



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. 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. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Elizabeth Omes and Scott Christopher in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, April 15.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: 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

Poor Thomas! He misses Jesus' first appearance to the disciples, understandably questions the veracity of their claims, and gets labelled for all time as "Doubting" Thomas. On the other hand, at least Thomas does get to see Jesus. We have not seen such things; the risen Christ has long since ascended into heaven. We find ourselves with Thomas in between Sundays. We have heard of Jesus' resurrection but have yet to see him with our own eyes. Still, even with doubts, we believe! For the risen Christ is present in our midst. The bread and wine we consume this day are the same flesh and blood Thomas touched. The same Spirit of peace and forgiveness is breathed out upon us. We bring our doubts with us today, and Jesus meets us here.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Robert Buckley Farlee and Michael D. Costello

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

(green) **LBW #132**



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst his pris-on,
 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
 4 For to-day a-mong the twelve Christ ap-peared, be-stow-ing
 5 Al-le-lu-ia! Now we cry to our King im-mor-tal,



God has brought his Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris-en;
 with the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren-der;
 his deep peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.
 who, tri-um-phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
 all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
 comes to glad-den faith-ful hearts which with true af-fec-tion
 Neith-er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,
 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
 from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un-dy-ing.
 wel-come in un-wea-ried strain Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion!
 nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor-tal.
 God has brought his Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

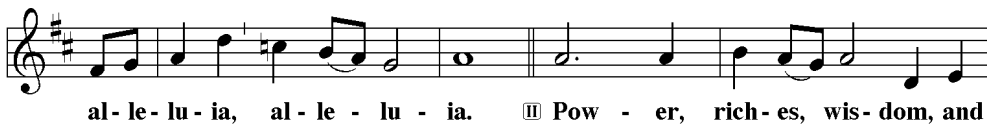
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G And also with you.

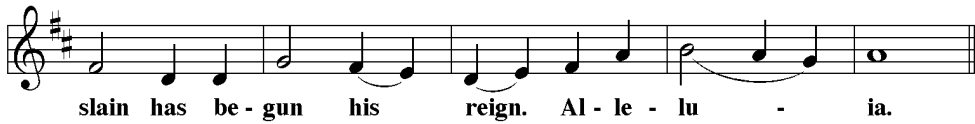
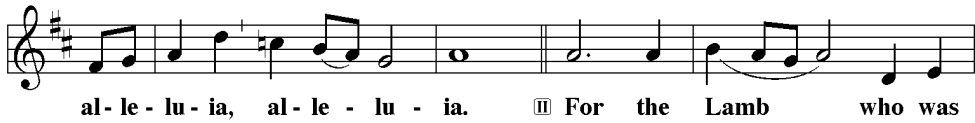
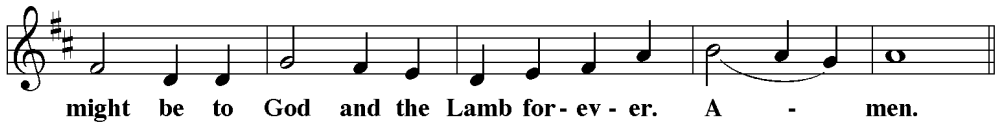
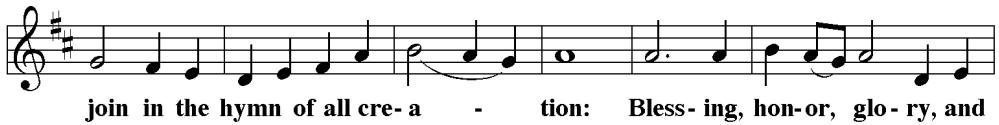
HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

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

All sing parts marked G.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith in you
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

ANTIPHON: In your presence is fullness of joy.

John Folkening

- L** Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;*
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”
- C** **All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,*
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- L** But those who run after | other gods*
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- C** **Their libations of blood I | will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.**
- L** O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;*
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- C** **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.**
- L** I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- C** **I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;*
because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall.**
- L** My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;*
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- C** **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,*
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- L** You will show me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

We stand.

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: John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Not Seeing is Believing

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 20:19–31



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Risen Christ

ELW #390



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Groatorex, 1877–1949

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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.

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.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Keep a Joyful Song Ringing in Your Heart

Hal H. Hopson

Keep a joyful song ringing in your heart;
Join the saints of ages in singing songs of praises.
Sing, “Gloria! Hosanna! Alleluia! O praise the Lord.”

Songs of joy the angels sang;
All the earth with music rang;
“Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

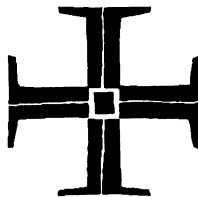
Loud hosannas the children sang;
All Jerusalem joyfully rang;
Music resounded as Jesus rode by on that festal day.

Paul and Silas in jail sang out;
Martyrs, too, their songs did shout;
Paul, in a letter, proclaimed that we sing and make melody.

Hal H. Hopson

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** The Risen Christ

Benjamin Culli



We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. 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; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical phrases. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

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

OFFERTORY 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

Richard Hillert

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Thanks Be to God

Paul Bouman

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
 And may our faith abound
 To call on you when you are near,
 And seek where you are found.

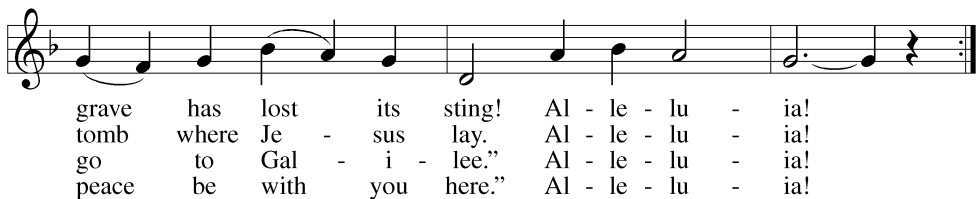
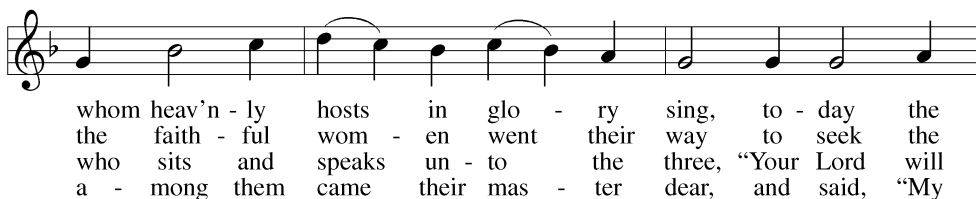
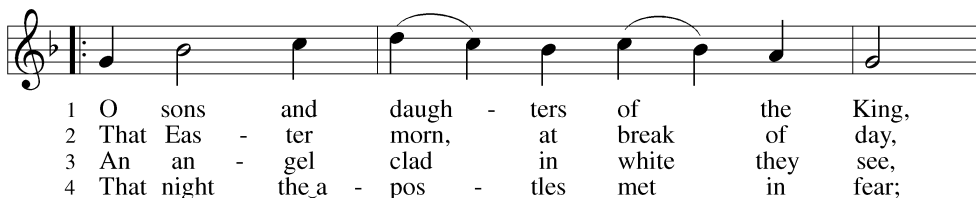
We may not touch your hands and side,
 Nor follow where you trod;
 But in your promise we rejoice,
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"

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

Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

HYMN: O Sons and Daughters of the King(green) **LBW #139**

Odd-numbered stanzas are sung by all; even-numbered stanzas are sung by a soloist.



After stanza 9:



- | | |
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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!</p> <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!</p> <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!</p> <p>9 On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!</p> |
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Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French, 15th cent.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray.
Eternal God,
through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ
you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table
with the food and drink of the promised land.
Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory
made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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

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!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Ellie Anderson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Susie Calhoun
Julie Modrich
Hudson Schedler, Lukas Cohen
Paulette Reddel, Larry Caponigri
Paul Koester, Susan Weber
Liz Hanson, Marilyn Moehlenkamp
Tuneful Thursdays
Johanna Johnson
Susan Bogner, Mary Jane Keitel,
Paulette Reddel, Ruth Reko
Tom Swanson, Liz Hanson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Gift Bearers
Ushers
Altar Guild
Choir
Director
Greeters

Livestream audio/video

11:00

Val Spiller
David and Carrie Simpson
Luke Murphy, Nicholas Greig
Leanne Cribbs

Donna Serpico, Ellie Schnack
Parish Choir
Michael D. Costello
Kathryn Jandeska, Bill Koehne,
Allison and Avery Tan

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, APRIL 16

Library Open (self-service, coffee) 8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School (3rd Floor Commons) 9:45 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library)..... 9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Center)..... 9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room) 9:45 a.m.
New Members Class (Conference Room)..... 9:45 a.m.
Heritage Chorale Concert (Sanctuary) 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Endowment Committee (Online).....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Knitting Group (Church Library) 1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

School Chapel Service 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall).....11:30 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

GraceNotes Mailing Crew (Church Library) 9:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center) 6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Rm) 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 21

Family Barn Dance (Gym).....6:00 p.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop Meeting (3rd Floor Commons) ...7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 22

Men of Grace (Youth Center)..... 9:00 a.m.

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