

Grace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

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✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News


Processional Hymn

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

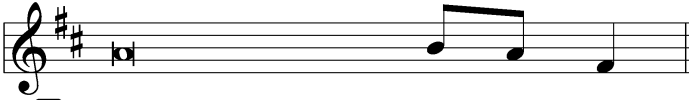
Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Common Versicles

LSB 219

- L** O Lord, open my lips,



- C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



- C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

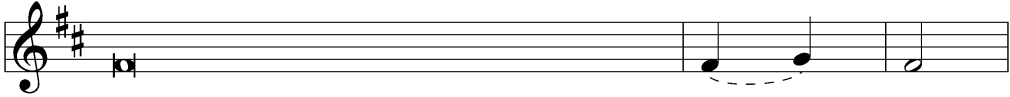


- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

✠ Psalmody ✠

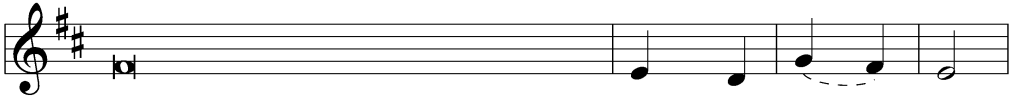
Venite

LSB 220



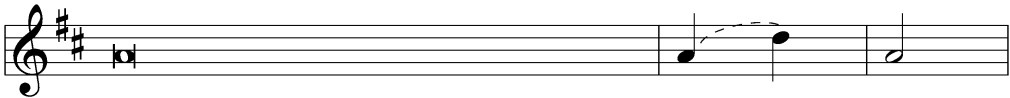
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

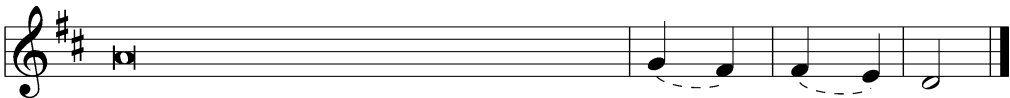


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Introit

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Collect

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Clarinet and Organ Duet

If With All Your Heart

Mendelssohn

Old Testament

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ

appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

- L** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

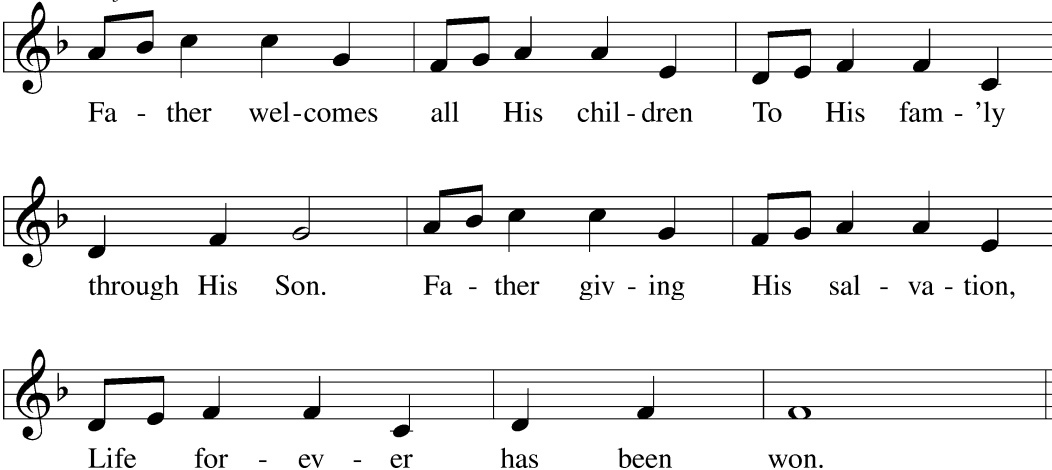
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

605 Father Welcomes

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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Sermon

Children of God
Solomon Spangler, Vicar

1 John 3:1-7

Congregational Response

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Offering (9:15 am)

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

L Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 228

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Welcome! Today, our Epistle reading reminds us that by His death and resurrection, Christ has made us children of God. As children of God, we are called to practice righteousness rather than lawlessness. May the Lord bless you as you receive God's gifts and give thanks in worship!



Today Following the 11:00 am worship Games in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 6:15 pm First Year Catechism Class - East End

NEXT SUNDAY - April 21, 2024 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vicar Spangler will preach on the theme "Love in Deed and Truth" based on John 3:16-24. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cellphones. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



Sunday School Please meet Miss Bonnie in the Narthex and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



Please join us **THIS AFTERNOON** following the 11 am service in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of board games and fellowship. We will have board games for people of all ages and experience levels, as well as cards available for euchre and other classic games. Lunch will be provided."



On **Sunday, April 28** following the 9:15 am worship hour we will conduct a Congregational Information meeting. There will be only one meeting. By conducting only one the information and questions and answers will all be the same. We will begin shortly after 10:15 am so those who worship at 11:00 am, please plan to come early for worship so that you can attend the meeting. The coffee hour will still be held as well.



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: April 21, and All Sundays in May.**



We continue to take donations of non-perishable food items for our food pantry and also used eyeglasses and new or used sunglasses. Please bring them to church with you any Sunday and leave them at the Information Center area. Thank you for all of your donations to our local charities!



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

‡ *In Memoriam* ‡

Dorothy M. Paschke

1929-2024

A funeral service for Dorothy who died on Thursday, March 21, 2024 was conducted on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Her loving survivors include two sons, and one daughter. seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren and many other family members. She worked at S.S. Kresge Corporation, Ford Motor Company and Compton Printing. She spent decades as a volunteer for Botsford Elementary School and Botsford Hospital (now Beaumont). In addition, she was a faithful Sunday School teacher here at Grace for over 40 years where she touched the hearts of many children. Our prayers are with the Paschke family. Her final resting place until the return of Christ is at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI

Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev. 2:10)

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Guest Organist – Jack Ellis