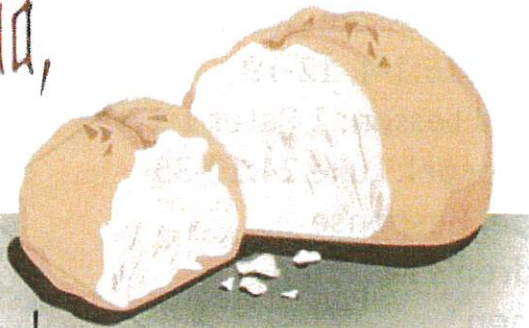


Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

"Now it came to pass,
as HE sat at the table with them,
that HE took bread,
blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened
and they knew Him."

(LUKE 24:30, 31)



By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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We pray always for . . .

*Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass,
Eugene Rosenthal, Travis Thomas & Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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



Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

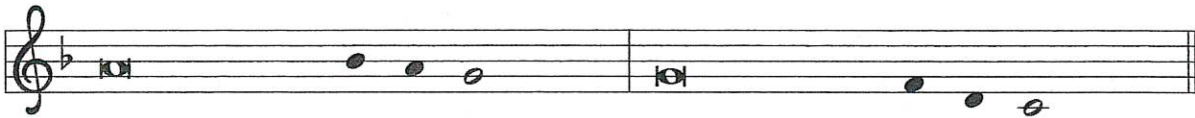
³⁶“Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name

of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; tone 2



I love the LORD,
who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenever ¹I called.

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave
¹came upon me;

I came to ¹grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name
¹of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life.”

¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD
for all the good things
God has ¹done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup ¹of salvation
and call on the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
in the presence of ¹all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD,
is the death ¹of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹am your servant;
I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me ¹from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you
the sacrifice ¹of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
in the presence of ¹all God's people,
¹⁹in the courts of ¹the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
¹Hallelujah!

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the

²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Today 4/23/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 4/26/23

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

8th Grade Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 4/30/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

& Confirmation of Prestin Thomas

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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

Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺

Confirmation

*The Rite of Confirmation for **PRESTIN THOMAS** is next Sunday, April 30th during the Worship Service. Prestin has completed his three year confirmation program and is ready to affirm the faith to which he was baptized.*

BASKETS OF PROMISE

The Women of Grace are again sponsoring "Baskets of Promise" project for Lutheran World Relief. This has been a successful project & we thank everyone who participated in the past & 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 16 - Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.) Any brand in the original wrapping.

April 23 - Bath Towels (lightweight, maximum size 52" x 27", dark colors are recommended).

April 30 - Toothbrushes, adult size

May 7 - Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional).

*May 14 - **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 & placed in the baskets at the back of the church.

Special Congregational Meeting – May 7th

Church Council has requested a Special Congregational Meeting following Worship services on May 7th. This meeting will be to discuss the issues/concerns and repairs of the Stained glass windows.