



Welcome to

## **Grace Lutheran Church and School**

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,  
live with love, and go to serve.



### **Visitors**

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

### **Worship at Grace**

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

### **Learn More**

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at [graceriverforest.org](http://graceriverforest.org).

### **The Holy Communion**

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## **Welcome to Grace**

Welcome 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 page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

## **Children's Resources**

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery Care**

The nursery is open and staffed 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.

## **Holy Communion**

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

## **Electronic Devices**

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

## **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.

## **Altar Flowers**

Flowers that decorate the altar may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please see the front desk for details.

## **We Gather**

Those closest to Jesus continue to disbelieve the truth of the resurrection. From Mary to Thomas to all the rest, incredulity is the first reaction. Honestly, who can blame them? We see more of the same today as we join Cleopas and an unnamed disciple on the long walk back to Emmaus. Jesus walks with them but they have no idea who he is, other than a stranger. Jesus was the One in whom they had hoped, but that hope died on the cross. Nevertheless, Jesus keeps showing up. Even in their hopelessness, the two disciples show the migrant Jesus hospitality. Their hospitality becomes the occasion for Jesus to welcome them into the gobsmacking truth of the resurrection. Jesus shows up again today in the breaking of the bread. He calls us to welcome others - the stranger, the migrant, the outsider - to the table of his abundant grace.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** String Quartet in A Major, Op. 41, No. 3  
Andante espressivo – Allegro molto moderato

Robert Schumann

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

(blue) **WOV #674**

*Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in a harmonization by Richard Hillert.*



	1	Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!
Choir	2	Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter
3	Je - sus the vine,	we are the branch - es;	
Choir	4	Weep - ing, be gone;	sor - row, be si - lent:
5	Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987  
Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.  
Music © 1969 *Contemporary Worship 1*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

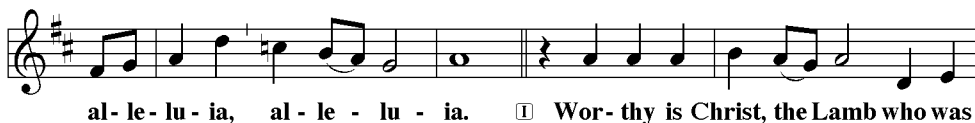
## HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

*Higher voices (treble) sing parts marked I. Lower voices (bass) sing parts marked II.  
All sing parts marked ☑.*



☑ This is the feast of vic - to - ry 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.



☑ This is the feast of vic - to - ry 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. ☐ 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. ☐ 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.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>36</sup>“Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**



ANTIPHON: I will lift up the cup of salvation; I will call on the name of the Lord.

- ℣ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- ☩ **The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;\***  
**I came to | grief and sorrow.**
- ℣ Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:\*  
"O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."
- ☩ **How shall I re- | pay the Lord\***  
**for all the good things he has | done for me?**
- ℣ I will lift up the cup | of salvation\*  
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
- ☩ **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord\***  
**in the presence of | all his people.**
- ℣ Precious in the sight | of the Lord\*  
is the death | of his servants.
- ☩ **O Lord, I | am your servant;\***  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**  
**you have freed me | from my bonds.**
- ℣ I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving\*  
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
- ☩ **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord\***  
**in the presence of | all his people,**
- ℣ in the courts of | the Lord's house,\*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**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

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**SERMON:** Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Luke 24:13–35

We stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Stay with Us**

(green) **WOV #743**

*Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Walter Pelz.*



1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
Choir 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
life you will un - fold. Heal our eyes to see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
Music: STAY WITH US, Walter L. Pelz, b. 1926

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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/VOLUNTARY:** Stay with Us

Walter Pelz

*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!

## 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:

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, 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.

**☩ Amen.**

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

**☩ 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.**

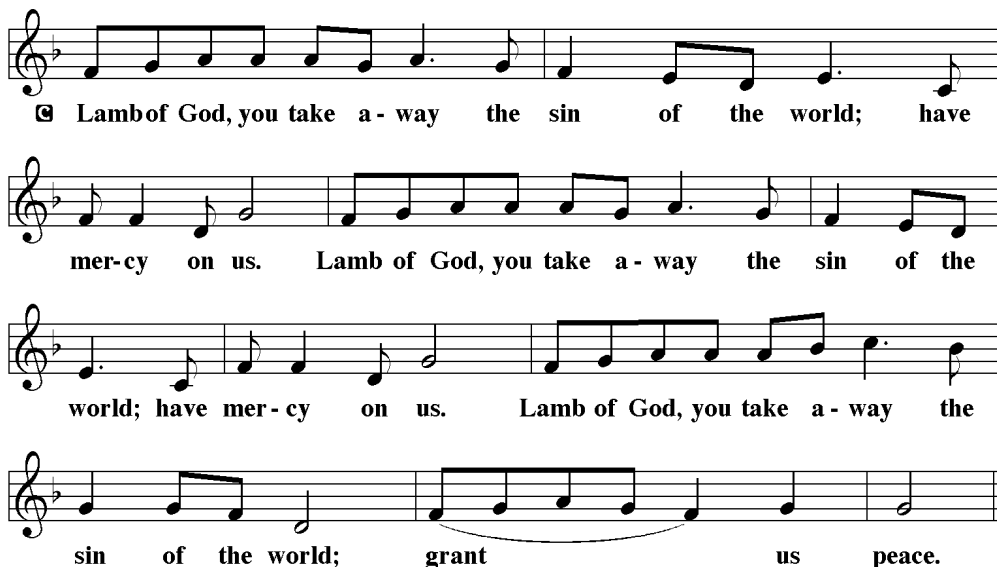
**ℙ** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

**ℙ** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



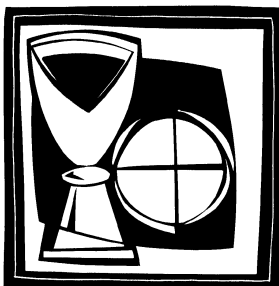
☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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 DURING THE COMMUNION

### ANTHEM: Day of Arising

Carl Schalk

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ our companion, hope for our journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.

Susan Palo Cherwien

### VOLUNTARY: String Quartet in A Major, Op. 41, No. 3 Adagio molto

Robert Schumann

### HYMN: Now We Join in Celebration

*(green)* **LBW #203**



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990  
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

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

**G Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

(blue) **WOV #754**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

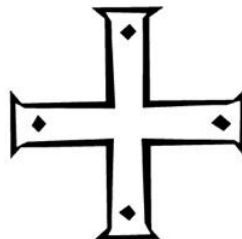
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**DISMISSAL**

- 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:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John Behnke



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister  
Christine Nelson, assisting minister  
Susie Calhoun, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Kontras Quartet  
Eleanor Bartsch, violin  
Sherri Zhang, violin  
Ben Weber, viola  
Jean Hatmaker, cello

Sandy Lentz, Paul Nelson, lectors  
Jake Beatty, Ben Beatty, crucifer/book bearer  
Susan Scherer, Tony Stephens, gift bearers  
Richard Calhoun, Mike Gillespie, Matthew Huffman,  
David Kuipers, Scott Schwar, ushers  
Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Donna Serpico, altar guild  
Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, Gerlinde VanDriesen, greeters  
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The 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday of **Bob Hale**

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, APRIL 19

Library Open (self-service, coffee).....	8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
New Members Class (Senior Pastor's Office).....	8:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, SK-6 <sup>th</sup> Gr (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Slovakia Meeting (Youth Center).....	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room).....	3:00 p.m.
<b>Bach Cantata Vespers</b> .....	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

Budget Committee (Conference Room).....	7:00 p.m.
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## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Breakfast Group (Church Library).....	10:15 a.m.
Knitting Group (Church Library).....	1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

<b>School Chapel Service</b> .....	<b>8:25 a.m.</b>
Cornerstones (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (1-2 Common Rm).....	4:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room).....	6:15 p.m.
Endowment Committee (Virtual).....	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Grace Notes Mailing (Church Library).....	9:30 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Cooking for the Crib (Main Kitchen).....	4:00 p.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite).....	7:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, April 25

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