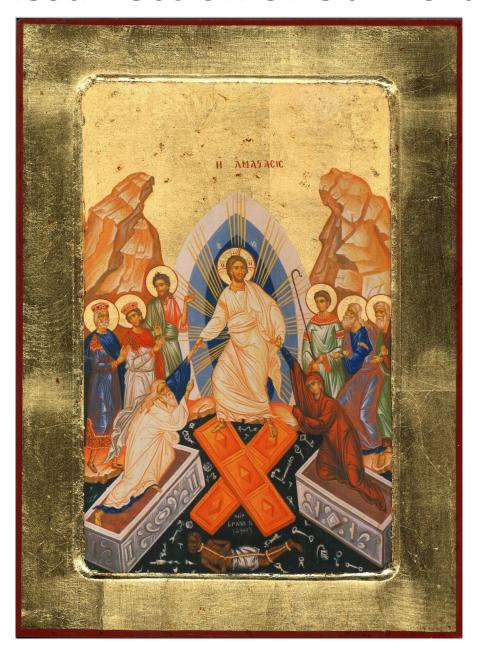
# **Resurrection of Our Lord**



March 31, 2024

## Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, please complete a visitor information sheet and/or record your visit in the red attendance book found in each aisle. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor or an usher.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Quiet Books for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available in the info kiosk, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

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 at www.grace43081.org and the NALC at www.thenalc.org!

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **Brass Quintet and Organ**

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" - *arr. David N. Johnson* "Thine Is the Glory" - *arr. Stephen Walters* 

#### **Announcements**

#### **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.

## Rite for the Blessing of the Paschal Candle

- P May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
- C Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

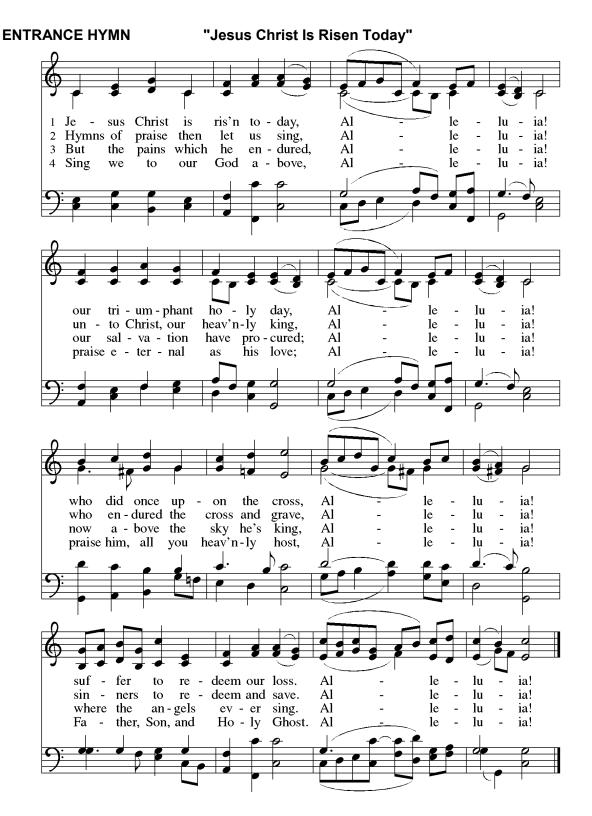
P Receive, O Holy Father, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of this Paschal Candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed.

Altar and Processional candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle.

For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. We pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will vanquish all darkness, and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May He who is the Morning Star find it burning--that Morning Star which never sets, that Morning Star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.

- C Thanks be to God.
- P Rejoice now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad, also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of your people.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the Processional Cross for the Entrance Hymn.

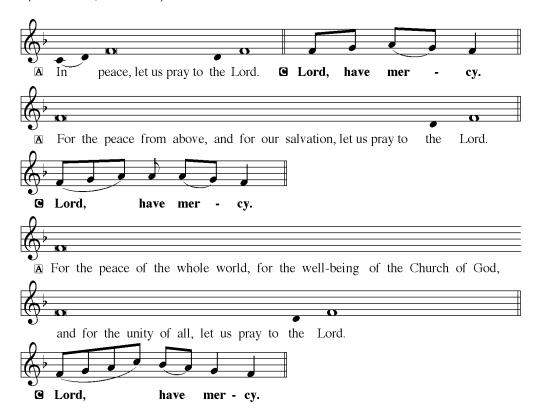


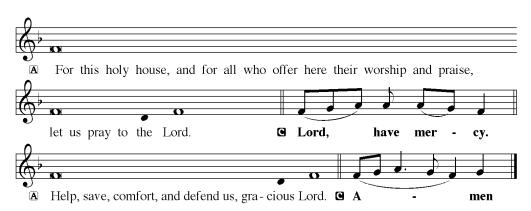
## The Liturgy of The Word

#### THE INVITATORY AND APOSTOLIC GREETING

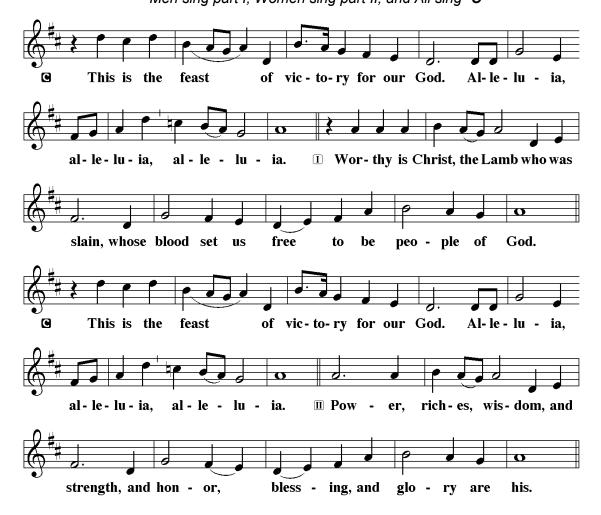
- A And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe and they were alarmed.
- P And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here!" (Mark 16:5-6)
- P Christ is risen!
- C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- C And also with you.

#### **KYRIE** (Mark 10: 47, Luke 17:13)





## HYMN OF PRAISE Worthy is Christ" (Revelation 5:9-12) Men sing part I, Women sing part II, and All sing "C"





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah proclaimed the word of the Lord which promised a lavish banquet of fine foods and wine for God's people. Death would be no more, tears and suffering would be no more. "Let us be glad in his salvation," declared the prophet.

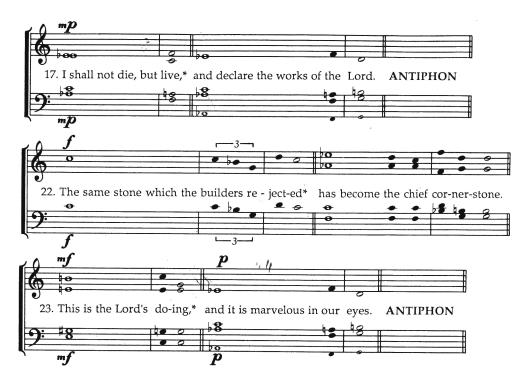
<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

#### Psalm 118:14-17,22-23

The choir will sing the antiphon once, followed by the congregation singing the antiphon. The choir will sing the verses, with the congregation singing the antiphon, as indicated.





#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

St. Paul preached the good news to the Corinthian Christians that Christ died for the sins of all who believe, and was raised according to the scriptures. After Jesus was raised from the dead he appeared to his disciples and to many others, including Paul himself, as unlikely as it was. It is by grace alone, Paul iterated, that he was called by Christ to be an apostle, even though he once had persecuted the church.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ¹Then 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

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

Please stand as you are able.

#### **ALLELUIA VERSE** (John 6:68)



#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The women who went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body were astonished to find a young man, perhaps an angel, sitting in the empty tomb. Confused by this sight, the women were instructed by the man to go and tell the disciples that Jesus was no longer in the grave. He had risen from the dead. The women were so afraid after this encounter that they said nothing to anyone.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, 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. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁴And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ¹But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁴And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER TIME**: At this time, children may depart the sanctuary for a special Children's Easter story "Twas the Morning of Easter" by Glenys Nellist, Illustrated by Elena Selivanova and activity. They will return after the sermon.

#### The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

#### SERMON: "Endless Possibilities!"

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "The Strife is O'er" Al - le - lu al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia! ia, -1 The strife is o'er. the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia! has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia! from the dead. All glo-ry to our ris - en head! Al-le - lu - ia! por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al-le - lu - ia! ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia. al - le - lu ia. al - le - lu ia!

#### THE 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.

#### THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

## After each petition:

- A Lord, in your mercy;
- C Hear our prayer.

- P Almighty Father, with heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who gave us eternal life and joy, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P The peace of the Lord 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.

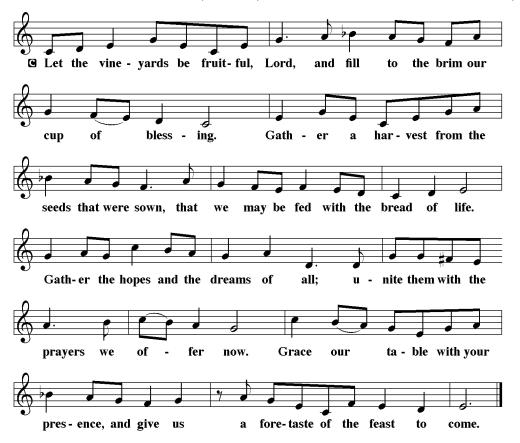
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#### THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" - arr. Mary McDonald
Grace Singers Chancel Choir, Brass Quintet and Timpani, Linda Hoch - Organ,
Jeff Daubenmire - Piano, Christopher Hoch - Conductor

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD (Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7)

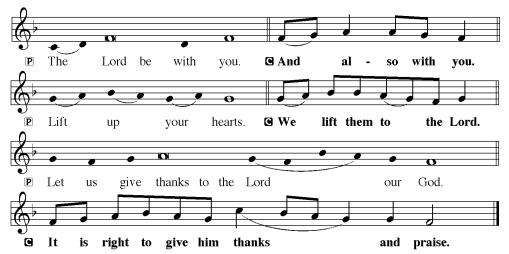


#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Blessed are vou.
- O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have C blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

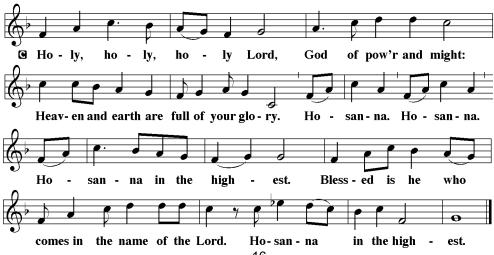
## THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



Ρ It is indeed right and salutary . . . The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)



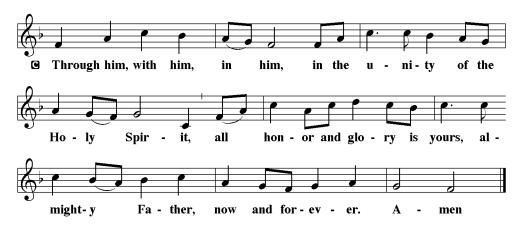
#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION (Luke 24:30-31, 35; Acts 2:42)

A time of silence...

- P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)
- C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please be seated.



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune this morning.

Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing. You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.

As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

## After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided

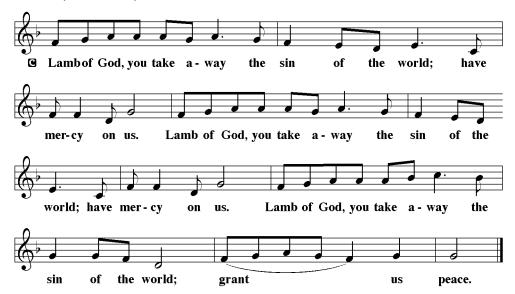
(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion: O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

**Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:** Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the

Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)



#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - arr. Tom Trenney

Nick Cosgrove - Vocalist, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

"Christ Arose" - arr. Tedd Smith/ Don Hustad

Jeff Daubenmire - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" - arr. David Paxton

Jeff Daubenmire - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

After all have communed, please stand.

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

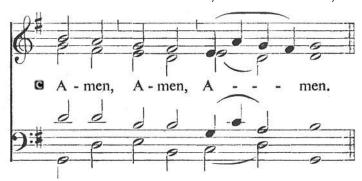
- P The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.
- C Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

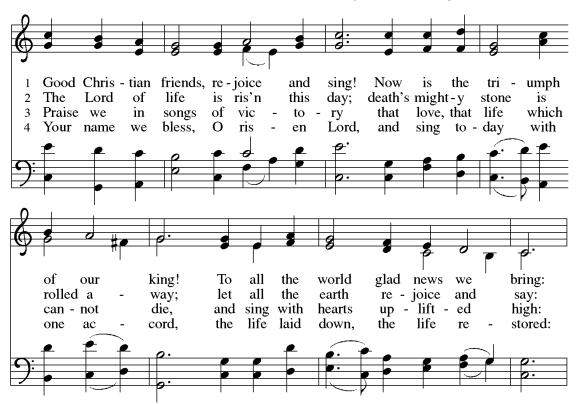
- A Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
- C Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



## RECESSIONAL HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"





#### THE RITE OF SENDING

- A Christ is risen!
- C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- A Go in peace, serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

**Brass Quintet, Timpani, Organ** 

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia" - arr. Christopher Hoch

**Offering:** An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

**Remember in our prayers...** Joyce Strung, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Bryce Meneley, Evelyn Boughton, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, the family of Carol Schlea

**Easter Breakfast:** Free will offering at the event supports VBS, June 10-13, 2024. This event is hosted by Youth and Family, middle schoolers and Confirmation class and catered by The Westerville Grill. VBS Registration is now open: https://vbspro.events/p/events/2024gracevbs

## **Notes & News**



**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.



Please keep James Schlea and family in your prayers, as his wife Carol passed away Friday, March 22.

Romans 14: Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.

Columbarium Update: The new monuments for the Grace Columbarium expansion have been installed and are awaiting landscaping and hardscaping. The niches are available for members to purchase. Information packets are available on the south table at the entrance to the sanctuary and at the welcome desk. Please contact Jon Sweet in the church office with any questions.



Reminder: If you have any accounts with Thrivent Financial, you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can direct to Grace. Dollars must be directed by TODAY and must be renewed each year. Thank you so much to those of you who have chosen Grace as your designated recipient in the past. In 2023 we received \$724 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding.

Congregational Visitation by Pastor Wendel: Upon the beginning of his ministry at Grace



in early December, Pastor Wendel has been focused on visiting every home to become better acquainted with all who are involved at Grace Lutheran Church. Council member, Becky Seifert, is scheduling and coordinating these visits. You may contact Becky at seifertbecky@yahoo.com or 614-378-6023. Should you need to contact

Pastor Wendel for a last minute change, feel free to call or text him at 719-650-8171. For anyone who may prefer to meet in pastor's office, please let Becky know when scheduling!

Flowers for 2024: Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or



simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to \$80.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation is \$30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.



Parents: If you have children 3rd or 4th grade (or older) who may be ready and/or interested in first communion, please speak with Pastor Wendel or Molly King. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Wendel, 719-650-8171.

Calling all visitors and those considering membership at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church!



We will be receiving new members Sunday, May 5, at both services! A New Member Class will be offered with two sessions Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour and the second session the same day after the 11am service. A light lunch will be provided in the Loaves and Fishes

fellowship area, followed by the session in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor David Wendel and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. If you have questions regarding Grace Lutheran Church or membership, please contact Pastor Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081, or by phone or text 719-650-8171. Those wishing to participate in the new member class and planning to join in membership, please register at <a href="www.grace43081.org">www.grace43081.org</a> or call the office at 614-882-3026, or email at office@grace43081.org.

<u>Intercessory Prayer Team:</u> Intercessory prayer is available to all ages, young people, older OWL folks (Older Wiser Lutherans) and all in between ages. Your prayers are welcome for family, friends, co-workers, travel, health, safety, school, surgery, guidance on a decision, thanksgiving for an answered prayer and so much more.



There are many ways to make your prayer request:

- 1)The Prayer Chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens.
  - A. Whatever you have available to write a prayer on, we'll take that too! A paper napkin, the back of a grocery list, any scrap of paper will work.
  - B. Put your request in the Prayer Chest anytime.
- 2) What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office, or anywhere you are: Grace website: <a href="mailto:grace43081.org">grace43081.org</a>

The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right hand side of the first page. Your name is optional.

Only the Intercessory Prayer Team leaders see the original requests. Members are sent the prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks. Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

#### **CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The Sunday Worship of the Lutheran Church: Have you wondered why we do what we do in Sunday worship? Have you been curious about the history and development of Christian worship from the early church life today? Pastor Wendel will lead an in-depth study being Monday, April 8, 6:30pm at the church. Please sign-up if you plan to participate. Questions? Call or text

Pastor Wendel 719-650-8171.

The Women's Bible Study: We are studying The Gospel of John: Part 1 by Tony

BIBLE

Evans. Description: Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciples book- that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus

Christ. If you don't already have a RightNow Media account contact Molly King, <a href="mailto:m.king@grace43081.org">m.king@grace43081.org</a>.

## **Upcoming Events**

April 7	<ul> <li>12:30pm– VBS Craft Day</li> <li>Deadline to signup for Crew2 Game April 21</li> <li>Mr. Carmel Street Medicine item drop off deadline</li> </ul>
April 8	<ul> <li>1:00pm Ruth Circle</li> <li>6:30pm Sunday Worship of the Lutheran Church Study (6 week study)</li> </ul>
April 11	6:30pm Men's Gathering @ Wendell's Pub
April 12 & 13	Council Retreat
April 14	<ul> <li>9:30am Sunday School putting together Mt. Carmel Street Medicine kits</li> <li>Secret Sister Luncheon</li> </ul>
April 20	8am Men of Grace
April 21	<ul> <li>NALC Disaster Response Sunday</li> <li>Youth and Family: 3pm Crew game (sign-up at the welcome desk)</li> <li>11am Youth Choir Sings</li> </ul>
April 28	New Member classes at 9:30am and 12:30pm (New Member Welcome: May 5)
May 3 & 4	Ohio Mission Region Convocation (Registration open now)
June 10-13	Scuba VBS

Adult Bible Class: "The Seven Mountains" Every nation has seven primary areas of



culture, or mountains, that are meant to be the format, or context in which we receive God's ever-increasing Kingdom. They are Media, Family, Arts & Entertainment, Economy, Religion, Education, and Government. How can we, as Christians, effectively impact the areas of culture in which we have influence or a passion for? Join the class for a study on the "Seven Mountains" beginning on April

28 at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. And is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

Youth and Family Event with the Columbus Crew: Come join us for Faith and Family Night with the Columbus Crew. The game is with Crew 2 and played in the old stadium. Crew 1 will not be having Faith and Family Night this year because tickets are sold out for the home games. If you are interested you can sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome to join us as we cheer on the Columbus Crew 2 for Faith and Family day, April 21 at 3pm. Tickets are \$12. Sign-up at the welcome desk by April 7. Please let Molly King know if you have any questions.

#### Choirs at Grace:



- Grace Youth Choir rehearsals are part of the Sunday School opening which takes place Sundays from 9:30-9:50am in the 2nd floor Sunday School room. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.
- **Grace Chancel Choir** rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.
- Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.

Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN! Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13,



**5:30-8:30pm** kids dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Register at https://vbspro.events/p/events/2024gracevbs

Vacation Bible School Donation Requests: The VBS donation board is up in the Gathering Space. Check back each week at items are added leading up to VBS.

- The first Creation Day for VBS is Sunday, April 7 at 12:30pm, signup at the Welcome Desk.
- Items currently on the board due TODAY to prepare for Creation Day #1 as we dive head first into creating a memorable VBS, immersing kids in the Word and discovering with living water is really all about!

#### **OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS**



We received \$500 in Rice Bowls Lenten offerings.



Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: The Sunday School classes are making Blessing Bags for the Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team. The collection is now till Sunday, April 7th. The children will be putting together the Blessing bags and making encouragement cards on that day. The items being collected are: Wet Wipes, Individually wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bar of soap and washcloth and hand sanitizer. Any questions see Molly or email at m.king@grace43081.org.

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



April Shopping List: Mustard: BBQ Sauce: Jello/ Pudding Mixes - Sugar Free and Regular, Juices -Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Tomato; Soup – Bean or Westerville Area Resource Ministry Tomato; Tomato Paste or Sauce; Green Beans, Corn \*\*LOW SALT ONLY\*\*; Cereal; Kids Diapers - sizes 4,

5, 6; Hand/Soft soap; and Fabric Softener. We cannot accept food that has reached its

expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take 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.

**NALC Disaster Response Sunday will be April 21.** We will be collecting school kits on this day. Items include:

## School Kit: Elementary

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

#### School Kit: High School

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
   -or- 4 mechanical pencils
- 4 pens

#### **HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 14 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or vschpn55@ gmail.com.

NURSERY is OPEN! The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org.



**Loaves and Fishes café** is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

#### "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" - arr. David N. Johnson

This Greek Easter hymn by one of the most important of the early Greek hymnists, John of Damascus (c. 675-c. 749), includes references to the Song of Moses (Exodus 15) where deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. The hymn also uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection.

#### "Thine is the Glory" - arr. Stephen Walters

The French hymn, "A toi la gloire" (dated 1884) by Edmond Budry (1854-1932), pastor in Vevey, Switzerland, was first published in the Y.M.C.A. Hymn Book (Lausanne, 1904). It was translated into English by Richard B. Hoyle (1875-1939) in 1923 and appeared in Cantate Domino (1925), the hymnal of the World's Student Christian Federation. In England, the first line is sung "Thine be the glory." The hymn tune is adapted from a chorus in the original version of Handel's oratorio Joshua (1748). The music was transferred from Joshua to Judas Maccabeus in 1751 and there it has remained, set to the words "See, the conquering hero comes."

#### "Crown Him With Many Crowns" - arr. Mary McDonald

This hymn, written by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) in 1851, first appeared in his "The Passion of Jesus" (1852) under the title "Third Sorrowful Mystery, Song of the Seraphs". The scriptural reference comes from Revelation 19:12, "His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself." The third verse was written by Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) 23 years after the verses by Bridges. The completed hymn appeared in "Hymns and Sacred Lyrics" in 1874. George Elvey (1816-1893), a noted English organist, wrote the tune DIADEMATA (Greek word for crowns) in 1868.

#### "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" – arr. Tom Trenney

This hymn's author, John D. Fawcett (1740-1817), having received a call to a church in London, resigned his pastorate in Wainsgate, Yorkshire and was preparing to move, with personal belongings all packed and loaded. His congregation was grief stricken at the thought of his leaving and he and his wife shared the feeling, so they changed their plans and decided to remain. It has been said that this hymn was written as a result of this experience, and it first appeared in Fawcett's *Hymns adapted to the circumstances of Public Worship and Private Devotion* (1782).

#### "Christ Arose" - arr. Tedd Smith/ Don Hustad

Robert Lowry (1826-1899) wrote the text and tune in 1874 while he was pastor of a Baptist Church in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and a professor of rhetoric in Bucknell University. The complete hymn by Lowry was first published in *Brightest and Best* (1875) edited by William H. Doane and Lowry.

## "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" - arr. David Paxton

As a result of her life-long interest in religious education, the author, Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898), wrote 150 hymns for children. This one attempts to explain the deeper meanings of the forty days of Lent – fasting, praying, temptations, penitence which point to the joys of Easter which follows the penitential season.

#### "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" - arr. Christopher Hoch

This hymn by John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875) is found in his *Hymns of Love and Praise* (1863), dedicated to the memory of two of his children. Monsell was an Irishman who was ordained an Anglican Deacon in 1834 and priest in 1835. He wrote eleven volumes of poetry, which include about three hundred hymns. He was injured and died in a fall from his church's roof while observing its repairs.



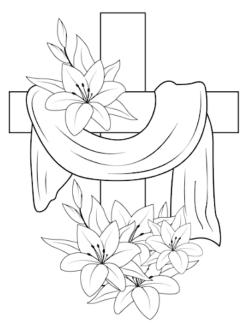
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5th Wednesday in Lent, March 20: 7pm: 62

Palm/Passion Sunday: 8:15am: 75; 11:00am: 150; Total: 225



# Thank you!

Thank you to all who served, planned, organized, set-up, prepared meals, preformed, purchased flowers, attended, and provided support during Lent and Holy Week!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## The Gates of Rigtheousness

Find the 30 bold words from Psalm 118:17-24 (ESV)

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I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Serving Today**

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

ASSISTING MINISTER

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jeff Daubenmire

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Linda Hoch

**BRASS QUINTET** 

Julia Moxley - Trumpet Joel Kellar - Trumpet

Christopher Hoch - Trombone

Zach Irwin - Trombone Cam Reinbolt - Tuba Benny Hoch - Timpani

SACRISTAN

Fred Pfanz

LECTOR

8:15 Bob Ayers 11:

11:00 Roger Retherford

**ACOLYTES** 

8:15 Charlotte Holmes, Jack Nickoli, Charlie Nickoli

11:00 Gabriel Young, Landon Blankenship,

Miguel Arrequin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT 8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Fric Bush

**GREETERS** 

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Lisa Kuhar

11:00 Tracey Nave

8.15

**USHERS** 

8:15 Chris Banks, John Kotik, Dan George,

Béla Bernhardt

11:00 Joe Moleno, Merlin Breen, Dick Jones,

**Brice Graves** 

ALTAR GUILD Team 3

Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodi Arreguin, Dorotha Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn,

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NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Kailey Freeman, Cassidy Reese



## This Week at Grace: March 31- April 7, 2024

#### March 31 Resurrection of Our Lord

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:15 am Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

9:30-1045am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall and East Narthex)

11:00 am Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

MON 1:00 pm Katharine Circle

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:15 pm Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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7:00 pm Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS 1:00 pm Art and Environment Meeting

FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

#### April 7 Second Sunday of Easter

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:15 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Sunday School

9:45 am Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and

Confirmation

11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm VBS Craft Day #1

Crew game sign-up deadline

Mr. Carmel Street Medicine Collection Ends

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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.