

Christ
is
Risen!

This is the day
that the ~~Lord~~ has made
Let us ~~rejoice~~
and be
glad in it!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

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

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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.

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

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Becky Knake

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania*

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Today's Readings

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

March 31, 2024

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

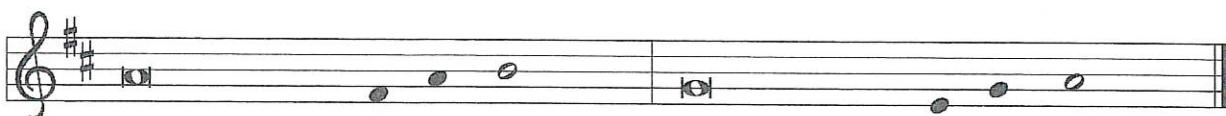
Acts 10:34-43

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



Give thanks to the LORD,
for the ¹ LORD is good;
God's mercy en- ¹ dures forever.
²Let Israel ¹ now declare,
“God's mercy en- ¹ dures forever.”
¹⁴The 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!”

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

¹⁷I 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.
¹⁹Open 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.”
²¹I give thanks to you,
for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.

continued

²²The stone that the build-¹ ers rejected
has become the chief¹ cornerstone.
²³By the LORD has¹ this been done;
it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.

Second Reading

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

brothers 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

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,

Mark 16:1-8

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]

Easter Lilies have been given this year

by *In Memory of*
The Eisenhauer's
Rich & Joyce
David & Jill
Russell & Bonnie

TODAY 3/31/24

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

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

No Sunday School today

Easter Worship @ Hope 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 4/3/24

8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 4/6/24

ELCW Spring Gathering @ Luther Memorial Church

Next Sunday 4/7/24

Worship w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.

Tanzania Vision Trip Presentation during fellowship

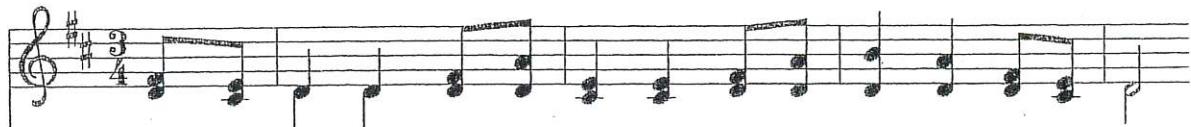
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Fourth graders Sheridan Thompson and Charlotte Wellensiek completed their First Communion Classes and received their first communion on March 28th.

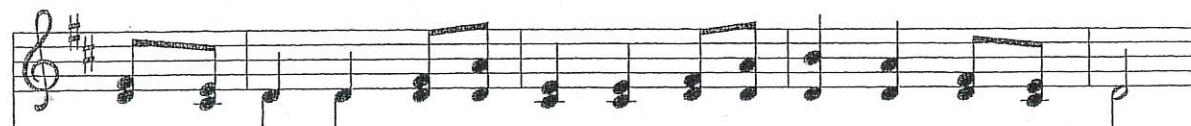
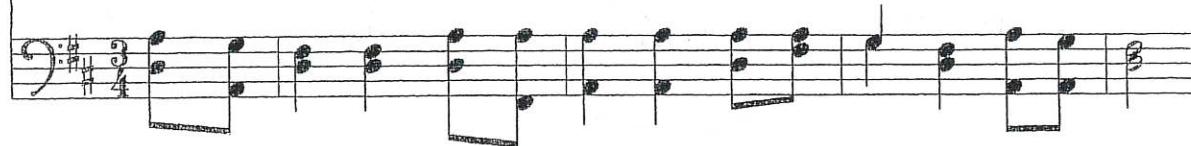
Tanzania Vision Trip

Carl and Sarah Purcell will share their Tanzania Vision Trip experiences on Sunday, April 7. Join them in the basement during fellowship to learn about the special relationship the Nebraska Synod has with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Northern Diocese.

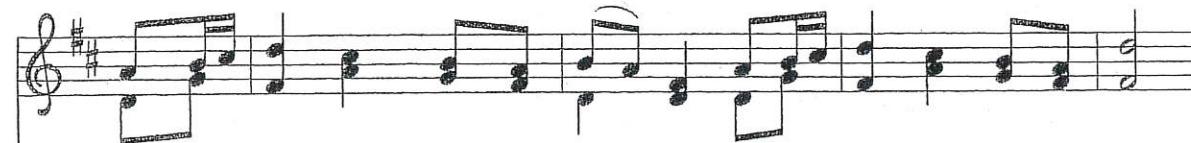
843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness [H]



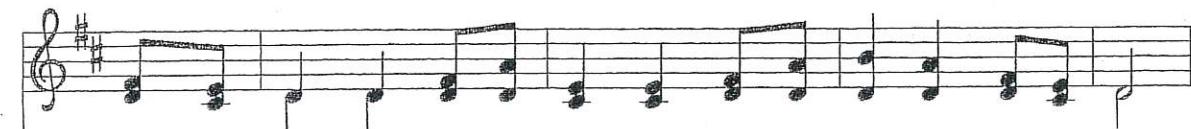
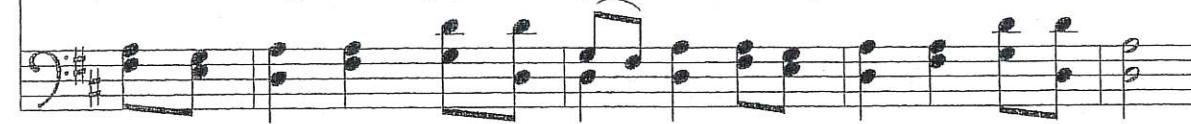
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



