

✠ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ✠

April 11-12, 2020

PRELUDE

P: Hallelujah Christ the Lord is Risen

C: **He is risen indeed**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

C: **Amen.**

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of life,

C: **By the resurrection of your Son You make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism we have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that our sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in us both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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GREETING

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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS AND PSALM

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

³⁴Peter 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.”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Responsive Reading*

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Ps. 118:24*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.
- 2 **Let Israel now declare,**
“God’s mercy endures forever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- 15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- 17 **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD. R
- 18 The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
- 21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **By the LORD has this been done;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

Raised with Christ to seek the higher things

¹If 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.

Matthew 28:1-10

Proclaim the resurrection

¹After 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.”

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ is risen! Alleluia!”

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Kay Grove, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Gerald Lancaster, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Julie Troy, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Karlene Trump, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Nick Wittman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED

With Governor Whitmer's order to Stay Home and Stay Safe, the church building is closed until May 10th. That is the building is closed but not the work of Grace Lutheran Church or the congregation of Grace. God's work goes on regardless of a building. The staff is now working from home as much as possible. We can now check the phone remotely for messages and will respond. Mail will be picked up daily and put in the office.

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed any contact information since our last church directory, say have a cell phone as your preferred or only contact, do let us know so we have the latest info in the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.

SINGING HAS BEEN HEARD

It is rumored that singing has been heard while listening to our service recordings. Everyone is invited to join in with David and *MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD*. And remember we have choir for when we return to worshipping together.

PASTY FUNDRAISER DELIVERY UPDATE

Pasties ordered for the fundraiser will be distributed when the church reopens to our congregation. Watch upcoming bulletins for a future pick-up date.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Though the building is closed, mail is still dealt with daily. So offering envelopes can be sent in and they will be deposited.

SIMPLY GIVING

If you would like to set up a transfer from one of your bank accounts to Grace's, like automatic utility paying, give the office a call and Peggy will help set that up.

GIVING +

You can also go to our website and use the Give + link for a one time contribution or set up a recurring contribution through credit cards.

Thank you to one and all for your faithfulness in your stewardship toward God's work at Grace Lutheran.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - April 5	6,203.00

Thank you to all who have dropped off or mailed in envelopes.