



*Third Sunday of Easter ~ 8:30 am ~ May 1, 2022*

*Preschool Sunday*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

***Welcomes You to Worship***

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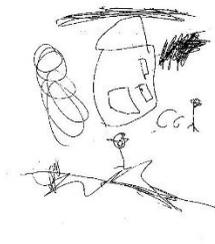
## **PRELUDE**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Gathering**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**



**GATHERING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"**

**ELW 373**

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"  
All on earth with angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high;  
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.  
2 Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.  
4 Lives again our glorious king!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where your victory, O grave?

## **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 (ELW p. 147)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Acts 9: 1-20**

1Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [7The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice

but saw no one. 8Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM: Psalm 30**

1I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**2O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

3You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**4Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

5God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**6While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

7You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**8I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

**<sup>2</sup>Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

**<sup>4</sup>Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup>Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

**<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 5: 11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 172**

## **GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

#### MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG: Will You Come and Follow Me**

**ELW 798**

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?  
2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?  
3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?  
4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and  
sound in you and you in me?"  
5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your  
love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### **Apostles Creed**

**ELW 152**

**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 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air

and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all people who cry to you for help *especially* Rhys, Roy, Esther, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Darrell, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Rich, Judy, Carla, Kaye, Mary, Duane, Doug, Sylvia, Judy, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Daryl, Caden, Carol, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you especially children, students and those who live in places like Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen and other places around the world who suffer persecution for their faith. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

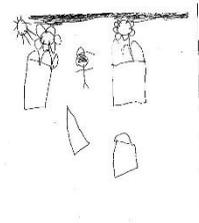
In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Create in Me a Clean Heart **ELW 185**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me**



### **OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad

and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

**SENDING:** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT ELW 384**

1 That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise the  
tribute of our grateful praise.

3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Announcements for May 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Darrell Brekke, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Rich Dunn, Judy Eide, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Mary Hawkins, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Carol Wagner, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>**

Today 8:30 am & 11 am Worship service



	9:30 am Sunday school
	9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
	1:00 pm Service at Edgewood
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters
	5:30 pm Foundation Meeting at Joy Ranch
	6 pm Choir Practice
	7 pm Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday	6:30 to 8 pm – Dance Class Refresher Practice
Wednesday	10:30 am – Service at Avantara
	6 pm – Wednesday School
	7 pm Family Worship Service
	7:30 pm - Youth Group
Thursday	Noon – National Day of Prayer service in Sanctuary
	2 pm – Rostered Pastors meet by ZOOM
	6 pm – Greeters/Ushers Training
Friday	Homeschool Group meets Morning til noon
Sunday	<b>MOTHER'S DAY w/ Blessing of the Mothers</b>
	8:30 am Worship service w/ Holy Communion
	9 am – 1 pm Boy Scouts Pancake feed
	9:30 am Sunday school (Last Day)
	10:30 am – Hymn Sing-along in sanctuary
	11 am Worship service w/Holy Communion & Children singing

### Upcoming Events:

Today - Preschool Sunday - Preschool children sing at the 11 am service.  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day – the children will be singing at the 11 am service  
     Boy Scouts pancake feed fund raiser at Grace from 9 am to 1 pm  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm Set up for the Mollie B show at Cloud 9  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 – 9:30 Mollie B and the Squeezebox band at Cloud 9  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Recognition Sunday  
     Adult Confirmation Class at 10 am.  
 May 29<sup>th</sup> – Summer worship schedule – One Service at 8:30 am.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST** today is lovingly given in memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Jackie & Erin Abel, in honor of David Abel’s birthday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to **Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201**

**LIMITED TICKETS available for Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band**

Don't wait for the last minute to get your tickets for the Mollie B and Squeezebox band show as tickets are limited for the May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm show. Mollie B is a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, songwriter, television director/producer, and Hall of Famer as seen on RFD tv. There is room for dancing. The show will be held in the large room of Cloud 9. Their kitchen is open prior to the show to order off their menu. We thank Cloud 9 for donating their space to Grace for this Raise the Roof Fund Raiser opportunity. Cost of the tickets are \$30 and available at the office

### **SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Summer classes are available to assist you in achieving the important baptismal responsibility of educating young people the catechism. Summer confirmation class is available for any young people 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have not completed this training. If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com).

An **ADULT CONFIRMATION** class will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. If you are an adult who would like to renew your understanding or attend a study of the catechism, contact Pastor Cheryl to sign up.

**Grace Grief Support** - This group is open to members within or outside of the Grace community and meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. They will meet at 6 pm on May 26 in the Grace Library. The meeting is open to any person who is experiencing loss of a person, friend or family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload through discussion and sharing each other's sorrows and joys. Contact Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl for more information.

### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

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#### **LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE**

4/20/22 & 4/24/22  
Worshippers: 259

#### **LAST WEEK DEPOSIT**

Deposits: \$2,655  
Weekly Budget: \$6,256