



140 Years of
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 30, 2023 ~ 8:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to Worship

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PRELUDE

Congregation responses in Bold Print
Welcome and Announcements

Setting 4 p 147

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN: “I Know That My Redeemer lives!” **ELW 619 vs 1, 5-8**

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! |
| 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. | 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. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end; | 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! |

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW p147

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.**

FESTIVAL HYMN

“This is the Feast”

ELW p149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in

your house, through 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 2:42-47

Pew Bible p 886

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Pew Bible p 984

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Children's Sermon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

ELW 620 vs 1 & 2

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Pew Bible p 872

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,

seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

APOSTLE'S CREED....

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you. (*We greet you all in peace.*)

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church
(*This time of offering is for the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.*)

SONG of OFFERING: "Voices Raise to You" ELW 845 vs 1 & 5

1 Voices raised to you we offer;
tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to you we sing!

5 How can any praise we offer
measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and
voices— gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to you we sing!

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray... **God of abundance, all you have made is**

good, and your love endures forever. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

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

PRAYER SONG:

“Hear Our Prayer”

ELW 178

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

PRAYER PETITIONS:

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creatures with adequate protection and food. Where there is flooding, bring dryness. Where there is drought, bring rain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression, suffering or illness in any way especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Frankie, Rick, Roger, Tracy, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Marjorie, Raef, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment, we especially pray for the Ukraine families we sponsor here in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG: "Hear Our Prayer" ELW 178

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We indeed give thanks and praise to the Almighty and merciful God for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p 153
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

THE COMMUNION

*ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME TO COME FORWARD FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER.
YOUNG CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING*

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Lamb of God"

ELW p 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW 484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

2 With joyful lips we sing to you

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain

comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;

then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

ELW 502

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray...

Gracious God, 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

May the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,

“Have no Fear, Little Flock”

for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;

ELW 764

have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;
 have good cheer, little flock,
 for the Father will keep you
 in his love forever;
 have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;
 praise the Lord high above,

for he stoops down to heal you,
 uplift and restore you;
 praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
 thankful hearts raise to God,
 for he stays close beside you,
 in all things works with you;
 thankful hearts raise to God!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You need not want. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements for April 30th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Frankie Raml, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Marjorie Stevens, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personal, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

On the CALENDAR - For the week of April 30th to May 7th

Today	8:30 am Worship service 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am – Worship Service w/Affirmation of Baptism & Communion
Monday	1-4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Banquet Meal
Tuesday	6 pm – Preschool Committee meets
Wednesday	10:30 am Service at Avantara 5 pm Grace Executive Committee meets 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group
Thursday	NOON – National Day of Prayer Service in Sanctuary
Friday	8 am to Noon: Home Schoolers

Sunday 1 pm Funeral service for Amanda Raider at Wight Comes Chapel
 8:30 am Traditional Worship service **w/ Holy Communion**
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11 am Contemporary Worship Service **w/ Holy Communion**
 Sunday/Wednesday school children singing & Preschool Sunday
 & Installation of Josh Casper as Youth and Family Director
 1 pm Service at Edgewood
 6 pm- Senior Meal w/Pastor

Upcoming Events:

May 7th – Preschool Sunday AND Wednesday/Sunday school children singing at the 11 am service
 May 14th – Pastor Off – Jack Holmquist supply
 May 21st - Senior Recognition Sunday
 May 28th – Summer worship schedule – One Service at 8:30 am.

MAKING AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM TODAY!

Ashlynn Christine Andrews, daughter of Bill Andrews & Tanya Andrews
 Tigh Bryant Koistinen, son of Chad & Terra Koistinen
 Clarissa Ruiz-Roigoza, daughter of Gladys Raigoza & Jose Ruiz.
 Kimberly Ruiz-Raigoza, daughter of Gladys Raigoza & Jose Ruiz.
 Adriene Nicole Schulz, daughter of Travis & Chelsea Schulz

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett **READER:** JoAnn Spartz
USHERS: Josh and Michaela Casper and Colin Sauer
ORGANIST/PIANIST: Laura Atwood **SONG LEADER:** Becky Sprouse
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 Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, and Dylan Jordan.
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SPECIAL 140TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT IN THE MAKINGS

Have you picked up your quilt block? Our quilt team is making a commemorative 140th anniversary quilt. You are invited to help make this beautiful quilt by taking a blank quilt block and designing it with something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use clothe paints.

The quilt will be approximately 60” X 80“ and made of these 7 ½” blocks, which are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13th** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration.

April's Mission of the Month is Baby Care – by the Missions Committee

Products such as diapers, Pacifiers, bottles and nipples, baby washcloths, baby wipes, baby blankets, sleepers and bibs. There are several organizations in our community in need of baby supplies to support new Mothers. Supplies donated will be taken to the organizations within Codington County in need of Baby Care Products.

UPDATE ON UKRAINE REFUGEE FAMILIES ARRIVING IN APRIL:

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, have been delay due to corrections necessary on their immigration papers. We hope this will be resolved soon.

Vasyl Molod, arrived on April 27th and is staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot for the first few weeks until employment is obtained.

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 7th thru 12th 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.

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** is given in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling” from the Schmeling Radio Fund. **Altar Flowers** today are given from the flower fund in honor of those making Affirmation of their Baptism. Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

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