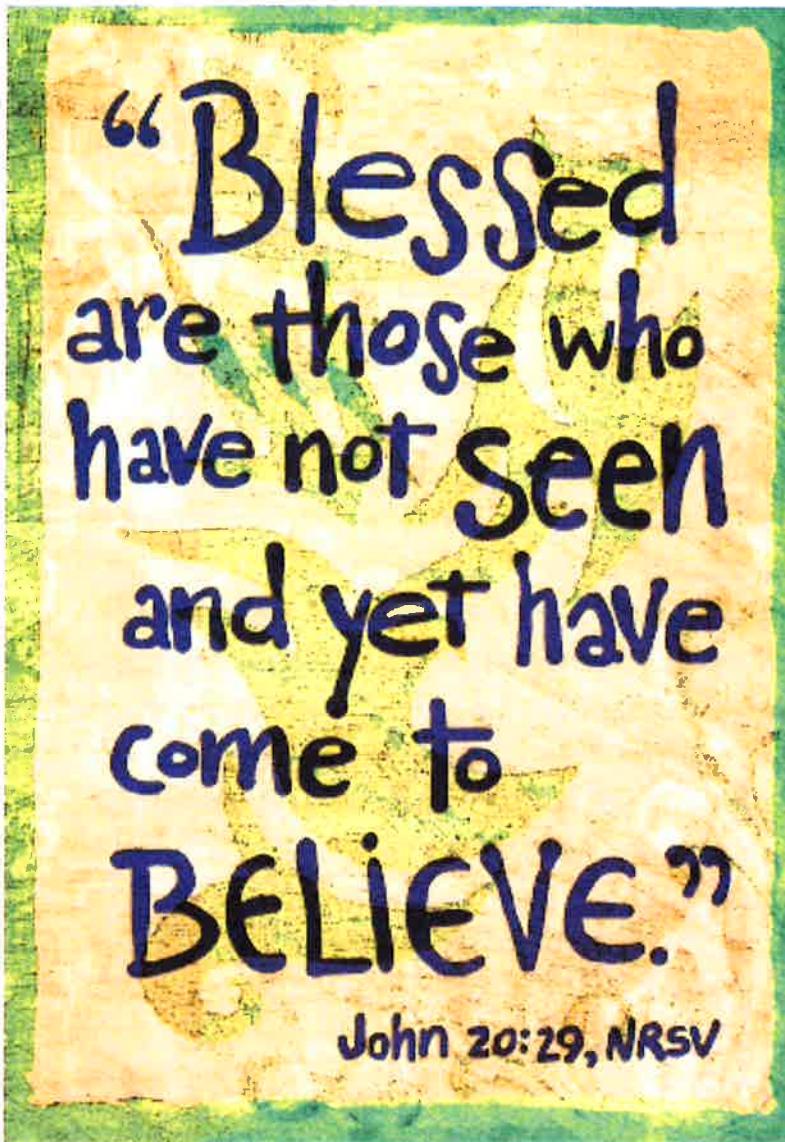


# *Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!  
"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

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Pastor Jim Helgren

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn      "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

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.

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

Kyrie: C: response... "Lord, have mercy. ....Amen

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

See Insert

Psalm 133

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Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1—2:2

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ....The Gospel of the Lord"

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day        "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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**

Offering

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within  
me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit  
from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with  
your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

The 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, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn            "Thine is the Glory"

Postlude

**We pray always for . . .**

*The friends and family of Evelyn Effken, Robert Armknecht,  
Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Bruce Gerking,  
Mary Goudie, Axl Walters,  
our military men and women, their families and their leaders.*

**We also remember in our prayers . . .**

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

**Today 4/11/2021**

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

**Monday 4/12/2021**

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday 4/14/2021**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY 4/18/2021**

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Evelyn Effken who passed away on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Piecemakers Blanket making for April will be changed to April 27<sup>th</sup>.



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

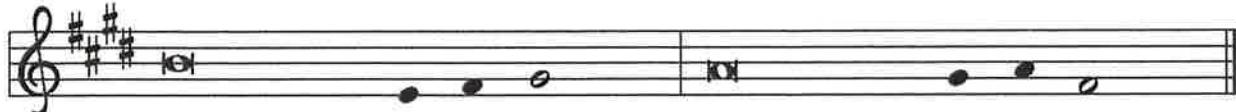
Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord

Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Psalm

Psalm 133; tone 10



How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred  
live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head,  
flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down  
upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon  
flowing down upon the  
hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD  
has commanded the blessing:  
life forevermore.

## Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we

declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no

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darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us

from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Gospel

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark

of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **BASKETS OF PROMISE**

*The Women of Grace are again sponsoring the "Baskets of Promise" project for Lutheran World Relief. This has been a successful project and we thank everyone who has participated in the past and again this year.*

*For 5 weeks we will be collecting a different item that will be used to assemble the items for the Personal Care Kits. We will end the collection on Mother's Day as we honor these mothers by helping them ensure health for themselves and their families by being able to use these kits that we provide for them.*

*April 11 - Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.) Any brand in the original wrapping.*

*April 18 - Bath Towels (lightweight, maximum size 52" x 27", dark colors are recommended).*

*April 25 - Toothbrushes (adult size)*

*May 2 - Combs and Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional).*

*May 9 - Mother's Day - this will be the last Sunday of the gathering, so you can bring any of these items.*

*The above collection dates are suggestions. Items can be brought at any time and placed in the baskets located in the back of the church.*

*Last year we collected enough supplies to put together*

**100 kits.**

*Thank you to Thrivent Action Team contribution.*

**LET'S DO IT AGAIN!**