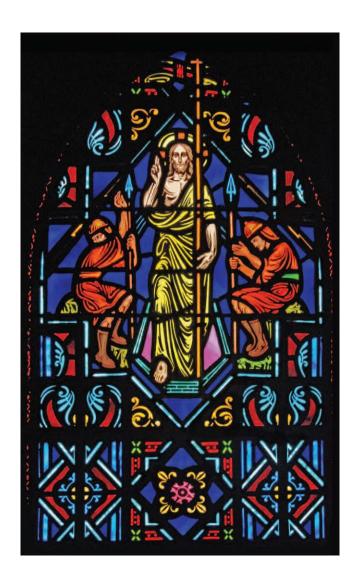
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday April 12, 2020 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marcia Forgue by her husband, Dennis.

As we gather:

Death shows no partiality; neither do any of its many agents, including COVID-19. To be sure, the current pandemic has exposed other fault lines. Economic and racial disparities are exacerbated in a crisis. But the virus? I don't think it cares about your race, creed, or wealth. Death sure doesn't. It is the great leveler, in which we all find ourselves suddenly equal. It is precisely here, in death, that God comes to find us. God, as Peter proclaims, shows no partiality. We, in our sin, dragged Jesus down into our death. God, in God's love, insists on raising Jesus from the dead and bringing us along for the ride. The only thing we need to bring to the table is the emptiness of death, and we've all got that. God does the rest. From the empty tomb, from our empty churches, go without fear to bring good news to a world in need. Alleluia!



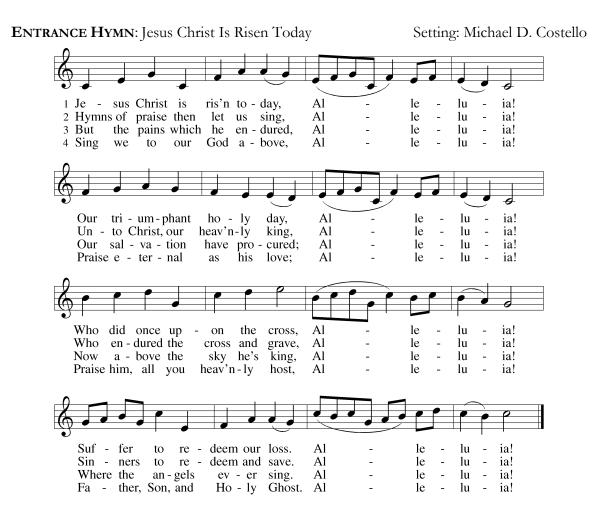
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PRELUDE

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, BWV 695 and BWV 625 Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETING

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



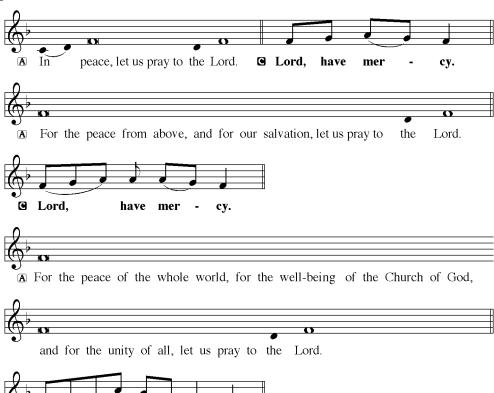
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GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- 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.
- **a** And also with you.



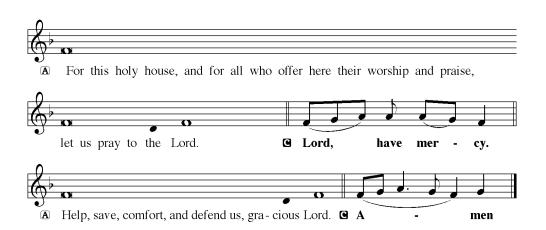
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HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **a** And also with you.
- **P** 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 +

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

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



PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;* his mercy en- | dures forever.
- Let Israel | now proclaim,*

 "His mercy en- | dures forever."
- The LORD is my strength | and my song,* and he has become | my salvation.
- There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory* in the tents | of the righteous:
- ☐ "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*

 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

 The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"
- I shall not | die, but live,* and declare the works | of the LORD.
- ☐ The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,* but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*

 I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
- ☐ "This is the gate | of the LORD;*

 he who is right- | eous may enter."
- I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me* and have become | my salvation.
- L The same stone which the build- | ers rejected* has become the chief | cornerstone.
- This is | the LORD's doing,* and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- On this day the | LORD has acted;* we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt. Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Running on Empty
Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 28:1–10



HYMN OF THE DAY: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



- 5 Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true; my Lord will leave me never, whate'er he passes through. He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain; he shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow him through all.
- 6 He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold, whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown prepared; who there with me has died shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt. Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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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:

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.

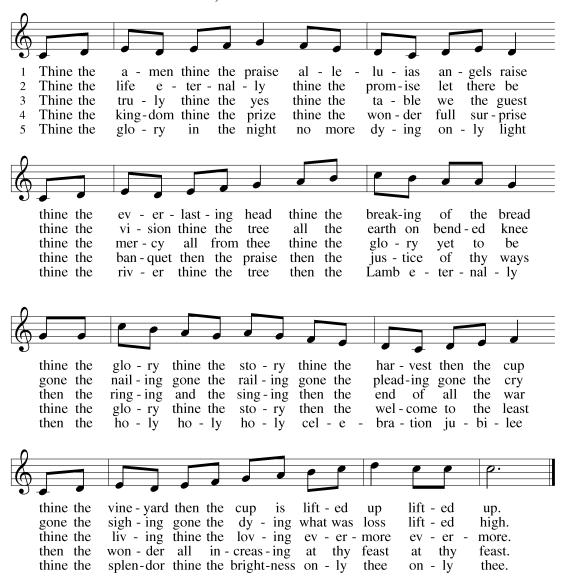
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BENEDICTION

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



SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009 Music: THINE, Carl Schalk, b. 1929

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: "... 'Hallelujah,' has been restored..." (from RUBRICS)

Dan Locklair

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...

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Ken Heppner

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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)
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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)

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John Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp)

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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

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)

Those who mourn

Wayne Lucht

John Conley (grandfather of Lauren, Madison, and Raya Conley)

Richard DeRiggi (relative of Sarah Beatty)

James Edward Files (father of Bruce)

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

Andrew Krueger (England) Colleen Lattyak (Germany)

Those who are homebound

Sal Amati Gloria Hillert Fern Bernhardt Ruth Laux

Barbara Bunjes Walt and Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis Joanne Nelson Marie Gierke Barbara Rinnan Ronald Gresens 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)

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