

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 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

On this second Sunday of Easter we find the risen Jesus quite active in the world: walking through locked doors, appearing before his disciples, showing his wounds to Thomas, speaking peace to those same disciples, and breathing upon them the holy and life-giving Spirit. One thing we know about the risen Jesus is he keeps showing up, not just then but in your life and mine. Through the locked doors of our own sin and death Jesus breaks through, offering himself as life abundant. Amid doubt the wounded yet risen one shows himself to us in water, word, meal, and stranger embracing us wherever we find ourselves. In the midst of fear he offers peace, and just when we need it, he breathes the Spirit into our tired and weary bodies. Sustained and sent by that same Jesus, we now testify to the resurrection in our own day, and the risen Jesus keeps showing up.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560

attributed to J. S. Bach





Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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.

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.
 Almighty God,
 with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.
 By the grace of Christ among us,
 enable us to show the power of the resurrection
 in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133 Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

- Oh, how good and pleas- | ant it is,*
 when brethren live togeth- | er in unity!
- It is like fine oil up- | on the head* that runs down up- | on the beard,
- L upon the | beard of Aaron,* and runs down upon the collar | of his robe.
- It is like the | dew of Hermon* that falls upon the | hills of Zion.
- For there the Lord has or- | dained the blessing:* life for- | evermore.



SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

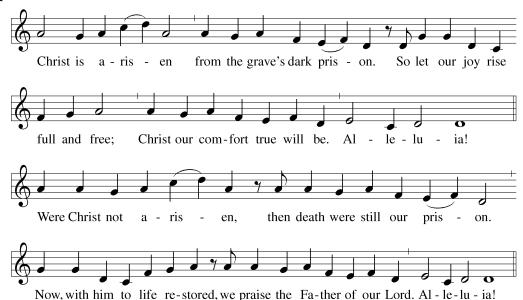
We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

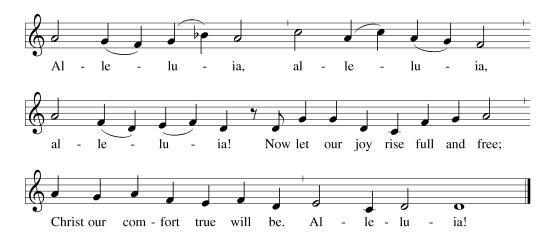
⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **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

Text @ 1967 Concordia Publishing House

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."

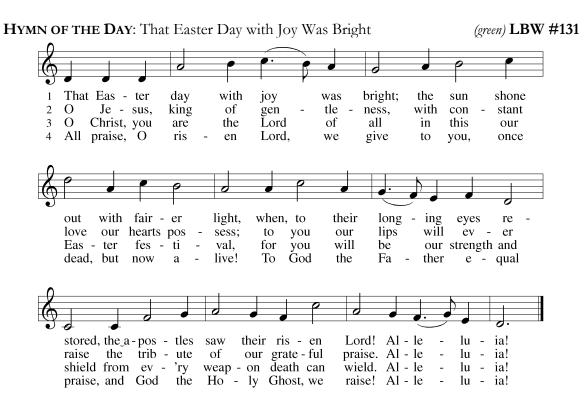
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: The Risen Jesus Keeps Showing Up

Pastor Troy E. Medlin John 20:19–31



Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561



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.

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 walk by faith and not by sight; With gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, Nor follow where you trod; But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight. Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

We stand.

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.
- 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.

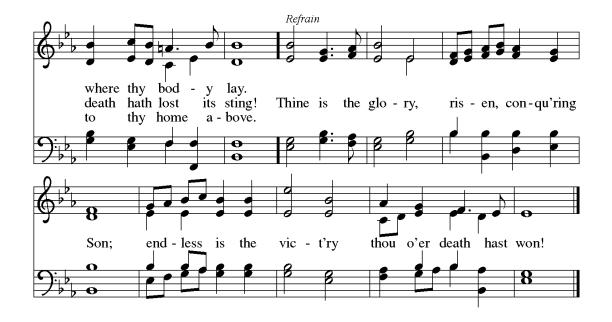
+ SENDING +

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.





Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

• He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright, BuxWV 224 Dieterich Buxtehude

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The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
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Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Ellen Pullin, soprano
Bill Pullin, baritone
Eunice Eifert, videographer
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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Ed Borg

Annalise Balock Rosemary Cheatem Cathy Barker Karin Danganan Carl & Donna Gruendler

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Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

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Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro)

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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)

Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger)

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Carolyn Martin Rich and Bonnie Stasack

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Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff

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Maxwell)

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Nola Williams (Grace School student)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Walther Christian Academy

For those who mourn

Ted Bartell (brother of Marvin Bartell)
Nancy Strand (friend of George and Nancy Wohlford)

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 Galezewski)

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Drew Krueger (England)

Those who are homebound

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Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
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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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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