

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



Confirmation

By Grace you have been saved!

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION

April 24, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

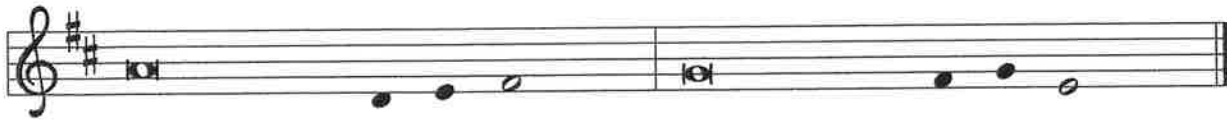
Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather

than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29; tone 10



The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:

**"The right hand of the ¹ LORD
acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD ¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the ¹ LORD
acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed
pun- ¹ ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- ¹ ver
to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the ¹ gates
of righteousness;
I will enter them
and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you,
for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the
¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD,
pros- ¹ per our days!**

²⁶Blessed is the one
who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you
from the house ¹ of the LORD.

²⁷**The LORD is God
and has giv- ¹ en us light.
Form a procession with branches
up to the corners ¹ of the altar.**

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²⁸You are my God, and ¹I will thank you;
you are my God, and
I ¹will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD,
for the ¹LORD is good;
God's mercy en- ¹dures forever.

or Psalm 150; tone 9

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God

and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes
of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Owen Kurt Weber

Son of Nick & Lisa Weber

Baptism Sponsors Joe & Jeanne Stelmach
Mike & Jill VandeGriend

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 143:8

“Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have
put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You
I entrust my life.”

Statement of Faith:

I believe in the trinity, Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I believe
we are saved by grace through faith.

I believe in God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth. He is
the only God. Our God is a loving God.

I believe Jesus is God’s only son. He died for our sins, and was
raised from the dead. He died for our sins so we could be forgiven
and go to heaven.

I believe the Holy Spirit bring us closer to God. The Holy Spirit
gives us faith. The Holy Spirit brings unity to all the people.

My parents had me baptized to make me a child of God.

I am being confirmed because I believe in God and Jesus.
Confirmation helped me have a closer relationship with God.
Confirmation is me reaffirming the promise at my baptism to be
faithful to God.

Grace Lutheran is the church I was baptized at. The members of
Grace are like my family.

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Eric Fass, & Jan Rader*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box
in the south office. You may email the church office*

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

*Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of
Worship Duty – signup sheet is at the back of the church.*

*We welcome Owen Weber as a confirmed
member of Grace Lutheran Church.*

Today 4/24/2022

*Worship with Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

NEXT SUNDAY 5/1/2022

*High School Graduate Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.
Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.
High School Graduate Recognition*

*Next Sunday we will recognize our Grace Lutheran
High School Graduates –
Shayla Thompson and Kobe Wilken*

Next Sunday, May 1st is the Talmage Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast. They will be serving until 1:00 p.m. with a Free Will Donation. Eat in or take out available.

Council is requesting to have a congregational meeting on 5/15/22 following church to discuss options to replace the broken furnace in the church office. Please plan to attend to review the different quotes that have been received.

The Grace Lutheran Women are collecting for 2 different opportunities

1. Saved to Serve – collecting thru April 24th (today) for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Survivor bag items include thin warm but easy to carry blankets, T-shirts, socks, Towels & Wash cloths, Feminine Hygiene products, Travel Size toiletries, unlined journals, books of postage stamps, Pens & markers.

Children of Survivors Bag items include toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, band aids, child friendly soap, shampoo & conditioner, towel & washcloth, Q-tips, Neosporin, small toy, colors & coloring books & children's books.

2. Bridges for Hope Prison Ministry– will be collecting kitchen items, everyday items we all use. Dishcloths, dish towels, spatulas, paring knives, can openers, measuring cups & spoons, dish soap, spatulas & whatever else you feel would be useful. Gently used items would be welcome too. Totes for carrying supplies will be useful for these items. These items will be collected until the 15th of May

