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EASTER SUNDAY

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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 Thine is the Glory Handel

PROCESSIONAL
CROSS and 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, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look. here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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: 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)

L: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: ²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

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

C: 15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

L: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

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

L: ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

L ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

C: ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

L: ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

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. Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

ELW 373/Red Hymnal

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!"
- Love's re-deem-ing work is done.
- Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
- glo rious king! Lives a - gain our

All on earth with an - gels say;

fought the fight, the bat - tle won.

Christ has burst the gates hell.

Where, O death, is sting? now your



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply. Lo! The sun's e - clipse is Lo! He sets blood no more. o'er. in o - pened par - a - dise. vain for - bids his Death in rise: Christ has Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry,

- 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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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

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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: Risen One,

C: you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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

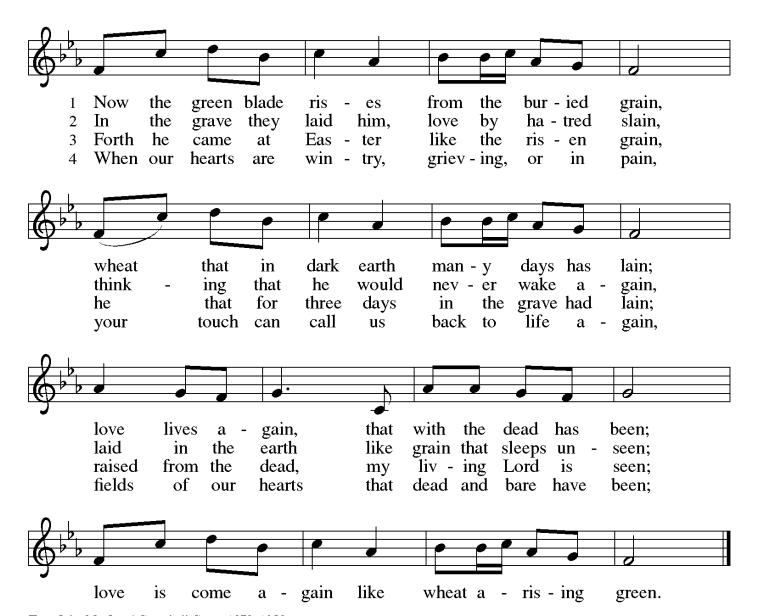
TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379/Red Hymnal

Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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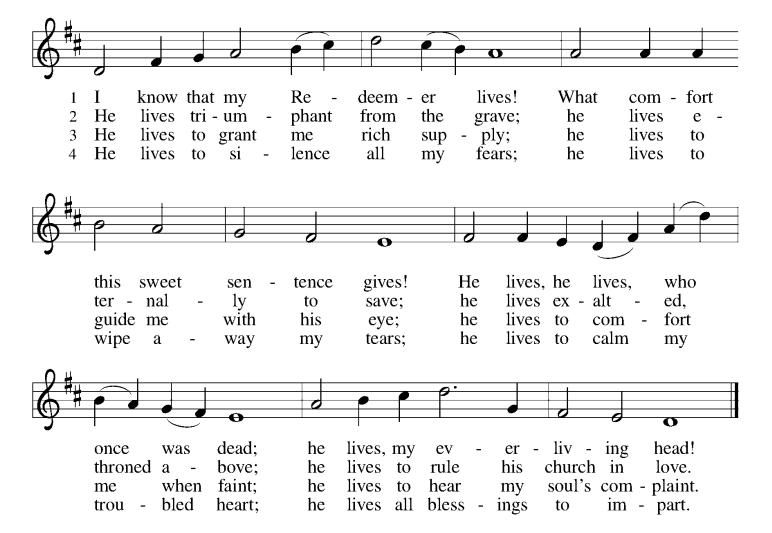
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I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619/Red Hymnal

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: Duke Street, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



- 1 A wake, my heart, with glad ness, see what to day is done;
- 2 Now hell, its prince, the dev il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
- 3 This is a sight that glad dens—what peace it does im part!
- 4 Now I will cling for ev er to Christ, my Say ior true;
- 5 Christ brings me to the por tal that leads to bliss un told,



gloom and sad - ness, comes forth glo - rious the sun. now, safe from e - vil, and sin now am I laugh to scorn. noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with-in my heart. Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through. where-on this rhyme im-mor - tal is found in script gold:



My Sav - ior there laid where our bed was must be made For Christ a gain is free; glo - rious vic in to - ry No gloom shall shall ev er shake, no foe ev er take, rends death's i chain; he breaks through sin and pain; ron "Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre-pared;



when, as wings in flight, we soar realms of light. on to save tri - umphed o'er he who is strong to has the grave. the hope which God's own Son in love for has me won. hell's grim thrall; Ι fol low him through all. he shat - ters with has died shall here who there me be glo - ri - fied."

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Thine Is The Glory ELW 376 /Red Hymnal

Thine Is the Glory



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

end - less is

the

vic - t'ry

thou o'er death hast won!

Son;

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE Hallelujah Chorus Handel

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Acts 10:34-43
God raised Jesus on the third day Isaiah 25:6-9
The feast of Victory
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Witnesses to the risen Christ

Acts 10:34-43
God raised Jesus on the third day
John 20:1-18
Seeing the risen Christ

3/31/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> 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 There will be no flowers on the altar for Lent.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be held at Grace today between 8:30am – 11:30am.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be in Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 13th from 4pm-7pm.

LINE DANCING continues on Wednesdays, from 6 – 7pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school meets on the first and third Sundays of the month through May 2024.

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

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! The Vision Team has approved the Noisy Offering collections for March will go towards a contribution to an **Eagle project** - new fire pit/seating area at Grace. Thank you for your support!

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!*

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are thankful for your offerings and donations. Offerings collected last week= \$3,418. Our weekly donation needs are ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace.

Attn: Thrivent Members - March 31st is the deadline for designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars - we have received \$208 so far and would welcome your consideration of Grace as the recipient.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130th year of ministry ~

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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, to extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindguist), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Shana Holtz, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Cathy Lindguist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bob Nelson, Alaina Neufeld, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Carol Prevenas, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken & her family (Missy Barton's sister), Ron & Sharon Wilken (Missy Barton's parents), Bud Wise, & 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, 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 see a Rebecca Circle member.

Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.

Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.

OUR FLOWERS TODAY ARE DONATED BY...

Courtney Andel in memory of Pat Richardson and Bev Johnson. Mark, Heidi and Nathan Anderson in memory of Dolores and Robert Anderson.

Marty Bradley in memory of Bob Stanley.

Ann and Steve Butcher to the glory of the Risen Lord!

Jane Cutler in memory of Clark Cutler and Jack Boyce.

Jan Docherty in memory of Jack Docherty.

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

Kirk and Kathy in loving memory of our parents.

Kay and Paul Kinsel in memory of Kay's grandmother.

Vicki Linden in memory of Chad and Hunter Johnson and Karen Rolston.

Cathy and Steve Lindquist to the Glory of God.

Jan Myers in memory of Mike Myers.

Karen Patterson in memory of Ken Patterson.

Dallas and Deb Peters in honor of the Risen Lord.

Joshua and Marla Roach in honor of the blessing of Easter.

Linda Smykowski in loving memory of her son, JT.

Twyla and Lee Strom in honor and in thanks for God's blessings.

Jack and Mary Tetzlaff in memory of our parents.

George and Gloria Theros in praise of the Risen Lord.

Cara Turner to the glory of the Risen Lord.

Bill and Lori U'Ren in memory of Joan Rygula and our parents.

Cathy Whiteside to the glory of the Risen Christ.