Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin www.graceoakcreek.org

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17th, 2022

Celebrate Teach Share God's Grace

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8





Image: "Now of the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb . . . she turned around and saw Jesus, but she did not know that it was Jesus." (John 20:1 and 4)

Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

Worship bulletins & worship activity bags (age 2-8) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are always welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the **Prayer Request Sheet** found on the podium in the narthex.

We're glad you're with us. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

As We Gather "Don't Seek the Living among the Dead"

We come to the Divine Service today because it's Easter. We come seeking God's mercy and grace because we believe the Lord Jesus is risen from the dead! Because we know the story it is hard for us to feel or experience the strange mixture of shock and surprise of the women at the moment, they first discovered the empty tomb. The women went to Jesus' tomb because He died. Where do we put people who have died? In a tomb, in the cemetery! Who are in a cemetery?---dead people! But today we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. He died, but He is not dead any longer. He's risen! He's alive! Therefore, He's not in a tomb, among the dead. Since then, to this day, all people are invited to seek the Lord, the living Lord, not among the dead mingled with words or places of gruesome death but among the living proclaimed as the resurrected, glorious Word of Life everlasting.

We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

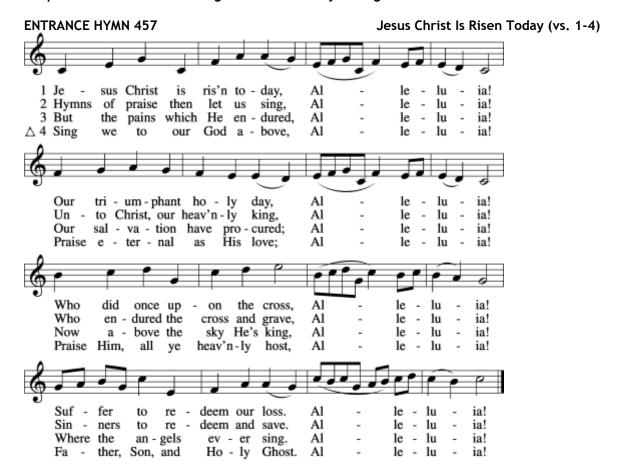
Order of Service...as outlined in your bulletin

₩ PREPARATION

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, alleluia. People: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia.

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Corinthians* 15:22; Romans 6:11 Pastor: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

People: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Heavenly Father, You have created each of us to live life with You and in Your image. Yet our sin destroys that life and brings death into our world. Forgive us, Father, for our sins against You in the things that we think, the words that we speak, and the ways that we act. Forgive us for failing to live our lives as You designed them and for failing to share Your life with others. Breathe into us Your life-giving Spirit so that we turn from our sin and receive the fresh start of a forgiven life. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose from the grave for us, call us back from the death of sin to live for Your glory all our days. Amen.

Pastor: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. As your pastor, it is my privilege to remind you of this forgiving grace of Jesus and, because He has granted His authority to do so, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTROIT Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b (spoken responsively)
I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed 'gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- 'to the sea.

The LORD is my strength 'and my song,*
and He has become my sal- 'vation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious 'in power,*
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the 'enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You' have redeemed;*
You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho-'ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own 'mountain,* the place, O LORD, which You have made for 'Your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have es- 'tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and 'ever.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son* and to the Holy 'Spirit; as it was in the be-'ginning,* is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed 'gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in-' to the sea.

KYRIE Lord, Have Mercy

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

ALL: 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

₩ WORD ₩

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 15:1-11 (The Song of Moses)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the

blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 118:15-29*; antiphon: v.1 (spoken responsively)

Pastor: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

People: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the

right hand of the LORD does valiantly!

Pastor: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

People: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks

to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of

the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; or his steadfast love endures forever!

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 (Christ---the Passover Lamb)

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE 2 Timothy 1:10b

Pastor: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light

through the Gospel.

People: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which

means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

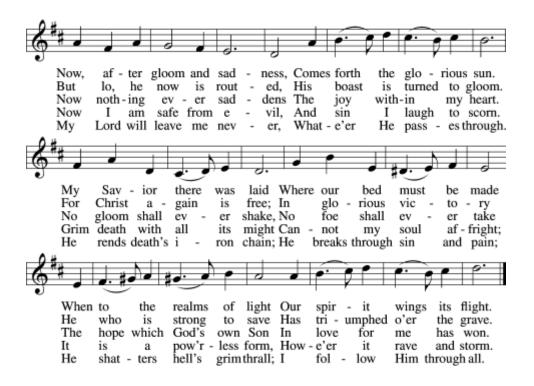
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HYMN OF THE DAY 467

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (vs. 1-4 & 6)



- 1 A wake, my heart, with glad ness, See what to day is done;
- 2 The foe in tri-umph shout ed When Christ lay in the tomb; 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im-part!
- 3 This is a sight that glad dens—What peace it doth im-part! 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
- 6 Now I will cling for ev er To Christ, my Sav ior true;



SERMON: "Don't Seek the Living among the Dead" (Luke 24:1-6a)

Sermon Text-Luke 24:1-6a

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee...

Offering/Attendance As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our website at: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! He is always living to intercede for us before His Father. With confidence, let us present to Him our prayers for the whole Church of God, and for everyone according to their need.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, You have become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. Free our lives from the grip of death and help us to live in the newness of Your life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, You appeared to Your disciples and commissioned them to preach the forgiveness of sins purchased by Your death. Be present in the preaching of Your pastors and Church today who bring Your forgiveness to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, inspire the leaders of all nations to provide justice for those who have been wronged; and protection, liberty, freedom, and peace to all whom they serve. Protect and bless especially those who provide protection, healing, and help in their communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, bring the touch of Your healing to all who suffer illness, injury, or other necessities [especially _____]. Give patience and trust in Your mercy to all who call on Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, remembering all our departed friends and relatives who have gone before us with the sign of faith, keep us in union with them here through faith and love in You, and bring us all at last to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, all glory and praise be to You, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Lord is risen!
People: He is risen, indeed!

Pastor: May our lives be full of His joy and love.

People: The Lord is risen, indeed!

Pastor: May we gladly announce His resurrection to all our brothers and sisters.

People: The Lord is risen, indeed!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

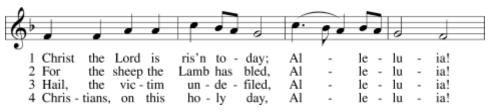
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

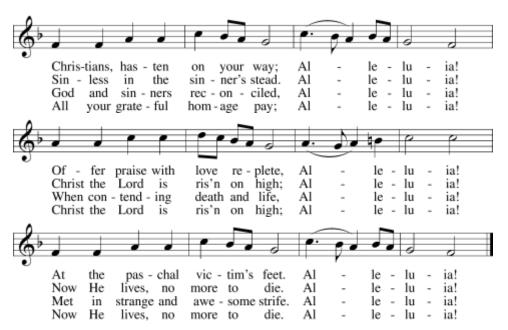
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 463

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia (vs. 1-4)





Announcements

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Pam Umaski (healing & strength); Terri Meyer (cancer); Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law; Local Law Enforcement and First Responders; Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; Jay (cancer) friend of Lisa Kamprath; Randy (cancer) Lori Kachelmeier's brother; Larry Abelt Sr. (healing & strength) Leah Abelt's Father-in-Law; Andie (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier. Sindy Schmidt (back issues) friend of Lori Kachelmeier; Tim (surgery) Donna Dotson's brother; Gordon (healing) relative of Janine Pieper, Renee Lutzke (healing); Greg Nowakowski (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Matthew & Meredith King; James Giambi (healing) Donna Dotson's Sister in Law's Nephew; Cindy Riemer (cancer); Michael Helzer (cancer) friend of Michael Parker; Michael Parker (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's son; Jim & Kari (healing and strength) friends of Joy Lussier; Heather (healing and strength) Lance Kopperud's niece; Gloria Gamroth (healing & strength) Mitzi Gamroth's Mother in law. Susan Sochowski (recovery from stroke) friend of Taggatz family; Jane (cancer) friend of Tony & Suzie Mirenda; Delores Riemer (healing & strength); Mike Toman (recovery after surgery); Jim Elliot (recovery from lung transplant) Jan Barrett's Son in Law; Doreen (cancer) daughter of Bob & Dawn Jantz; Sharon Russell (healing & strength); Maureen (healing & strength) friend of Carol Thurber; June Roewer, (hospitalized); Clare Sauer, (recovery from eye lid surgery); Jim Kolb (healing & strength) husband of Kathy Kolb; Tanner, Granddaughter of Cathy Weeks; Jim Pieper (knee surgery); Doug & Char Klipfel (healing and strength); Eres (healing & strength) son of ECC Teacher at Grace; Dan (surgery) son of Alberta Loomis; Jane Isaacs (healing & strength) friend of Rachel Miliacca; Carol Wysocki-Borkowski (surgery) ECC Teacher at Grace.

<u>For our Homebound Members at Grace:</u> Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue; Hear our prayer.

We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: Paulinemom@aol.com.

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am-3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday	4/17	6:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday Festival Service Easter Sunday Festival Service
Tuesday	4/19	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	4/20	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	4/21	6:30 pm	Divine Worship
Saturday	4/23	8:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
Sunday	4/24	8:00 am	Divine Worship
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		10:30am	Divine Worship
		11:30am	Voter's Meeting

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we "Celebrate, Teach, and Share" the Good News of God's Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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