



WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, April 20th, 2025 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



Easter Sunday

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 has Triumphed, Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL

Congregation is asked to STAND and sing
Cross enters followed by Pastor and Choir
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365/Red Book)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

He Is Risen

Choir

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

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: Let us pray...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.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All 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.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

ALL: Glory to you O Lord

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but

when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.

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 Hymnal**

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: Risen One,

C: you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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.



Please respond accordingly

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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: The Lord's Prayer

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:

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379/Red Hymnal

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619/Red Hymnal

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One,

C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376/Red Hymnal

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Handel

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

New heavens and a new earth

Psalms 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)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

John 20:1-18

Seeing the risen Christ

4/20/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MASKING-Update We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated today by Chili and Pat Lindgren in loving thanks to God for their 62 years of marriage. And also from Lee and Twyla Strom in loving thanks that "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!"

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT GRACE Come and join us for fellowship and a great meal at our Easter Breakfast, downstairs. If you have already had breakfast, come for dessert and coffee!

REBECCA CIRCLE APRIL MEETING On Tuesday, April 22nd at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Nancy Corbige and Kay Kinsel will be our hostesses. Please join us as we plan, pray and fellowship!

SPAGHETTI DINNER The Spaghetti dinner sign up board will be available shortly. It will be held May 3rd - 4 - 7pm.

LINE DANCING takes place **Thursdays** from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall through May 8th.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the welcome area. The price for 2025 will be \$20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL There are only 3 more days of Sunday School. We will not have class today, but the next week on **Sunday, April 27th**. Our May classes will be May 4th and May 18th. We plan to have a celebration of the year at our last class on the 18th!

SHOE BOX COLLECTION in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

PARENTS DAY OUT program is now ***Grace Lutheran Church Preschool!*** Same day and time: Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 9:15am – 1:15pm. Registration for next school year, 2025-2026, is open! If you know of anyone with a child ages 3-5, please let them know of this engaging Christian preschool program. Info can be found on our website, www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool or you can contact Janice Muncie at 630-854-1066.

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

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

APRIL NEWSLETTER is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (please note the new website address ends in a “.org” rather than a “.com”)

NOISY OFFERING We continue to collect weekly noisy offering to help offset various costs of specific expenses or a specific fundraiser. If you wish to contribute to the "Building Maintenance Fund" - please mark this specific donation on your check. These donations are for unplanned/unbudgeted building maintenance repairs. Thank you for your support!

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Offerings received as of 4/14 : \$4,500 (\$944 was from Thrivent Choice Dollars - thank you all for your designations to Grace) . Your gifts are a true dedication and commitment from each of you in supporting and growing our ministries here at Grace.

Thank you for the donations of copy paper, stamps and printer cartridge. We have a continual need for printer ink cartridges (or even donations towards this cost) - please contact Tricia for details.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 131st year of ministry ~

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FOR THE LATEST NEWS AND SERVICES

Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services

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)

- * 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, to extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:

Betty Boor, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Nancy Corbige, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, Kirk Hooey, Kathy Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortensen, Bob Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Char Sportsman, Bud Wise, Margaret Swanson, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, John Schnaitman, Pastor Arne Walker, Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer shawl needs.

EASTER SUNDAY BLESSINGS!

The plants decorating our Sanctuary today are donated by.....

****Mark and Heidi Anderson** in praise to a loving God.

****Marty Bradley** in honor of her brother, Bob Stanley.

****Ann Butcher** "Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

.....Marcel Proust

****Suzanne Girsch** in memory of my parents, Harold and Harriet Strom.

****Vicki Linden** in loving memory of Chad and Hunter Johnson.

****Cathy and Steve Lindquist** in honor of loved ones.

****Janice Munice** in honor of my dad, Bruce Watters.

****Jan Myers** in memory of Mike Myers.

****Dallas and Debra Peters** in praise to our Risen Lord!

****Raymond and Lenore Rankin** in memory of Samuel Rankin.

****The Joshua Roach** family in honor of "Grandma and Grandpa's parents" and of Margaret Stephens.

****Nancy Schnaitman** with praise to our Risen Lord!

****Linda Smykowski** in memory of John T. Smykowski.

****Margaret Swanson** in praise to our Risen Lord!

****Mary and Jack Tetzlaff** in honor of Henry and Sylvia Techlin and John and Elvera Tetzlaff

****George and Gloria Theros** in thanks for the gifts received from our Risen Lord!

****Cathy Whiteside** as a Thank You for all God's Blessings!

****Bud and Marilyn Wise** in loving memory of Diane.