

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 9, 2023 | 8.00am and 10.30am

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Thornville, Ohio

### **VISITORS**

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We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We are glad you are with us.

### **OUR WORSHIP**

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Lutherans believe that the Gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners by his death and resurrection, but also the power by which God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the Gospel as the central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In preaching and Holy Communion, in specially selected Bible readings and songs, prayers and confessions, the liturgy points us to Jesus as our gracious Savior.

### **PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN**

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

### **PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

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*We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP - LBW Setting 2

*Watchword: I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. - Revelation 1:18 ESV*

### PRELUDE | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

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## Gathering

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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*The people please stand.*

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

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*The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.*

P: All the prophets bear witness about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins in his name. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

*The people stand.*

### OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* Green Book 128

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*Connection Cards/Prayer Requests should be passed to the center isle at this time.*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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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.**

## EASTER DIALOGUE

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A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

C: **He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

A: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

C: **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

A: God has claimed us as his own.

C: **God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

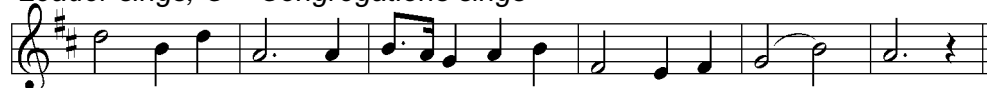
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C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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A = Leader sings; C = Congregations sings



△ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



□ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich - es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

L: A reading from Acts.

*Peter preaches the first Easter sermon; God's work is fulfilled through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.*

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I 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>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews 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 made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The psalm is chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation



<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\* his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel | now proclaim,\* "His mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength | and my song,\* and he has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory\* in the tents | of the righteous:**

<sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!\* The right hand of the LORD  
is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not | die, but live,\* and declare the works | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,\* but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\* I will enter them; I will offer  
thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate | of the LORD;\* he who is right- | eous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> **I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\* and have become | my  
salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\* has become the  
chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **This is | the LORD's doing,\* and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> On this day the | LORD has acted;\* we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

L: A reading from Colossians.

*This is the good news: Christ's Easter becomes our Easter.*

<sup>1</sup>If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE VERSE

*The people stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is printed above the lyrics.

P: <sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and 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>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and 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, and there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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## SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (8:00 only) *Thine Is the Glory*

Green Book 145

**Special Music** (10:30 only) *On the Third Day* featuring Vocal Choir

Handbells: Trisha Reynard, Rhianna and Sally Wilke, Cindy Wilson

Trumpets: Jim Lewis, Kate Simmons, Rick Rockwell, Grant McCallum

Trombone: CJ Reynard

Timpani: Chris Reynard

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

The people stand.

## THE NICENE CREED

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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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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After each petition:

A: As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, C: hear our prayer.

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.



## The Liturgy of Holy Communion

### THE PEACE

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P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

### OFFERING

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*Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.*

### THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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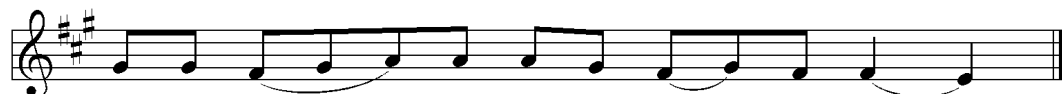
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

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P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

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



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 FRACTION

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P: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

**C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The people may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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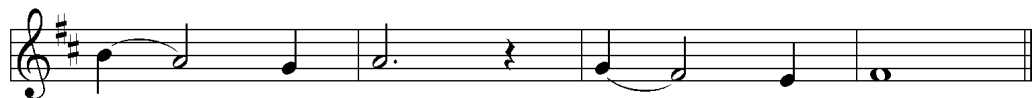
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

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*Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*

Ushers will dismiss rows to form two lines down the center aisle. Receive bread from the pastor and proceed to the wine station nearest you. After you have received the bread, an usher will provide each person with an individual cup that will then be filled with wine by the assisting minister. Only individual cups with grape juice will be filled before hand. Coming forward to receive only the bread is perfectly acceptable. Those choosing not to receive communion can come forward for a blessing signaled by having your arms crossed over your chest. When you have communed, you may return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

*Hymns during distribution: Green Book 147, 518, 135*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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*The people please stand.*

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

**C: Amen.**





## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PAYER

**A:** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



## Sending

### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and . . . . . + give you peace.



**C** A - men

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is risen!

**C:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

### SENDING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Green Book 151

### POSTLUDE

*We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.*

### PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen*

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED *Alleluia*

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

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As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

- April 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, teacher, 1945
- April 10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 2 EASTER (APRIL 16)**

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Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 16  
John 20:19-31