

Christ  
is  
Risen!

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

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

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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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## 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 Intercession

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Offering Hymn     “Cultivating Love through Creation” hymn - ELW # 879  
                         “For the Beauty of the Earth” - verses 4 and 5

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

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Distribution

Special Music

“At This Table”

Samantha Wallenburg

Communion Hymns

ELW # 471, # 364 and # 366

Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn     “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW # 367

Dismissal

Postlude

**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 . . .***

*Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,  
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan, and Evance, orphans sponsored in Tanzania*

*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](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

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

**TODAY 4/20/25**

***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.***

**Monday 4/21/25**

*Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday 4/23/25**

*Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.*

*8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.*

**Thursday 4/24/25**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**Next Sunday 4/27/25**

*Worship with Rite of Confirmation– 8:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Confirmation Sunday 4/27/25**

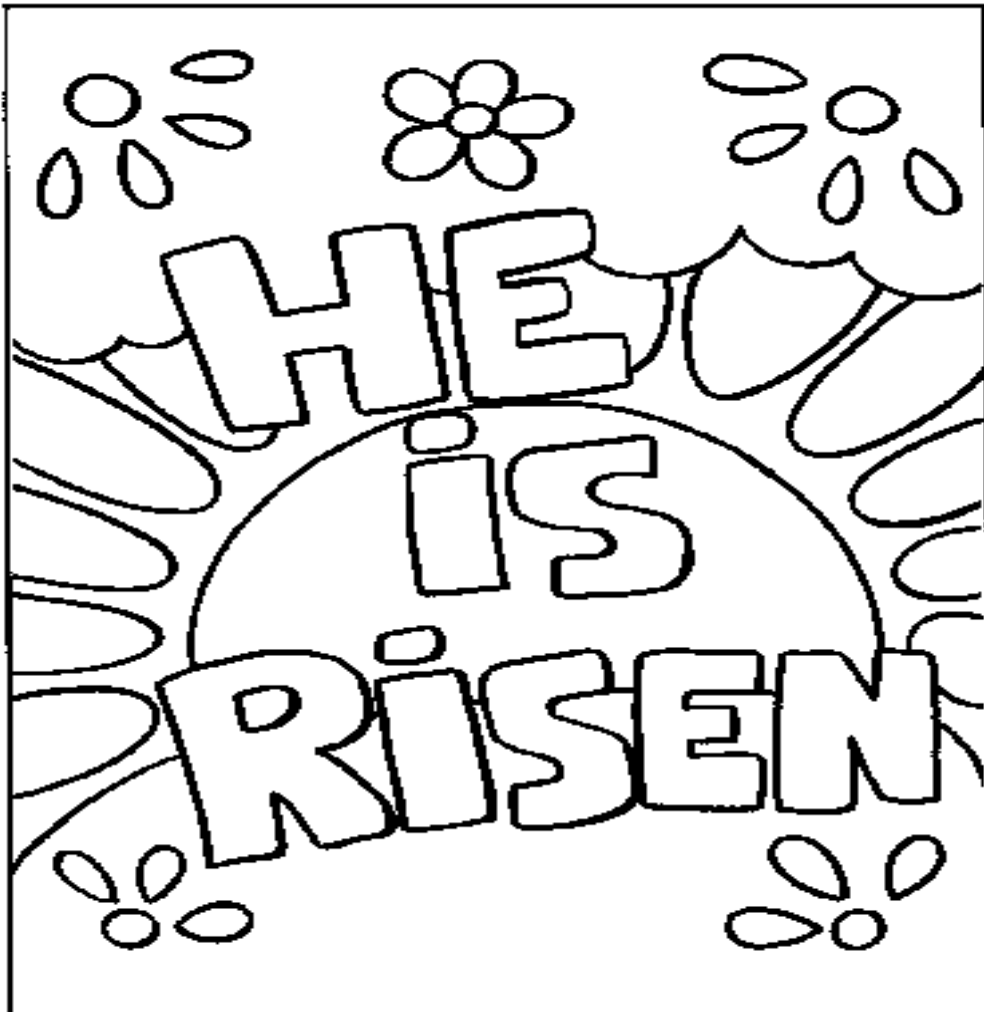
*Next Sunday we will have Rite of Confirmation during Worship Service for  
Kenna Thomas and Samantha Effken.*

*We thank Samantha Wallenburg for sharing her musical talents with us  
today. Samantha is the granddaughter of Eleta Eisenhauer and attends  
UNL.*

*Easter Lilies have been given this year  
by Carl & Sarah Purcell  
Gene & Diane Ekhoﬀ*

*In Memory of  
Parents & Grandparents  
Parents and family members*

Friends and families of Grace Lutheran 2025  
Graduates – **Kali Drake and Tucker Thomas** - are  
invited to Senior Breakfast on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.  
Please call or text Sarah Purcell @ 402-269-5593 by  
April 27<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we know  
how many to plan for breakfast.





# Today's Readings

## Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

April 20, 2025

### 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**

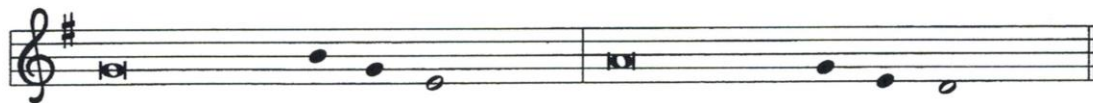
Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses

to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**or Isaiah 65:17-25 [not printed]**

### Psalm

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; tone 11**



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel <sup>1</sup> now declare,  
"God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever."  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength  
<sup>1</sup> and my song,  
and has become <sup>1</sup> my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation  
echo in the tents <sup>1</sup> of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
acts valiantly!"

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD <sup>1</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
acts valiantly!"  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not <sup>1</sup> die, but live,  
and declare the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.  
<sup>19</sup>Open for me the  
<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them  
and give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.

*continued*



*Psalm, continued*

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

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you,  
for you have <sup>1</sup> answered me  
and you have become <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- <sup>1</sup> ers rejected  
has become the chief <sup>1</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has <sup>1</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous <sup>1</sup> in our eyes.

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

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## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But

each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

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## Gospel

## Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of

Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**or John 20:1-18 [not printed]**

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