

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 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.

As We Gather

What details do you notice today? At first glance, everything seems the same. But we are not the same people we were last year, or the year before that. We have experienced losses and griefs. The world around us has changed; for many of us, it seems we are on shaky ground. How do we find a way forward? Matthew shares details that differ. When we arrive Jesus' tomb with the bold women who venture there, the stone is still very much in place. Guards are fully present, The empire, purveyor of sin and death, does not take days off. Matthew's telling of the story makes things seem utterly hopeless. And maybe that is the point for us today. Hope finds a way. Jesus Christ is risen, and with him life and love will forever have the final word.

✠ GATHERING ✠

We listen to the prelude as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE

Chorale-Fantasy on "Christ the Lord Has Risen"

Flor Peeters

Now Glad of Heart

Allen Pote

Now glad of heart be everyone!
The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon his throne,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

Who on the cross was crucified,
Who rose again as at this tide,
In glory to his Father's side,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me,
And carol forth the One in Three,
That was, and is, and is to be,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

16th century German, tr. A. H. Fox-Strangways

Wir singen all mit Freudenschall

Johannes Eccard

Wir singen all mit Freudenschall'
vom Krieg und Sieg des Herren
Heut triumphirt der große Hirt,
Christus, der König der Ehren.
All unser Feind erleget seind,
keiner konnt ihm entkommen!
Der Herre Christ erstanden ist:
das bringt uns ewig Frommen.

**We all sing with a joyful sound
of the Lord's battle and victory.
Today the great shepherd triumphs,
Christ, the king of glory.
All our foes have been laid low;
Not one could escape him!
The Lord Christ is risen:
This brings us eternal gain.**

Ihr Christen gut, habt frischen Muth,
Den Raub haben wir bekommen,
Gerechtigkeit ist unser Beut',
wir sind der Furcht entnommen.
Hie ist die Beut', Gerechtigkeit!
Nun sind wir Gottes Kinder.
Drum sing'n wir all mit Freudenschall:
Dank sei dem Überwinder.

**You faithful Christians, take fresh courage!
We have secured the spoils;
righteousness is our prize,
and we are delivered from fear.
Here is the prize: righteousness!
Now we are children of God.
Therefore we all sing with joyful sound:
Thanks be to the conqueror!**

Georg Reimann (1570–1615)

Jubilate Deo

Dale Wood

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice; Glory to God in the highest!
O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice; Praise to the Lord in the highest!
The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we; Glory to God in the highest!
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be; Praise to the Lord in the highest!
O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise; Glory to God in the highest!
To honor his name thankful voices we raise; Praise to the Lord in the highest!
For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure; Glory to God in the highest!
To all generations is truth shall endure; Glory to God! Glory to God!
Praise to the Lord in the highest!

Dale Wood, based on a text by Ulrick Vilhelm Koren, 1826–1910;
tr. Harriet Reynolds Spaeth, 1845–1925

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625
(Christ lay in Death's Strong Bands)

Johann Sebastian Bach

With High Delight Let Us Unite

Sandra Eithun

We stand and face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Setting by David N. Johnson



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

Higher voices (treble) sing parts marked I. Lower voices (bass) 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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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,

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.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

ANTHEM: This Is the Day

Ken Berg

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice! We will rejoice!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad, be glad in it!

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens adore him;

Praise him, angels in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him;

Praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;

Law which never shall be broken

For their guidance hath he made.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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.**

PSALM 118:1–2, 14–24

Richard Hillert

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.

**☞ 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."

**☞ 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.

**☞ 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. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L The Word of the Lord

☞ Thanks be to God.



We stand and face the cross in procession.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen

Setting by Jan Bender



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

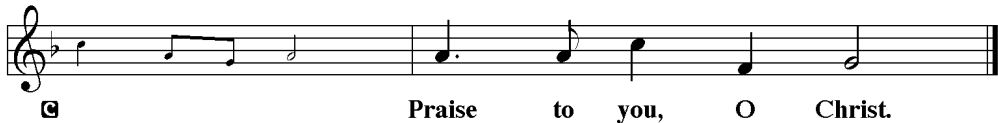
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1–10

☐ 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. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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 as it returns to the chancel.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: A Guarded Hope

Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 28:1–10

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain Brass Setting: Michael Burkhardt
Stanza 3 Setting: Michael D. Costello



- 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,
Choir 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 glad - ness,
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!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

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: Alleluia! Rejoice and Sing

Anna Laura Page

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.

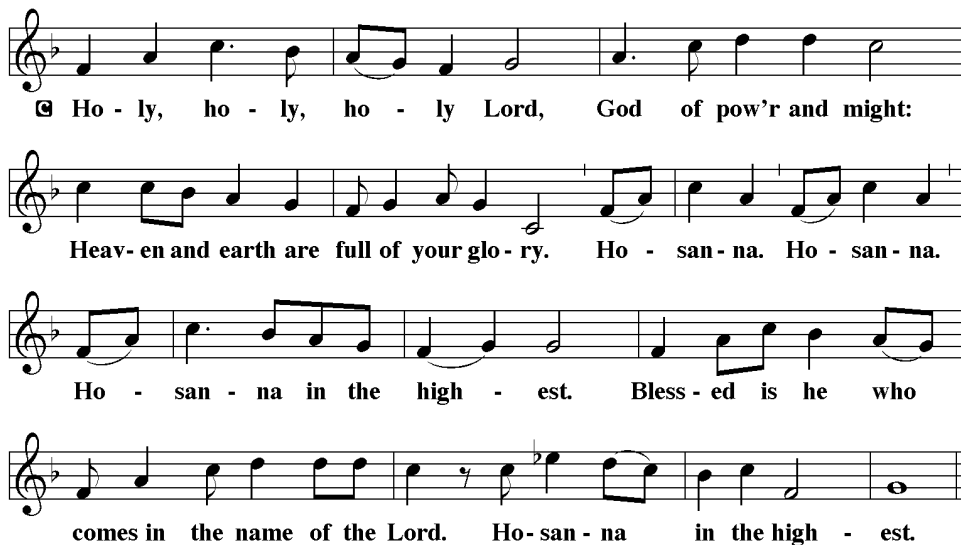


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 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.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ 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.



☑ 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

Ⓟ 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.**

Ⓟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

Ⓟ 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.*

Anointing with oil for healing is offered during the distribution of communion.

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Concertato by Paul G. Bunjes



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
Choir 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.
- [Choir] 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

HYMN: Earth, Earth, Awake!



- 1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



- Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



- Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



- Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

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: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Tune and Setting: Carl F. Schalk



- 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
- Choir** 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

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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: Toccata (from Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor

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The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Grace Parish Choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Members of the Grace School 5–8 Grade Choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Grace Bells

Lisa Wolfanger, director

Gregory Strauss, Chris O’Hara, trumpeters

Dave Ferguson, Brad Payne, trombonists

Jon Johnson, timpani

8:30

Laura Merwin

Dan Lehmann

Rebecca Dahlstrom, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

Quinn Terry, Eleanor Fleisch

Kathryn Jandeska, Tom Thomas, Jr.

David Heim, Bob Jandeska

Roberta Gillespie, Liz Hanson

Susie Calhoun, Mary Jane Keitel

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Deacon

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Crucifer/Book Bearer

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Altar Guild

Greeters

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11:00

Deborah Maxwell

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

Carol Ewald, Al Swanson

Avery Tan

Roberta Gillespie, Paulette Reddel

Donna Serpico

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Susan Bogner, Julie Lehmann

Sabrina Maggio, Ruth Reko

Martin Becker, Mike Gillespie,

Dave Jezl, Tom Maxwell, Alex Tan

LET US PRAY...

Ann Bresnen	Yvonne Daniels	Phyllis Kersten	Ron Rott
Miriam Bretscher	Louis Elia	Karen Kress	Linda Schwab
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Karin Danganan	Olivia Hartung	Dave Moeller	Lance Wilkening

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 Anne Bartoc (*relative of John and Harriet Roberts*)
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Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)
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 Julia Friend (*friend of Susan Franzone*)
 Barbara Gehring (*mother of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Linda Allen Gotsch (*friend of Roberta Gillespie*)
 Peter H. (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)
 Erma Jean Haas (*grandmother of Hannah Langhoff*)
 Elizabeth Hammon (*daughter-in-law of Susan Hammon*)
 Joe Hammon (*husband of Susan Hammon*)
 Jory Hennelly (*granddaughter of Bruce Cordes*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)
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 Jim Kirschenmann (*uncle of Renee Theiss*)
 Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
 Elizabeth Kottle (*friend of Bonnie and Bob Shaner*)
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 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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 Christine Larson (*mother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)
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For those who mourn

Brian Mangano (*friend of the Lyle family*)

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Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahan*)

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

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

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

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Those studying abroad

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, APRIL 5

Library Open (self-service, coffee)..... **8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
No Sunday School or Confirmation

Easter Worship – Holy Communion **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**
(Prelude music at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Building Closed – No School

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Breakfast Group (Church Library) **10:15 a.m.**

Health Committee (Church Library) **7:00 p.m.**

Property Committee (Conference Room) **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Cornerstones (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**

Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)..... **6:15 p.m.**

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

Social Ministry (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Grief Share (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**

Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... **6:30 p.m.**

Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Finding Hope (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**

SATURDAY, April 11

Cub Scouts – Pack 4066 (Offsite)..... **1:00 p.m.**

David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor

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