

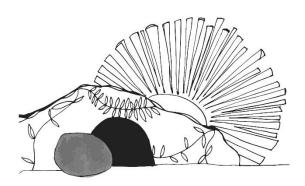
WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, April 9th, 2023 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



EASTER SUNDAY

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

PROCESSIONAL
CROSS and ALTAR BIBLE
Pastor
Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM He Is Risen Choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
C: you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

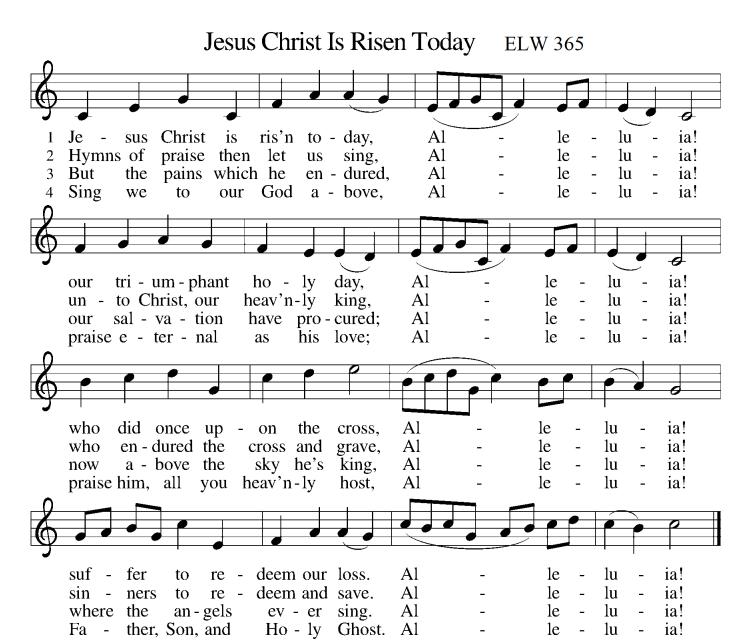
Water may be poured into the font as the reading continues.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. AMEN

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ELW 365/Red Book



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: O God,

C: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter 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."

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁵Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹oThen Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

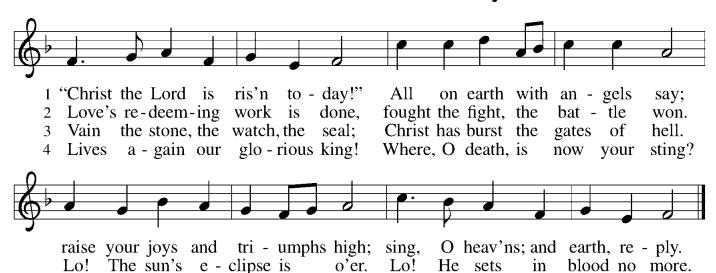
All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY Christ The Lord Is Risen Today! ELW 373/Red Book

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



rise; Christ has

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now:

hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

save; where your vic - to - ry,

o - pened par - a - dise.

O grave?

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Orientis partibus, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

Death in vain for - bids

Once he died our souls to

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 power of 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 into heaven, 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.

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

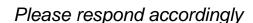
Offertory Music

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Handel

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.





P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, Broken and poured out for you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Awake, My Heart, with Gladness ELW 369/Red Book ELW 364/Red Book ELW 378/Red Book

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



- "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Mfurahini, Haleluya, Tanzanian traditional Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress Tr. © 1977 Howard S. Olson, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt. Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

Thine Is The Glory

ELW 376 /Red Book



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Thine Is The Glory

Handel

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (alternate)

Joy at the restoration of God's people

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Colossians 3:1-4

Raised with Christ to seek the higher things

John 20:1-18 (alternate)

Seeing the risen Christ

4/9/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter plants today are donated by

The Barton Family,

honoring Don Barton, Dorothy Rosario, Jerry Gorke and Joe Gonzalez.

Marty and Craig Bradley, in honor of Robert Stanley.

Jack and Jan Docherty, in honor of God's many blessings.

Lee Gerke in memory of, and in honor of loved ones.

Suzanne Girsch, in memory of her parents, Harold and Harriet Strom

Helen Gruber, in loving memory of her mother and father.

Kirk and Kathy Hooey, in honor and in memory of our parents.

Paul and Kay Kinsel, in memory of Kay's brother, Bruce Grunden.

Steve and Cathy Lindquist, in memory of loved ones passed.

Cheryl Nelson, in memory of loved ones who have passed.

Andra Nordwind, in honor of Ed's 70th birthday!

Nancy Schnaitman, in memory and in honor of James Schnaitman.

Linda Smykowski, in loving memory of John T. Smykowski...

Twyla and Lee Strom, in memory of loved ones.

George and Gloria Theros, to the Glory of the Risen Christ.

Norm and Shirley Turner, in honor and in thanks for Easter blessings.

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

<u>Spaghetti Supper April 1st</u> We served 91 plates of food, with between 8 – 10 carry out dinners. We raised \$875.00 and we are sending \$437.50 to NIFB. The meal was a great success not just the number of people but those we served; people from Crystal Lake passing through that saw our road signs and came to dinner and most important we were able to support a needy family with a full meal they could take home. We then had the chance to pay it forward by creating 4 91/2" x 13" pans of spaghetti and sauce with 6 French bagget loafs for Lazarus House which was delivered on April 2nd.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST Today, April 9th from 8am until 11am. *Please join us after worship!*

REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE every week. See display in the Narthex.

REBECCA CIRCLE MEETING Tuesday, April 18th at 1pm

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE May 19th and 20th...more info to follow

ROADRUNERS TRIP September 18 – 23, 2023 to Niagara Falls

POOL TABLE for sale - \$50 donation – buyer needs to arrange to move it. Please see Tricia Painter if interested.

LINE DANCING continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for, is sidewalk repairs (raising concrete) at the threshold walkway/entryway to church. Thank you for your support!

<u>BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS</u> The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside. *Thank you for your generous donations!*

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are blessed & thankful for faithful giving for the ministries we share and support. Offerings collected for the past week = \$6,950 Weekly donations needed to meet 2023 expenses = \$3,500. Blessings upon Grace as we carry on our ministry into its 129th year!

ZOOM FELLOWHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY <u>AT 10:30 AM</u> on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details. https://zoom.us/i/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlclVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09

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Check out our updated website. Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services

And our FACEBOOK PAGE for activities and posts of interest:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering

- and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney, the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Jack and Jan Docherty, Maggie Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Linden, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Magdalena Lovejoy, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Pat Penfold, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Joan Rygula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken (Missy Barton's sister), Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.