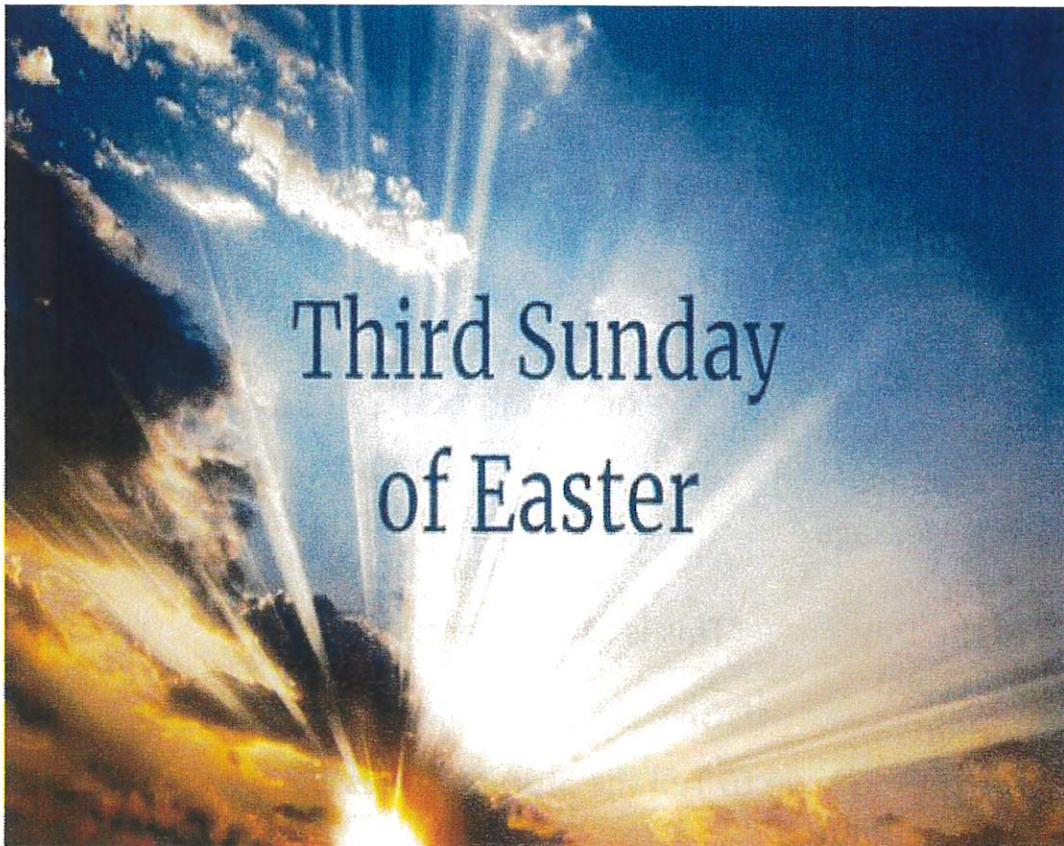


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/ROGATION SUNDAY

April 14, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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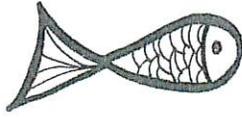
Postlude

We pray always for . . .

Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Becky Knake, & Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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



Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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 3:12-19

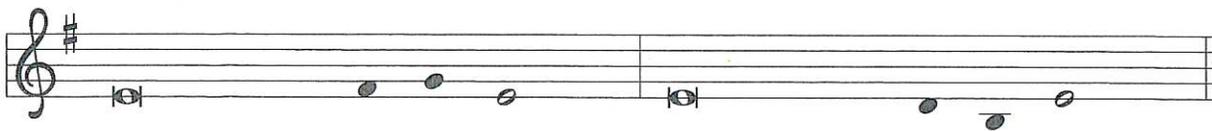
[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God

raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm

Psalm 4; tone 8



Answer me when I call, O God,
defender ¹ of my cause;

you set me free
when I was in distress;
have mercy on me
and ¹ hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long
will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions
and seek ¹ after lies?"

³Know that the LORD
does wonders ¹ for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me
¹ when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence
up- ¹ on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying,
"Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face
shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.

continued

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain
and ¹ wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD,
make me ¹ rest secure.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled

fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church) 402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)

Today 4/14/24

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 4/16/24

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4/17/24

8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Adult Education @ Grace Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 4/21/24

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

75th Anniversary Celebration Meal

Every Sunday in April a receptacle will be placed on the back table of the church sanctuary for donations for the meal expense. Any & all donations will go towards the 75th Anniversary Celebration meal.

Thank you for the good start to our 75th Anniversary Celebration dinner. We collected \$380 last Sunday. The donation basket will be on the back table throughout April.

Adult Education

“Liturgy and the Natural World” led by LSTC faculty member Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart is an inspiring 4-part series on nature and liturgy. See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex, Lutheran Church basement. Open to both churches. Bring your own snacks.

PEOPLE'S CITY MISSION HELP CENTER TOUR, APRIL 18TH.

The Stewardship Committee invites you to join in a tour of the People's City Mission Help Center, 6800 P Street, Lincoln, NE on April 18. The Center serves 80% of the impoverished and homeless population of Lincoln.

Prior to the tour we will eat together at Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave. Lunch will be at your own expense.

We will meet in the church parking lot to carpool, therefore some will need to be prepared to drive. We will leave Cook at 10:30. You may invite others.

You **must RSVP** to Cheryl Grundman at 402-873-2468 (text or call) by Sunday evening April 14.

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 participated in the past and again this year.

For 5 weeks, beginning April 14th, we will be collecting items that will be used to assemble 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.

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

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

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional).

Mother's Day will be the last Sunday of the gathering, but items can be brought at any time.

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.