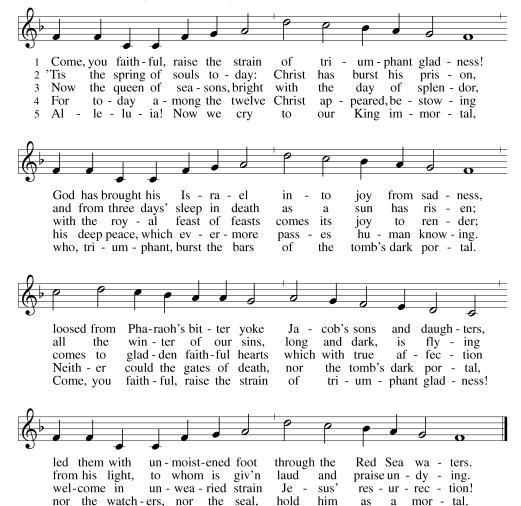
PRELUDE: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Michael D. Costello

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



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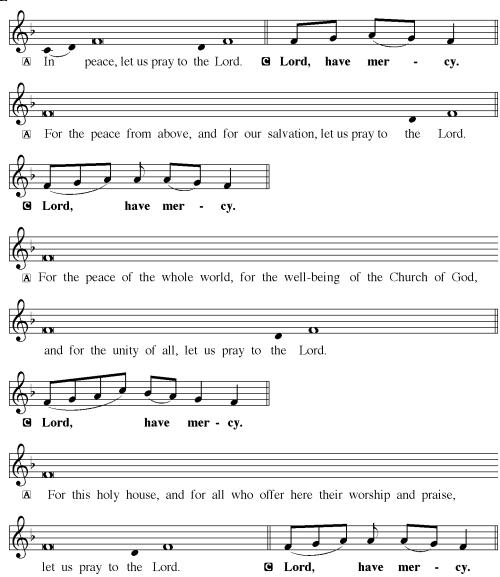
God has brought his

joy from sad - ness!

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P 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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HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray.

 Almighty and eternal God,
 the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
 may we, who have not seen, have faith in you
 and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



PSALM 16

- Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;*
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,* upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.
- But those who run after | other gods* shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- Their libations of blood I | will not offer,*
 nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.
- L O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;* it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;* indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.
- I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;*
 my heart teaches me night | after night.
- ☑ I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;* because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall.
- My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;* my body also shall | rest in hope.
- G For you will not abandon me | to the grave,* nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- You will show me the | path of life;*
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



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HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Believing Without Seeing

Pastor David R. Lyle John 20:19–31



HYMN OF THE DAY: O Sons and Daughters of the King



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

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- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

ia!

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- 8 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days, be laud and jubilee and praise: to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

lu - ia,

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- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A Cour 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- **@** Amen.



SENDING HYMN: The Risen Christ.



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DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Eunice Eifert, videographer

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Ken Folgers Al Hillmer Adrienne Rott Annalise Balock Rachel Hindery Tim Sandvoss Dennis Forgue Cathy Barker Belen and Ron Gresens Joan Koerber Pat Scala Ruth Barker Jerry Koenig Carl and Donna Gruendler Carl Schalk Jeanne Bloch David Gruendler Karen McMahon Nikki Schmidt Ed Borg Marlene Hallman Jennifer Murtoff Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Sophia Cetin Kathy Hayes Paul Nelson Gerlinde VanDriesen Hans Dumpys Ken Heppner Nate Rogers

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell) Vanice Bakko (friend of Irmgard Swanson) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Elizabeth, Martin and Melanie Byrne (mother, brother and sister of

Elizabeth Asher)

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Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz) Nancy Grumm (aunt of Ali Carris)

Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns) Thomas Heinze (brother-in-law of Pat Gulik) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Ellen Hinz (mother of Julie Hinz) Ron Hoffman (former member of Grace)

Marian Hogue (mother of Merrily Smith) Gale Holmlund (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Kathy Howard (friend of Pat Anderson)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Bart Johnson (father of Kim Hoffman) Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott) Lenny Kobilca (friend of Deanna Marotz)

Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson) Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell)

Marylo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Don Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) John Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) Donald Mullins (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Beverly Murtoff (mother of Jennifer Murtoff) Aaron Offermann (grandson of Don and Verna) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Misty Olson (friend of Sara Chizzo) Marilynn Paulson (mother of Mary Paulson) James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples)

Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples) James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

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Nate Tiemann (son of Evie, brother of Leslie Sleuwen) Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Navajo Lutheran Mission

Those who mourn

Sal Amati Fern Bernhardt Bruce Barker *(brother of Cathy)*

Thanksgiving for

The 80th birthday of **Ellyn Levell** The 80th birthday of **Sharon Kluge**

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)
Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)
Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)
David Danford (son of John and Karen)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)
Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)
Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Ruth Laux

Christopher Davis Walt and Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Institution Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)
Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- □ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- I would like to know more about Grace School.
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 - Sunday Is Coming.
- I would like one of the pastors to contact me

via (check one) ☐ Phone or ☐ E-mail.



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