



Easter 2
April 24, 2022

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Making Christ Known to all Through Grace

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WELCOME to worship

Grace Lutheran Church, a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been at the heart of the faith community in Lincoln since 1889.

- We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."
- We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."
- We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

Thank you for worshipping with us today and join our community at any time!

WORSHIP notes

Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.

Hearing enhancement devices are available near the welcome table. Ask an usher to assist you.

Restrooms are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.

Masks are no longer required or recommended for everyone during worship. If you need to or want to wear a mask then please do so.

Please remember to **enter** the building through the **Atrium doors**. These doors will be locked at fifteen minutes past the hour. All other **doors will be locked**.

INTRODUCTION to worship

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Oh, Sing to the Lord", *Cantad al Senor*, lyricist, Gerard M. Cartford, b. 1923, anonymous Brazilian folk tune.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence*

P: Gracious God,

C: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 526

(Congregation sings vs. 1-2, trumpet solo, congregation sings vs. 3-4.)

ELW 526

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

Reharm: A. Melang-Thoren, 2018

Soprano

God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and
Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of
Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in the Shep - herd's flock and
change and

8 G7sus4 G7 A-7 Fmaj7 D-7 E-7 A-7 B-7b5 Cmaj7

S prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we
grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral
fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of
doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose

16 Gadd9 G-7 D-7 G-7 G/F Fmaj7 Gadd9 B-7b5

S share. Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied
place. Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence,
old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant here in wor - ship
out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to

23 A-7 E7 A-7 Cmaj7 A-7 Bbmaj7 C7 Fmaj7 A7 D-7 E-7 Fmaj7

S skills and arts wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in to o - pen
as in speech, here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it
to ex - plore what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and
give, re - ceive we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you!

31 D-7 G7 Cmaj7

S minds comes and to hearts.
to a be - each.
We be - lieve! dore.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Latin)

Kyrie

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927
Music © 1987 Dinah Reindorf, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SIT

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

A reading from Acts:

²⁷When 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-17

A responsive reading from Psalm 118:

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

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

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

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

A reading from Revelation:

⁴John 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SIT

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 375

(Congregation sings refrain, vs. 1, refrain. Bass solo. Congregation sings refrain, vs. 2, refrain. Trumpet solo. Congregation sings refrain, vs. 3, refrain, vs. 4. Vocalist sings last refrain.)

ELW 375

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

Aleluya! Cristo resucito

Luis Bojos, b. 1937

Santo Domingo

Refrain.

Voice

Al-le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en. Bright is the dawn-ing of the

Verses.

Lord's day. 1. Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side. 2. Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing; 3. Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning; 4. Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?

Mar - vel, the stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is Christ stands be - fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis - sud - den - ly Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed "I'll not be - lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

Refrain.

ris - en." He goes be - fore you all the way. ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live." Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear." Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to the living,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you, especially those we name before you now....
Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

SIT

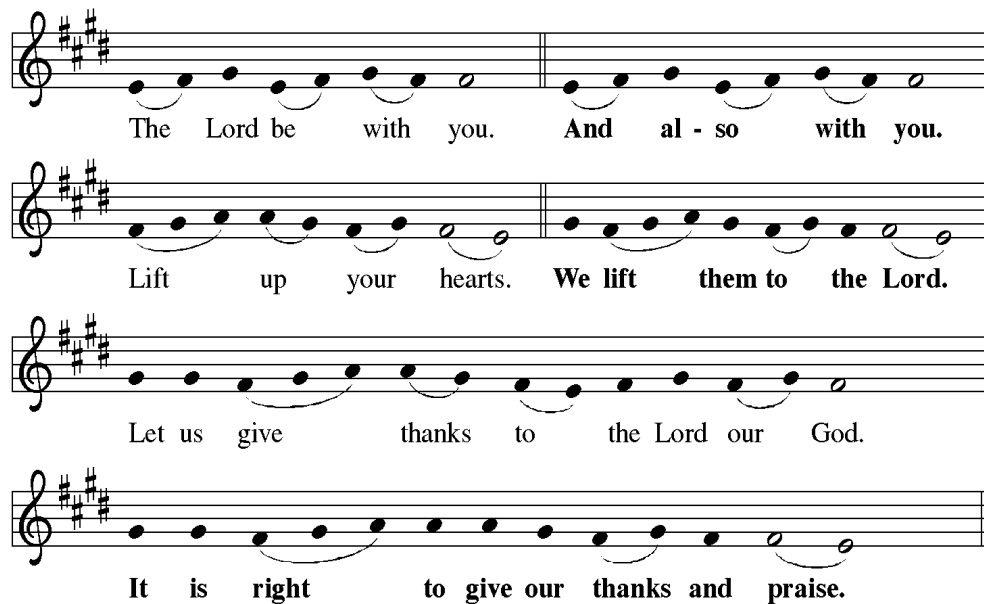
MUSIC OFFERING “Morning Has Broken”, Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, Gaelic tune, re-harmonized by A. Melang-Thoren, 2020

STAND

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

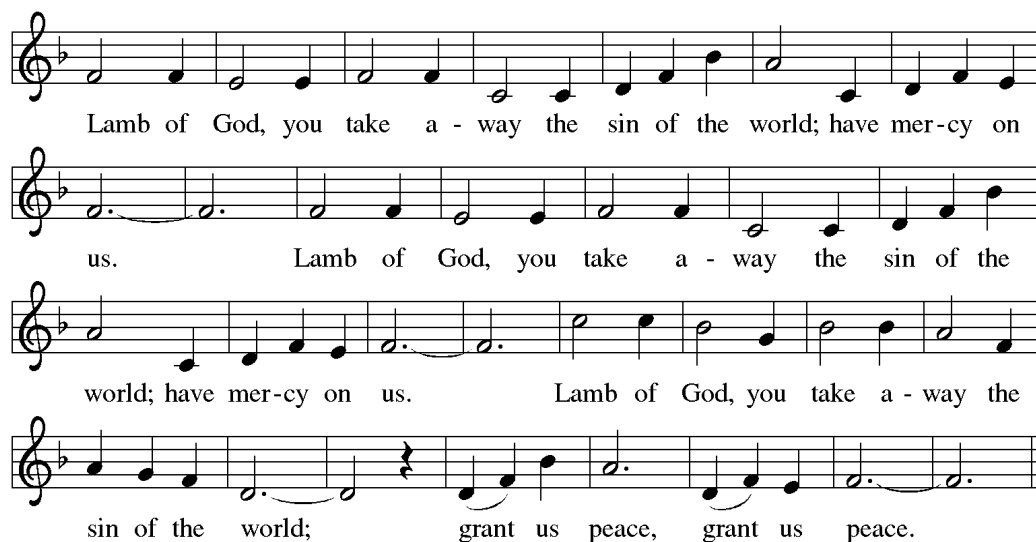
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

SIT

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION

All are welcome. Come forward by way of the center aisle and kneel or stand at the rail to receive the wafer (Body of Christ) and the cup (Blood of Christ). Gluten free is available upon request. Grape juice is available upon request. Return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Please dispose your used cup into the basket at the head of the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 525

(Congregation sings through once, bass solo, congregation sings through again, trumpet solo, vocal scat, solo first half, congregation joins in 2nd half.)

You Are Holy *Du är helig*

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELLIG, Per Harling

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STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

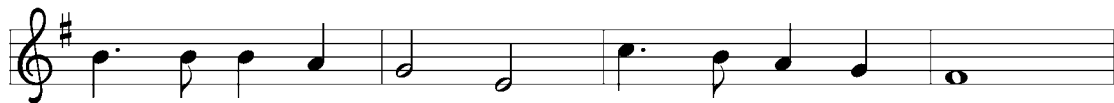
We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN ELW 537

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”, *Enviado soy de Dios*, lyricist, Gerard M. Cartford, b. 1923, tune, anonymous, Central America.

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Worship Leader:	Eric Leshner
Organist/Pianist:	Anne Melang-Thoren/Jennifer Aliwarga-Carlson
Jazz Ensemble:	Voice: Daniel Ikpeama Trumpet: Damian David Bass: Jonah Bennett Drums: Erik Skoog
Reader:	Beth Dumler
Communion Assistants:	Jon and Connie Thorson, Beth Dumler
Bread:	Chris and Wendy Apple
Altar Guild:	Ginny Potts and Carla Ingersoll
Ushers:	Dave Miller, Kevin Gade, Terry Branting, Larry & Sharon Genthe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour

Today's host is Lois Schuerman. A signup book for hosting a coffee hour is found outside the office.

Adult Class

Jesus exposes believers to a new experience of freedom in Christ. What does this freedom mean for us this Easter season?

Prayers

Prayers for peace in **Ukraine**. Please note **refugee donation sheets** on the welcome table.

Green attendance cards can be filled out and returned to the Offering basket in the front of the church after worship or the Welcome Table basket on the top of the atrium stairs.

Devotional Booklets

We have ordered a few extra that will be available at the Welcome Table when they arrive.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Available in the atrium for you to pick up today or during the week.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

April 25:	
Lincoln Literacy	9:15 pm
Lessons	4:00 pm
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
April 26:	
Al-Anon	9:30 am
Lessons	4:00 pm
Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
April 27:	
Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Confirmation	7:00 pm

April 28:	
Quilting Club	9:00 am
Family Event	2:00 pm
April 29:	
Suzuki	3:00 pm
April 30:	
Worship	5:30 pm
May 1:	
Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Chancel Choir	10:15 am
Adult Class	10:30 am