

God
raised him
on the
third day
and he
appeared
to us who
had been
chosen by
God as
witnesses.

Acts 10.40-41

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

P: Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

Confession

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God. God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Processional Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

See Insert

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

See Insert

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

See Insert

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

Gospel: Mark 16:1-18

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing"

Nicene Creed

**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:
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.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: And also with you.

Offering/Special Music

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God ruler of heaven and earth.

**C: Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us
to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to
praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also 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 him thanks and praise.

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

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the
highest.**

Hymn **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

Words of Institution

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**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us
peace.**

Distribution

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

C: Amen

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has
done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer –

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benediction

Dismissal

We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!



Today's Readings

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

April 4, 2021

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

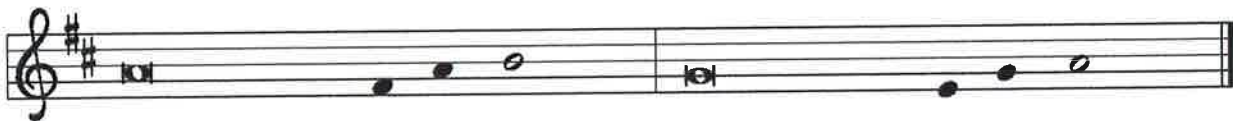
Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread 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."

or Isaiah 25:6-9 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; tone 1



Give thanks to the LORD,
for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in
the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the
LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the
LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open 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."

²¹I give thanks to you,
for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred broth-

ers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

or Acts 10:34-43 [printed on p. 1]

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in

a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

or John 20:1-18 [not printed]

We pray always for . . .

Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Judy Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Jerry Dieckgrafe, Evelyn Effken, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Axl Walters.

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

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Gene & Diane Ekhoﬀ In Memory of our Parents & Barb

Dean & Jody Wellensiek In Memory of our Parents

Russ & Kate Dietz *In Memory of our Grandparents
and Russ's Dad*

The Armknecht Kids In Memory of Ruth and Honor of Bob

Eisenhower Family *In Memory of David and Jill*

TODAY 4/4/21

Easter Worship w/Communion @ Grace 8:30 a.m.

(There will be eggs hidden outside for the children to find after worship)

Easter Worship @ Hope 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 4/7/21

8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 4/11/21

Worship – 8:30 a.m.



This is the day
that the **LORD** has made
Let us *Rejoice*
and be
glad in it!