

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 | 8.00am and 10.30am

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thornville, Ohio

### VISITORS

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're glad you are here.

# **OUR WORSHIP**

Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. In turn, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

### PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

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

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 | OPENING PRAYER



# CALL TO WORSHIP

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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- C: He is risen indeed!
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# **CONFESSION OF SIN**

- 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

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	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	Green Book 151
Connection Cards/Prayer Requests should be passed to the center aisle at this time.		

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

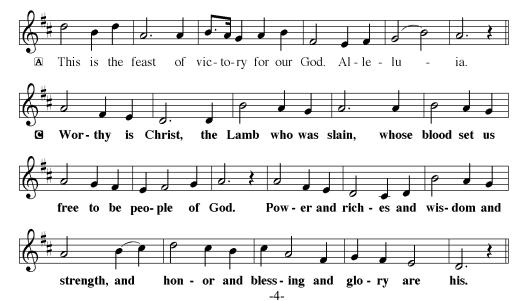
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

### EASTER DIALOGUE

- 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.
- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# **HYMN OF PRAISE**

A = Leader sings; C = Congregations sings





# THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

### C: And also with you.

- P: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, 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 people may be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

# THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

# L: A reading from Acts.

In this short sermon from the early days of the Christian Church, the Apostle Peter declares the good news of our faith: Jesus Christ is Lord of all, has been raised from the dead, and everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

<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 test ify 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

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

THE VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

# L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is not only about the past. Christ's resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection life. He is "the first fruits of those who have died."

<sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



### THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The people may be seated.

### SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

The people stand.

Choir sings the first verse, congregation the second verse, Pastor Tom the third verse solo, and the congregation sings verses four and five.

# THE NICENE CREED

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

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.

Green Book 133



# THE PEACE

- 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.

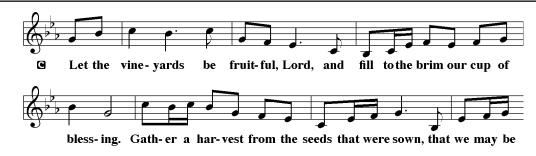
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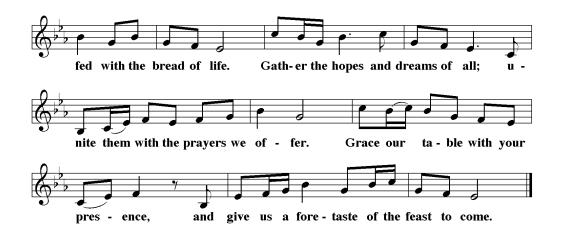
Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged.

Choir Anthem (10:30 only): "Christ Is Risen, Sing Alleluia"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

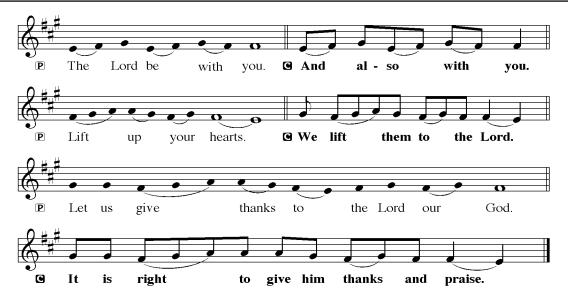




### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

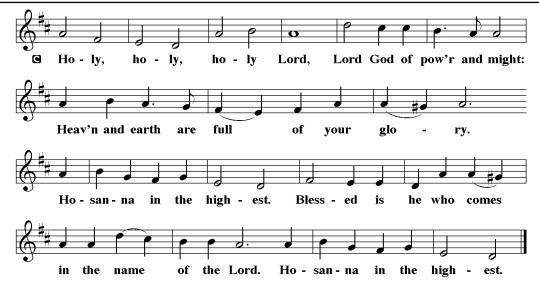
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



### THE PREFACE

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

### THE SANCTUS



### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

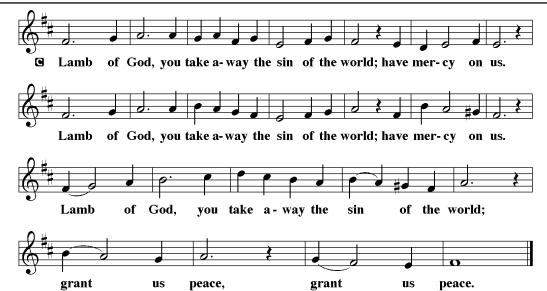
- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead 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

- 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



#### DISTRIBUTION

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.

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive the using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

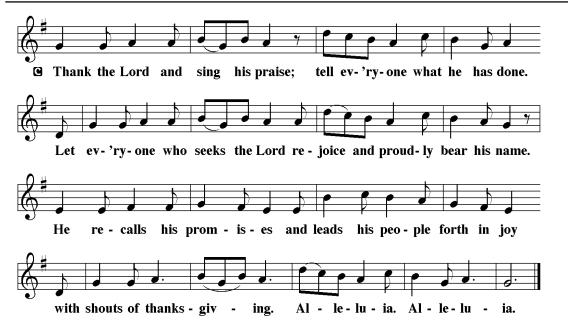
Hymns during distribution: Green Book 144, 212, 518

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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**



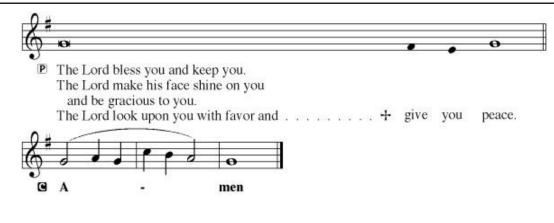
### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. 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.



### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



A: Go in peace. Christ is risen!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

### POSTLUDE

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

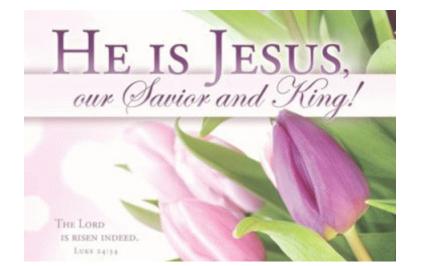
#### PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

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

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### **COMMEMORATIONS:**

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 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109 April 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, 1960 April 25 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 2 EASTER (APRIL 27)

 Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 150

 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31