

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Holy Communion**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**April 9, 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** may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Stop by the front desk for more information.

**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.

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### **As We Gather**

The women go looking for Jesus where they are certain to find him, for death is nothing if not certain. When they arrive, they encounter the most surprising thing of all. They find *not* Jesus. The one place he isn't is the tomb. He has been raised. They go, with fear and great joy, and find Jesus himself. Not dead, but alive. Flesh and bones and all. No matter how often we've heard it, resurrection is the story we need the most. Why? Because it is no mere story. It is the answer to the deepest problems of life, including death itself. Today we come to the empty tomb and find nothing but dazzling light and a gateway to resurrection living on both sides of the grave. Christ is risen! Alleluia!



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

*We listen to the prelude as we gather for worship.*

## PRELUDE

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy

Paul Bouman

Instrumental arr. Harold Rohlfing

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy,  
Now from death's deep dungeon risen,  
Lets the Church his praise employ,  
Sets her free from sorrow's prison.  
Death did all its strengths deploy,  
Jesus lives, the Lord of Joy.

Sorrow here a little while;  
Suffer midst the world's rejoicing.  
Satan's arts through men beguile;  
World and flesh their joys are voicing.  
These deceive like base alloy,  
Jesus is the Church's Joy.

To the Father in his death  
Jesus went with will unswerving,  
Giving up life's precious breath  
For his people undeserving.  
He whom death could not destroy  
Lives to be the Church's Joy.

Now take heart, you Christian men;  
Fill God's house with loud thanksgiving.  
Jesus lives to come again,  
Joy for anguish to be giving.  
Pain and trials now annoy,  
Jesus comes, the Church's Joy!

Alleluia risen Lord!  
Raymond Schulze

¡Resucitó, Resucitó!

Kiko Arguerllo  
arr. Lorraine Florindez

*¡Resucitó, Resucitó! Aleluya!*

He rose, he rose! Alleluia!

*Si con él morimos,  
con él vivimos;  
con él cantamos;  
Aleluya!*

O death, where is thy sting?  
Where then, oh, grave, thy victory?

If with him we die,  
with him we live;  
with him we sing;  
Alleluia!

Rise up and sing now, sing alleluia,  
since Christ is risen we too shall rise!  
Alleluia!

Partita on DUKE STREET

Charles Callahan

*We stand and face the processional cross for the hymn.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Setting: Michael D. Costello



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1–3  
Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

*Alleluia!*

## GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE** (*sung by the choirs*)

Richard Hillert

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

O God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ**

Richard Hillert

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

*All sing parts marked C.*

**C** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

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

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

**C** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God,

you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,  
and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin,

that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Choir** Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
his mercy en- | dures forever.

**C** Let Israel | now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy en- | dures forever.”

**Choir** The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become | my salvation.

**C** There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory\*  
in the tents | of the righteous:

**Choir** “The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!\*

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!”

**C** I shall not | die, but live,\*  
and declare the works | of the LORD.

**Choir** The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,\*  
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**C** Open for me the | gates of righteousness,\*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

**Choir** “This is the gate | of the LORD;\*  
he who is right- | eous may enter.”

**C** I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\*  
and have become | my salvation.

**Choir** The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\*  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**C** This is | the LORD’s doing,\*  
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

**Choir** On this day the | LORD has acted;\*  
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

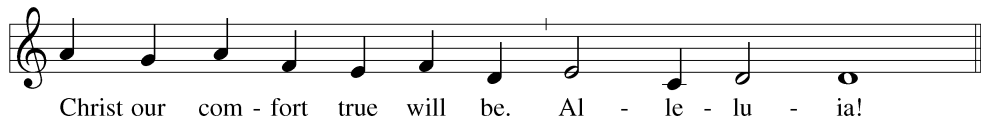
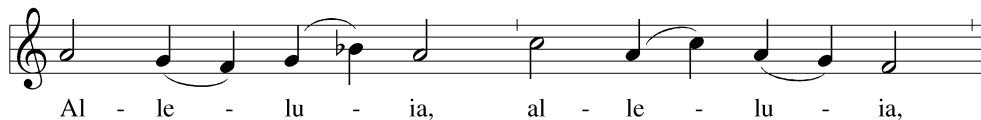
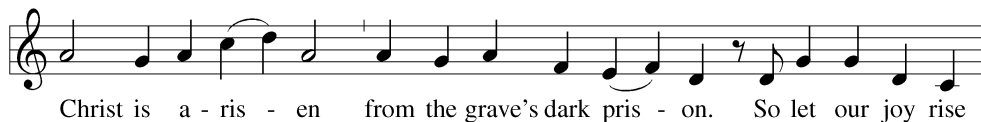
**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand and turn to face the cross in procession.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen**

Setting: Jan Bender



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: Matthew 28:1–10

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.



*We face the cross in procession, singing the third verse of the Sequence Hymn, printed below.*

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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*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: He Is Not Here

Pastor David R. Lyle

Matthew 28:1–10

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk

Descant by Paul G. Bunjes



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
Choir 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay in the tomb;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
but, lo, he now is rout - ed, his boast is turned to gloom.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,



when to the realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.  
he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

4 He brings me to the portal  
that leads to bliss untold,  
whereon this rhyme immortal  
is found in script of gold:  
“Who there my cross has shared  
finds here a crown prepared;  
who there with me has died  
shall here be glorified.”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.  
Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## 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/ANTHEM:** Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Michael D. Costello

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
Through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;  
Death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,  
Angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav Vajda, 1919–2008

Music: NOW, Carl Schalk, 1929–2021

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## 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.

- ¶ 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:



♩ 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.

- ¶ 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.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
 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, O God, 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,  
that we who share in Christ'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.



**C** Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -



might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

**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

**ANTHEM:** This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch carol, arr. Katherine K. Davis

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow;  
My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Thomas Blackburn

**HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

Concertato by Paul G. Bunjes

*Stanzas four and six are sung by the choir.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**ANTHEM: Hallelujah! (from *Messiah*)**

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
 The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ,  
 and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!  
 Revelation 19:6, Revelation 19:16, Revelation 11:15

*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.**



SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Tune and Setting: Carl F. Schalk

*Stanza three is sung by the choir.*



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

Music: THINE, Carl Schalk, 1929–2021

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## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE:** *Final* (From Symphony No. 1)

Louis Vierne

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

Grace Parish Choir

Grace Women's Choir  
Gwen Gotsch, director

Grace School 5-8 Grade Choir  
Johanna Johnson, director

Ann Anderson, flutist  
Christian Anderson and Candace Horton, trumpeters  
Daniel Johnson and Brad Payne, trombonists  
Jon Johnson, timpanist

**8:30**

Val Spiller  
Carrie and David Simpson  
Elliot Engebretson, Katy Starrick  
Lois Harb, Susie Calhoun  
Ted Anton, Mike Carioscio, John Sanger  
Scott Schwar, Susan Weber  
Catherine Amato, Christina Starrick  
Larry Caponigri, Julia Lehmann,  
Ann and Ed Mason  
Andrew Costello and Liz Hanson

**Deacon**

**Lectors**

**Crucifer/Bible Bearer**

**Gift Bearers**

**Ushers**

**Altar Guild**

**Greeters**

**Livestream audio/video**

**11:00**

Dan Lehmann  
Mary Margaret Bartley, Sandy Lentz  
Laney Juel  
Esther and Neal Armstrong  
Eliza Grahne, Mary Rasmusson  
David Jezl, Stephanie and Lance Wilkening  
Jane Andrew, Scott Street  
Susan Bogner, Beth and John Reynolds,  
Linda Street

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## LET US PRAY . . .

Carol Albright	Carol Forrest	Joan Koerber	Jim Scherer
Sue Allen	David Franzone	Karen Lemke	Rhea Sprecher
Annalise Balock	Susan Franzone	Karen McMahon	Jill Sunderman
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Miriam Bretscher	<b>Galen Gockel</b>	Rob Ransom	Jane Thompson
MaryBeth Buschmann	Marlene Hallman	Ruth Rehwaldt	Carole Walther
Dick Calhoun	Susan Hammon	Adrienne Rott	Linda Webb
Yvonne Daniels	Patricia Herendeen	Marnie Rourke	
Hans Dumpys	Genevieve Jones	Marge Sanger	
Louis Elia	Phyllis Kersten	Pat Scala	

Joe Anderson ( <i>nephew of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )	Kathryn Krubsack ( <i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i> )
Pat B. ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )	Maxx Kuser ( <i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i> )
Fran Benson ( <i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	Beverly and Charles Leistico ( <i>parents of Sue Foran</i> )
Collene Berghaus ( <i>daughter-in-law of Judy Berghaus</i> )	Kozene Lofton ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )
Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )	John Lunde ( <i>friend of Susan Messerli</i> )
Emmet Bindon ( <i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i> )	Anita Lyle ( <i>mother of Dave Lyle</i> )
Jim Brandt ( <i>friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner</i> )	Esther Martz ( <i>friend of Susie Calhoun</i> )
Irene Buchbinder ( <i>mother of Paul Buchbinder</i> )	Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )
Brendan Cameron ( <i>friend of Scott and Linda Street</i> )	Betty McClerren ( <i>aunt of Stephanie Wilkening</i> )
Jess Cosby ( <i>nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )	Dwight Nelson ( <i>father of Annalise Nelson Balock</i> )
<b>Sharese Mamiri</b> ( <i>sister of Lori Martin</i> )	Heidi Neumark ( <i>friend of many at Grace</i> )
Charles Dietz ( <i>friend of Carol and Bill Ewald</i> )	Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein ( <i>brother and sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )
Stella Dillberg ( <i>mother of Gretchen Weaver</i> )	Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )
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Benjamin Galihier ( <i>nephew of Paul May</i> )	Paula Reynolds ( <i>friend of Kay Bowers and Katie Wasson</i> )
Chandamma Gantepalli ( <i>mother of Hena Gantepalli</i> )	John Riley ( <i>father of Karin Danganan</i> )
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Jerry Haase ( <i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley and Stewart Clarke</i> )	Nancy Stelling ( <i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i> )
Allison Heppner ( <i>daughter-in-law of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )	Russ Tellio ( <i>friend of Susan and David Franzone</i> )
Harry Heppner ( <i>brother of Ken Heppner</i> )	Mary Lou Wagoner ( <i>sister-in-law of Stan Reddel</i> )
Julia Hickey ( <i>daughter of Susan Hickey</i> )	Bob Weaver ( <i>husband of Gretchen</i> )
Susan Hickey ( <i>former member of Grace</i> )	Bill Werner ( <i>friend of Richard Martens and Grace School alum</i> )
Clarence Hinz ( <i>father of Julie Hinz</i> )	Nancy & Dick Woodka ( <i>friends of Susan and David Franzone</i> )
Owen Huffman ( <i>son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman</i> )	Randi Woodworth ( <i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i> )
Judy Johnson ( <i>Grace School alum</i> )	Don and Arleeta Yeske ( <i>friends of Eunice Spurgat</i> )
Arnold Krubsack ( <i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i> )	

## **Benevolence ministries**

Housing Forward

## **In thanksgiving for**

The 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Jim Barkenquast (April 3)

## **For those who mourn**

**William Thorson** (*uncle and godfather of Chrissy Nelson*)

**Joanne Saxe** (*cousin of Beverly Luecking*)

## **Those serving in the armed services**

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

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

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

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

## **Those in the foreign service**

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

## **Those who are homebound**

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

## **Those who need encouragement**

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

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

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, APRIL 9

Library Open (self-service, coffee) .....8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.  
Easter Worship – Holy Communion .... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Prelude music at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.)

## MONDAY, APRIL 10

Building Closed  
Finance Committee (Online).....7:00 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry (Online).....7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Retired Leaders (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Property Committee (Church Library) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room).... 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

School Chapel Service ..... 8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Yoga (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Budget Committee (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Board of Discipleship (Online) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Committee (1902 Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, April 14

GriefShare (Church Library)..... 9:00 a.m.  
Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... 11:00 a.m.

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**Brendha Adams**, Communications Coordinator  
**Julie Modrich**, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
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