



# GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 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**

We find ourselves again with the disciples on that first Easter Sunday. Jesus has just revealed himself to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Suddenly, he appears to his friends back in Jerusalem. They fear he is a ghost, and who can blame them! Jesus is no apparition, however; he is really there. Alive. Resurrected. Both to prove the point and because he was hungry, he asks for food. He eats the fish, something no ghost would do! Why, we might ask, does it matter? At the heart of the Christian faith is not a shadowy hope for eternity; at the center stands resurrection. God would let nothing of Jesus be lost. Not his flesh; not his wounds. He is raised; transformed but truly present. Christ died and lives again to save and redeem our whole being, affirming just how much we, bodies and all, matter in this world and the next. As John reminds us today, we don't know the future but we can trust that it is in God's hands, and that we are God's children now.

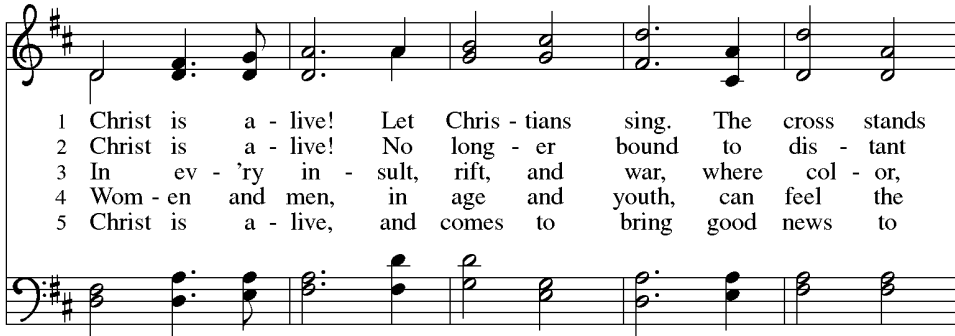
# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Largo for Clarinet and Organ


Michael D. Costello

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

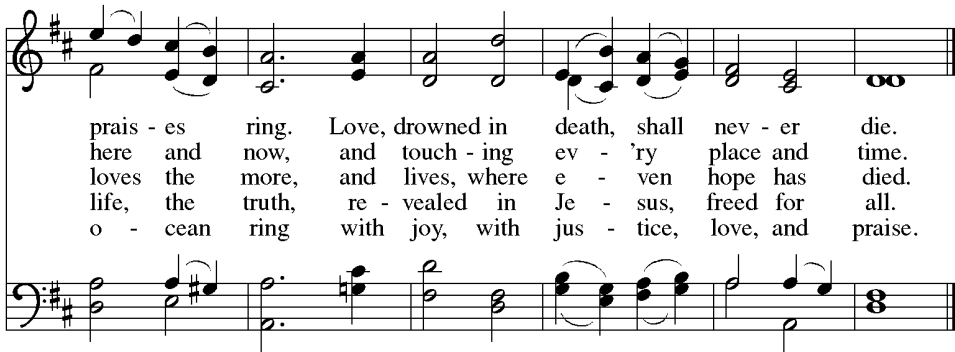
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** 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.

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

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

*All sing parts marked C.*





al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God,  
you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.  
Fill us with your words of life,  
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,  
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 3:12–19

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 4

ANTIPHON: The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

Michael D. Costello

- L** Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;\*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- C** “You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;\*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?”
- L** Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;\*  
when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.
- C** Tremble, then, and | do not sin;\*  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- L** Offer the appointed | sacrifices,\*  
and put your trust | in the Lord.
- C** Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”\*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.
- L** You have put gladness | in my heart,\*  
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
- C** I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;\*  
for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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: Luke 24:36b–48

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**SERMON:** Something Fishy

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Luke 24:36b–48; 1 John 3:1–7





1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

## NICENE CREED

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

**C** 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.

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Charles Callahan

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** 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

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

**C** 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

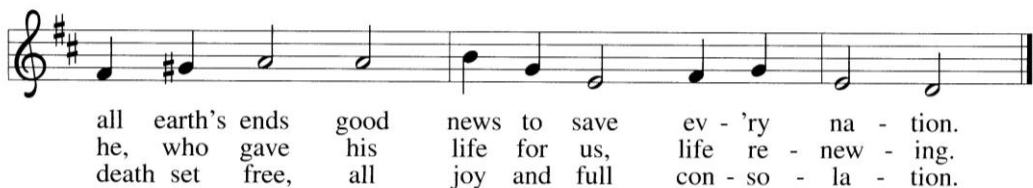
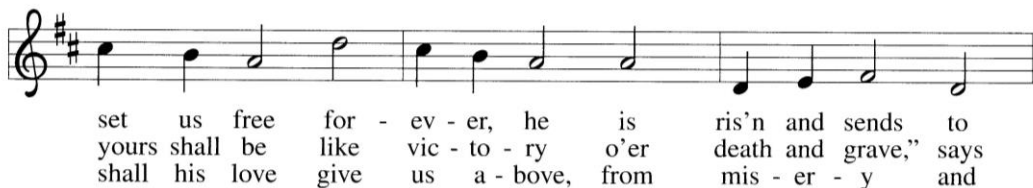
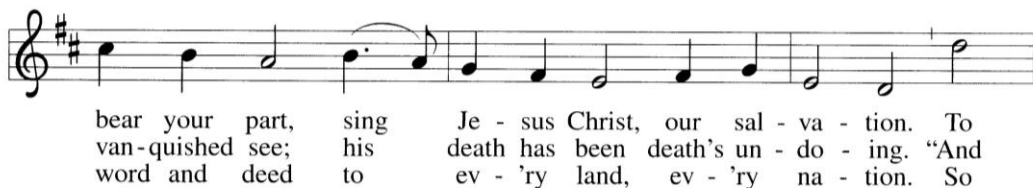
**P** May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk in newness of life.

Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# SENDING HYMN: With High Delight Let Us Unite

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 Music: Medieval European tune  
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## DISMISSAL

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE:** With High Delight Let Us Unite

Michael D. Costello

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

The Rev. Rebekah Weant Costello, soloist/clarinetist

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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson	Ed Borg	<b>Bob Jandeska</b>	Jennifer Murtoff
Annalise Balock	Rosemary Cheatem	Joan Koerber	Paul Nelson
Cathy Barker	Karin Danganan	Jerry Koenig	Pat Scala
Jim Barker	Carl & Donna Gruendler	Carolyn Martin	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
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Anne-Marie Bogdan	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	
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Valerie Anderson ( <i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley &amp; Stewart Clarke</i> )		Kathy Lyons ( <i>sister of Karin Danganan</i> )	
Vera Leora Barnett ( <i>friend of Paul Eichnedel</i> )		Anne Matthys ( <i>mother of Susan Curran</i> )	
Sophie Bartell ( <i>granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell</i> )		Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )	
James Beglin ( <i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i> )		Julie Novak ( <i>daughter of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	
Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )		Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )	
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Stacy Gibb and family ( <i>friends of Kristin Vogen</i> )		Huxley Shoup and family ( <i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )	
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## **Benevolence ministries**

Housing Forward

## **Thanksgiving for**

The birthday of **Sharon Kluge**

## **For those who mourn**

**Mary Walsh** (*friend of Scott Christopher*)

## **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 Kront*)

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*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## **Those in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski*)

## **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

## **Those who are homebound**

Christopher Davis

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 Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center



# 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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