GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Resurrection of Our Lord April 4, 2021 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 are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. 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.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

They knew exactly where he was. The women had seen Jesus' body placed in the tomb. So while they went without hope, mired in sorrow, at least they went with certainty. But there he wasn't. Instead, a messenger: "Do not be alarmed. He has been raised; he is not here." These women, brave and faithful, are shaken to their core. They flee in fear, and who can blame them? The upside-downing of the world has finally happened. We are so used to bad news that good news can be hard to hear. The announcement this morning is that Jesus is alive, and this means that he is not to be found in the broken, unhappy endings of this life. Make no mistake, he joins us in our grief. He has lived it. He has died by it. But he does not leave us there. We have lost so much, but now by the grace of God the one sure thing is lost to us forever. Death is no more. Look not for Christ here. He has gone on ahead. Blinking in the new morn's bright sun, we follow.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

Carl Halter ed. Barry L. Bobb

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth its song begin, Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein. He is risen, he is risen, Christ, the Lord, is risen, Our joy that has no end!

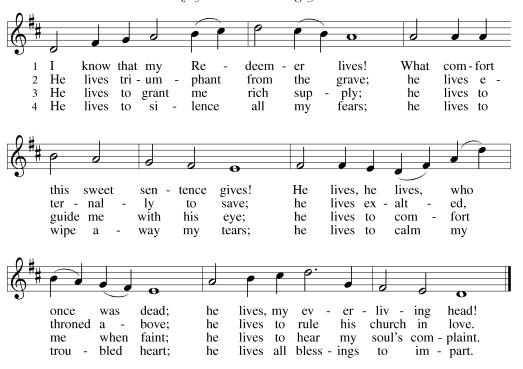
From death to life eternal, From earth on to the sky, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory. He is risen, he is risen, Christ, the Lord, is risen, Our joy that has no end! Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend. For Christ, the Lord, is risen, Our joy that has no end. He is risen, he is risen, Christ, the Lord, is risen, Our joy that has no end!

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John of Damascus, tr. John Mason Neale



Stanzas four and six are sung by the choir.



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
- Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Easter Carl F. Schalk

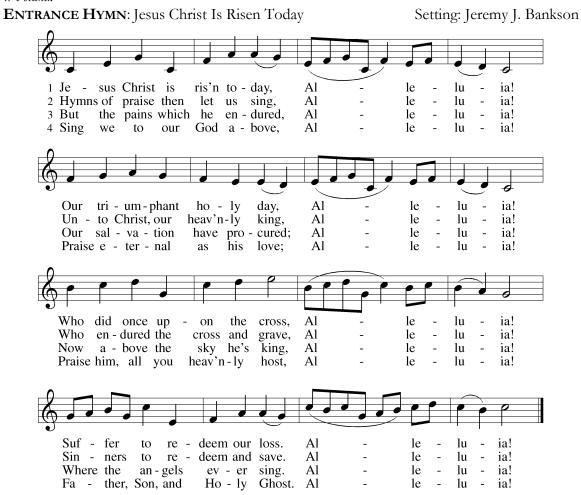
Break the box and shed the nard; Stop not now to count the cost; Hither bring pearl, opal, sard; Reck not what the poor have lost; Upon Christ throw all away: Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build his church and deck his shrine, Empty though it be on earth; Ye have kept your choicest wine— Let it flow for heavenly mirth; Pluck the harp and breathe the horn: Know ye not 'tis Easter morn? Gather gladness from the skies; Take a lesson from the ground; Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes And a Spring-time joy have found; Earth throws Winter's robes away, Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear, Perfumes for the garb of woe, Chaplets for disheveled hair, Dances for sad footsteps slow; Open wide your hearts that they Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng; Crowded let his table be; Mingle praises, prayer, and song, Singing to the Trinity. Henceforth let your souls always Make each morn an Easter Day. Gerard Manley Hopkins





Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1–3 Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

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.
- **G** And also with you.

KYRIE (sung by the choir)

Richard Hillert

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

O God, Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy)

The Son who has redeemed the world, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

O God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

Women sing parts marked I. Men sing parts marked II.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **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.

C Amen.

We sit.



+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Then Peter 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."

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Richard Hillert

ANTIPHON: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

 "His mercy en- | dures forever."
- Choir 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:
- Choir "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.
- Choir 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.

- Choir "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.
- Choir 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.
- Choir On this day the | LORD has acted;*
 we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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





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: Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

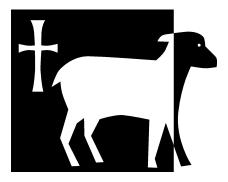
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

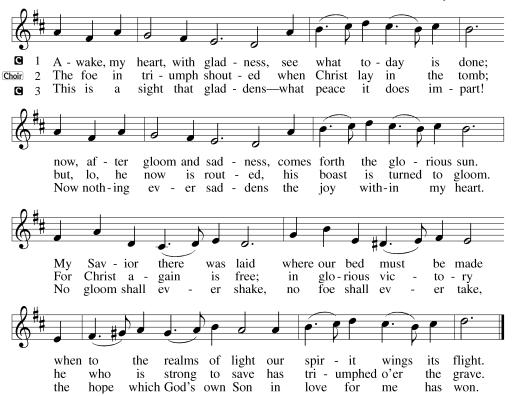
SERMON: Which Way Did He Go?

Pastor David R. Lyle Mark 16:1–8



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

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk Descant by Paul G. Bunjes



4 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."

NICENE CREED

- 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.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Risen, Hallelujah! Douglas E. Wagner

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

<u>Click here</u> to give online, or visit <u>GraceRiverForest.org</u>.

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

Q 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.

C 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.

ANTHEM: Christians Rejoice

Johann Eccard ed. Clarence Dickinson

Christians rejoice with heart and voice, for Christ the Lord is risen. High heaven's king rose triumphing; in glory reigns supernal. Now death is dead, since Christ our head hath brought us life eternal. Alleluia!

+ SENDING +

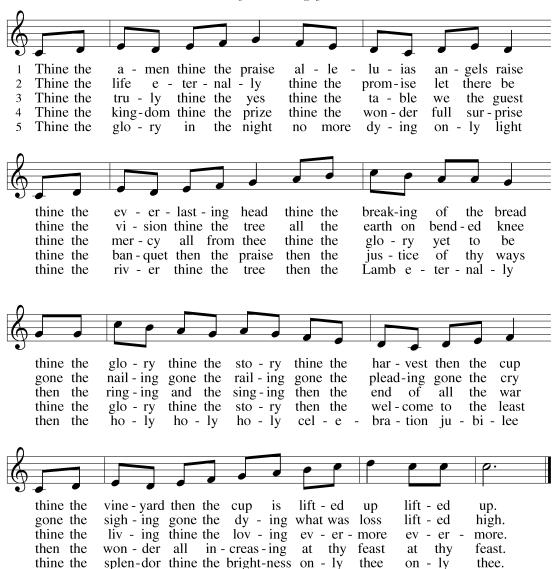
BENEDICTION

May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk in newness of life.
Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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Stanza three is sung by the choir.



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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: Easter Carillon Robert J. Powell

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor Jeremy Zimmer, organist Members of the Grace Parish Choir

> Grace Bells Lisa Wolfanger, director

Christian Anderson and Candace Horton, trumpets Johanna Johnson, horn Brad Payne, trombone Kyle Bellin, timpani

> Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker

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Rich and Bonnie Stasack

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Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

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

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Sophie Bartell (granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell)

James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Tony Beneventi (friend of Evelyn Grams) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) Ken Briggs (friend of many at Grace)

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Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Clara Dorsey (mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey)

Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May) Luke Gawencka (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

Ann Gesme (mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen)

Thomas Griffith (son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

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

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)

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Alvssa Kutak (granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

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

Kathy Lyons (sister of Karin Danganan) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

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

Maxwell)

Julie Novak (daughter of Eunice Spurgat) Elaine Pierce (friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson)

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Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

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

Kim Walsh (niece of Cathy Schnittker)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Tim White (brother of Beverly White) Nola Williams (Grace School student) Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Valparaiso University

Thanksgiving for

the birth of Miles Patrick Murphy (son of Patrick and Katie Murphy)

For those who mourn

Barb Bunjes

John Cochrane (friend of Dan and Christa Krout)

Judy Dumbrosky (friend of Chrissy Nelson)

Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)

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)

Those in the foreign service

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

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Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Those who need encouragement

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

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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