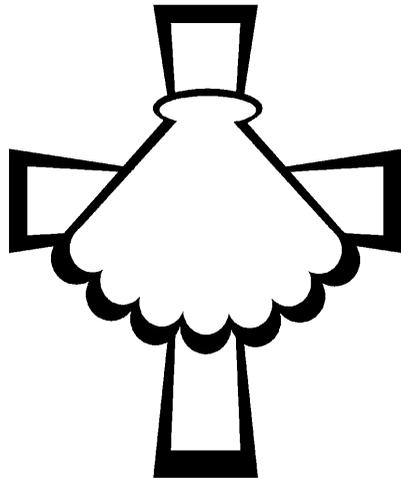


Third Sunday Of Easter



April 26, 2020

Welcome to *Grace*

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.

We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Third Sunday of Easter

The Gospel for today recalls how two disciples were able to see the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. Though Jesus appeared to many on the day of his resurrection, not everyone was able to see him and know his true identity. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are promised a place where we will always be met by Christ, a place where his promises are continually proclaimed anew.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" - *arr. Johann Gottfried Walther*

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and,
for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore
declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The Gathering

PEACE

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

***You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.***

GATHERING HYMN

“This Joyful Eastertide”

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.

GREETING

- A 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!**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

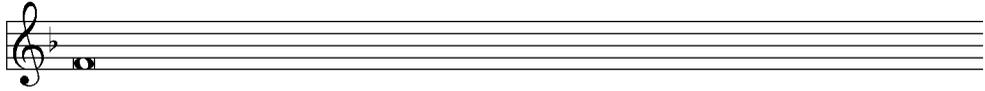
C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** 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-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A** Let us pray. Living God,
C **Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us and for us through his redeeming work; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter addressed the men of Jerusalem, recalling what God has done in Jesus Christ. Those who heard him asked what they might do in response to this message. Peter urged them to repent and be baptized so their sins may be forgiven. That day, around three thousand new converts were added to the number of "The Way."

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-14

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

³Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life.

⁴**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.**

⁵The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.**

⁷For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

⁹I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low."
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."



**¹⁰How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?**

**¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**¹²I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

**¹³Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.**

**¹⁴O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my
bonds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Peter continued his discourse to the believers who have been scattered far from home because of their faith in Christ. He urged them to love one another in genuine love, reminding them that they have been reborn from the imperishable and abiding word of God which is the good news of Jesus Christ.

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

As two followers of Jesus made their journey back to their home in Emmaus, they walked in sadness over the events of the past days. Jesus showed up and walked alongside them and asked them what was troubling them. They wondered aloud why he was the only person in Jerusalem who didn't know what happened in the past few days. Just then Jesus began to speak to them and he "opened the Scriptures."

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Phillips

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.
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;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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 Worship God Through our Giving

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"You Do Not Walk Alone" - Elaine Hagenberg

CREATE IN ME

© Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

- A Heavenly Father, through your Spirit guide all the baptized, that they may daily discover Christ walking before, beside, and behind them wherever their paths may lead. We pray for those preparing for baptism and those who have yet to learn of your abundant grace and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

- A Creator God, all creation groans with labor pains awaiting your promised redemption. In this season of transitioning weather we pray for communities everywhere impacted by the vagaries of violent weather – tornadoes, spring flooding, high winds and lightning. Grant them safety. Be with relief workers and all who assist in recovery efforts. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

- A God of righteousness, grant wisdom to world leaders, turning them away from fear and distrust. Open their eyes to the ways of freedom and justice that reflect your reign. We pray particularly for people in those places where violence and oppression are a daily reality. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

- A Merciful God, be present with those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, those who are unemployed or under-employed, those who are ill or despairing. We pray particularly for Hatti Figge, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm and those we name silently in our hearts or out loud with our voices. Make known to them the wholeness that only you can bring. Lord in your mercy.
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- A 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**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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.

The Sending

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Children Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"With High Delight, Let Us Unite" - arr. Paul Laudengayer

Today's flowers are given by...

Glen and Jeanice Alexander in celebration of their anniversary.

Remember in our prayers...Hatti Figge, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.

Church Hours: After evaluating our current situation, all services and activities at Grace will be cancelled through the end of April. During this time, access to the church will be restricted so please contact the church office ahead of any visit, 614-882-3026.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School: **Anchored: Deepening Faith in God!**
Sunday, July 26-Tuesday, July 28, 6-8pm.

REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

May Grocery List:

Canned chicken/tuna; peanut butter, canned soups, cereal, mac and cheese; spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, frozen chicken or beef, personal care items; shampoo and body wash, and fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M. along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, May 5 we will have our May blood drive from noon until 6:00 pm at Grace. This drive will be by appointment only. Please make an appointment on line at Redcrossblood.org. Also, masks will be required at this event. If the donor does not have a mask, one will be provided.

Westerville Habitat Partnership Lenten donations: There are a few options for donations collected during Lent can be utilized. Donations can be held on to until services resume, an electronic payment made through Westerville Habitat Partnership (<http://westervillehabitat.org/>) or if members would like the donation reflected on their giving statement, a check can be written to Grace and on the memo line write "WHP" or "Habitat" so the money is dispersed properly. Contact for this is Lois Rumph.



Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to *Simply Give* today.

Quarterly Budget Recap: Giving in March almost made up for our deficit earlier in the year and puts us on pace with our budget. Unfortunately, expenses have been higher than expected due to property maintenance on the boiler and the bus which puts us in total \$3k behind our budget year to date. If you would like a copy of the full quarterly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

March 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 35,843	\$ (824)
YTD	\$110,001	\$ 103,275	\$ (6,726)

The Word of the Lord Remains Forever

Find the 41 **bold** words from 1 Peter 1:20–25 (ESV).

W O R D F O U N D A T I O N D
N U E A G A I N N Y M E C O H
R D W L I L D D L P A P G S J
O A O X I F O R E K N O W N K
B E L I E V E R S I I H E M Q
E D F M U H I G Y R F R H R P
D T Y L T S E N R A E I D U S
I B R O H T X I G C S H R H P
E A R A I S E D N E T E T U J
N B B R E M A I N S V I S I P
C L D M Y H S B Y E A O L A W
E B I L O R D A R F U S L U Z
H T U R T E W O R L D L A S T
L J H S E L F S S A R G F K L
L T K S O Y F I A V X T U T E

He was **foreknown** before the **foundation** of the **world** but was made **manifest** in the **last times** for the **sake** of you who through him are **believers** in **God**, who **raised** him from the **dead** and gave him **glory**, so that your **faith** and **hope** are in God. Having **purified** your **souls** by your **obedience** to the **truth** for a **sincere brotherly love**, love one another **earnestly** from a **pure heart**, since you have been **born again**, not of **perishable seed** but of **imperishable**, through the **living** and **abiding** word of God; for “**All flesh** is like **grass** and all its glory like the **flower** of grass. The grass **withers**, and the flower **falls**, but the **word** of the **Lord** **remains forever.**”

Serving Today

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Holy Communion

Every Sunday Morning — 8:15 & 11 am

*Join us for fellowship
and refreshments after
each service.*



Learning for Children & Youth- 9:30 am
Learning for Adults— 9:45 am

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 108 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 007 and three AA groups.

Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.