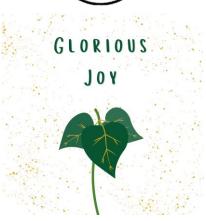
Grace Lutheran Church

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March 31, 2024 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Easter Sunday



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

OPENING MUSIC

"Prelude to the Te Deum"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier, ed. by Scott Hyslop (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: the Kishwaukee headwaters, the Rock River, and Lake Michigan.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away,

and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN



Please be seated.

WELCOME

GREETING

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.

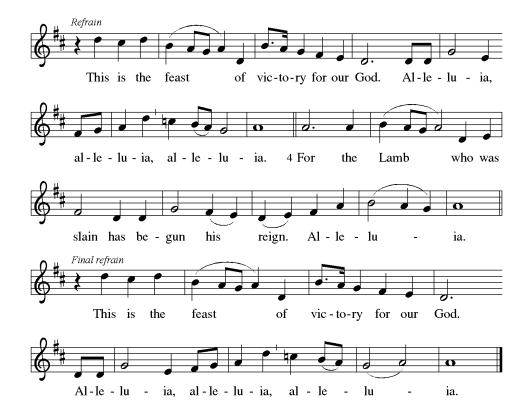
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HYMN OF PRAISE



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PRAYER

God of resurrection, you are waiting for us at the tomb of our despair. Break upon us with the brilliance of a new day. Color our grayscale lives with a joy no one can take. Paint the horizon of our hope with brilliance. Mark us indelibly, forever beloved. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.This is the day that the LORD has made;

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1^{st} Corinthians.

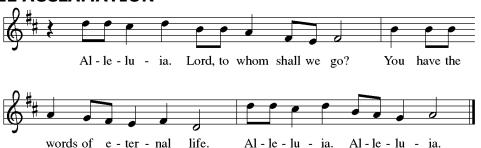
Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For 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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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." So 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

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NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts ______. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one anotherwave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy and grace, you give us so much: our days, our loved ones, our passions and talents, the food we eat, the homes we know, a place to worship.

God, you pour out an abundance of goodness. Receive the gifts we offer back to you today. Bless them and bless us, that we will give generously, love boldly, and share widely, our offering reflecting your joyful gift. **Amen**

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.

OFFERING ANTHEM

8:00 a.m.:

"O Risen Lord"

K. Lee Scott (One License)

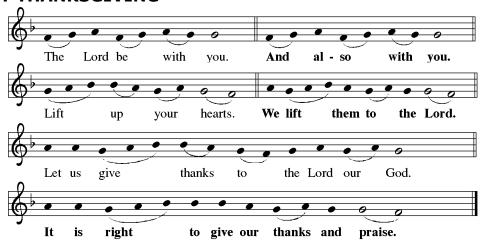
10:00 a.m.:

"Christ is Risen, Sing Allelu"

Kathy C. Bowen (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



God, there is no time, . . . and sing of heaven despite the world.



God, our ancestors knew . . .

In the heart of fear and pain, God plants the seed of our joy: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup, . . . God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy, today and every day. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated. The congregation will commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

10:00 a.m.:

"Living God's Love"

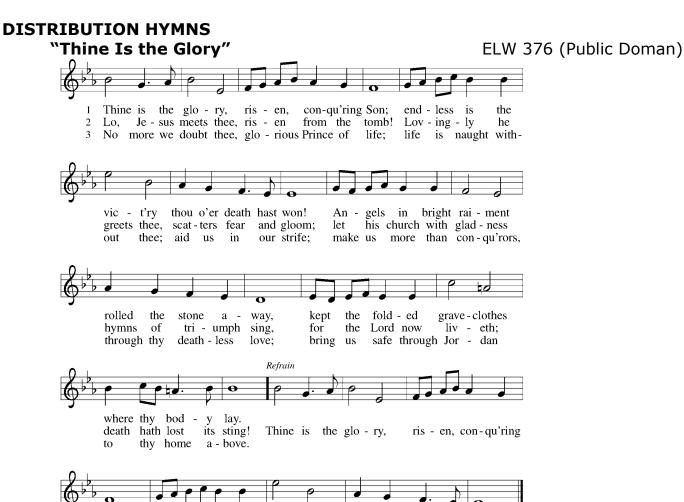
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Mark Patterson (One License)



thou o'er death hast won!



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Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

→ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

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- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al le lu ia! Ris en our vic to rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en - thrall.
- 9.1.1.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more; now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day. We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground; All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. Christ was dead, but hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.





Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CLOSING MUSIC

"Trumpet Tune in G"

Jeremy J. Bankson (One License)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Acolytes:

8 a.m.: Logan Hanlin

10 a.m.: Elena Ayala, Grace Schaaf, AJ Wedoff

Communion Assistants:

8 a.m.: Michelle Anderson, Robin Gibbs, Doug Noe,

Mary Noe, Karen Reinhard

10 a.m.: Beth Miller, Sandy Olson, Grace Schaaf,

AJ Wedoff, Jamielynn Wedoff

Greeters:

8 a.m.: Doug Noe, Mary Noe

10 a.m.: Anne Johnson, Sally Sheahan

Reader:

8 a.m.: Paul Lockwood

10 a.m.: Grace Nellessen, Johanna Bergstrom, AJ Wedoff, Bill Kreznor

Ushers:

8 a.m.: Logan Hanlin, Carrie Jarnecke, Kevin Jarnecke,

Michael Liedtke, Robert Teuber, John Widmayer

10 a.m.: Brian Gerloff, Bill Kreznor, Nancy Kreznor, Andy Nellessen,

Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

Children's Sermon:

8 a.m.: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

10 a.m.: Jamielynn Wedoff

Altar Guild: Barb Aavang, Joy Aavang, Mary Johnson, Judy Rooney

Decorating Team Coordinators: Karen Reinhard, Judy Reilly

Musicians:

8 a.m.: Jan Burns, Mackenzie Green, Tim May, Carrie Filetti,

Chancel Choir, Laudate

10 a.m.: Jan Burns, Tim May, Cindy Meyer, Cherub Choir, Joyful

Messengers, Grace Nellessen, Tim Nellessen, Grace Ayala,

Johanna Bergstrom, Mackenzie Green, Teagan Jones, Faith Metze,

Owen Kleinjan, Bennett Washkowiak, Addie Jo Wedoff

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Presence Light Sponsor:

In memory of my husband, Chuck Sinkoske; given by Sharon Sinkoske.

Bulletin Sponsors:

To the glory of God; given by Don & Marylee Steinwehe.

In memory of my husband, Charles Sinkoske; given by Sharon Sinkoske.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.

You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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WE GIVE THANKS TO THOSE LISTED BELOW WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE OUR EASTER SEASON MORE FESTIVE:

IN MEMORY OF:

- DWIGHT JENSEN; GIVEN BY THE JENSEN FAMILY
- Mark's mom-Kathryn; given by Mark & Beth Miller
- BOB UNGLAUBE; GIVEN BY BEV UNGLAUBE & FAMILY
- Our grandson Alex; given by Ken & Kathy Zank
- OUR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS; GIVEN BY KEN & KATHY ZANK
- Mary Figard, Frank Holy, & Hazel Postma; given by Terry Figard family
- VIRGIL BOAL, ELAINE HAULOTTE, LEONARD HAULOTTE & LINDA WILSON;
 GIVEN BY LAURA BOAL & FAMILY
- MY HUSBAND BILL BOTTS; GIVEN BY MARLENE BOTTS
- Love ones passed; given by Karl & Denise Klabunde
- Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Swan, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Given and Mr. & Mrs. Vic Dehmlow; GIVEN BY STUART & ANN GIVEN AND FAMILY
- Mollie Beardsley; given by Charlotte Beardsley
- ALL OF OUR LOVED ONES GONE BEFORE US; GIVEN BY DOUG & MARY NOE
- OUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN; GIVEN BY KEN & TAMMY HANSING
- SHERI'S PARENTS, JOAN & STAN RUSSELL; GIVEN BY THE CONOVER FAMILY
- OUR PARENTS; GIVEN BY JOHN & MARY WIDMAYER
- My parents, Carl and Marge; given by Caryl Dierksen
- BLAKE PANOS; GIVEN BY ANNE PANOS
- MY PARENTS AUGUST JAPP & ESTHER HUGHES; GIVEN BY BARBARA MURRAY
- Bob Shook; given by Joyce Shook
- HERB NEUBAUM; GIVEN BY DONNA NEUBAUM
- MY HUSBAND, RUSS FREEMAN AND MY CHILDREN, RUSTY, SHERRY & SCOTT; GIVEN BY DONNA FREEMAN
- Maureen Smith Spoerlein; given by Marilyn Rice
- BETTY & MARION SMITH; GIVEN BY MARILYN RICE
- MY DAD, DONALD HANNEMANN; GIVEN BY MICHELLE ANDERSON

- RODELL DAHL; GIVEN BY THE DAHL FAMILY
- ALL OUR LOVED ONES; GIVEN BY JOE & JUNE PIENSCHKE
- Vernon and son Dale; given by Borghild E. Stenoien
- WILLIAM & MARY BOEHMKE AND ARMOND & AGNES HANSMAN; GIVEN BY BETTY BOEHMKE
- RICHARD BOEHMKE; GIVEN BY BETTY & PHILIP BOEHMKE
- MARLENE TEUBER; GIVEN BY BOB TEUBER
- Mom & Dad Beckman; given by the Beckman family

In Honor Of:

- OUR GRANDCHILDREN, EMMA & HARRISON; GIVEN BY KEN & TAMMY HANSING
- Our extended families; given by Mary Beth & Andy Bellavia
- Mom & Dad Rosenquist, given by the Beckman family

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

- GIVEN BY JAMIE GRASSER
- PRAISE THE LORD FOR MANY BLESSINGS; GIVEN BY MILLIE LUALLEN
- GIVEN BY DON & MARYLEE STEINWEHE
- Ron Chiodras; given by Bob Teuber
- GIVEN BY SANDY OLSON

