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Resurrection Power

The long night has ended, and a new day has begun. Earthquakes shake the ground, and a heavenly messenger speaks amazing news. The words we hear are completely astounding. The tomb is empty. Jesus has been raised from the dead. Heaven and earth sing together with joy: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

This is the day that anchors the faith of our church. The one who was crucified has overcome the power of death. The cross has become a sign of our redemption. The promise of the resurrection has been realized. Our doubt and despair can be transformed into new faith as we hear the voice of Jesus say, “Do not be afraid.”

We are still discovering how Jesus’ resurrection continues to change us. Resurrection power is celebrated in the joy of holy baptism. Now we belong to Christ. Resurrection power transforms a simple meal of bread and wine into a heavenly feast, a banquet of grace, and a symbol of our reconciliation to God and one another. The body of Christ is given for you.

Resurrection power reveals the depths of God’s love for us, and we can go into the world with confidence that we need not follow the old ways of living. Because of Jesus’ victory over sin and death, we see new possibilities and new visions of what this world might become. As we encounter violence, poverty, and hatred, the cross of Christ makes us into peacemakers and advocates for a more just society. Do not be afraid. We embody the story of God’s amazing power to bring life out of death, healing out of suffering, and light out of darkness. These gifts sustain our Easter joy, and we must go and tell the world.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

Easter Sunday Service

April 16, 2017

We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and every Sunday. It’s because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Music

He's Alive
by Don Francisco

Grace Choir
Julian Kratochvil, soloist
Kristi Winick, pianist

Stand as you are able

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167 (red book)

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray . . . O God, 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.**

Sit

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up 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.

☞ A reading from **Acts**:

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

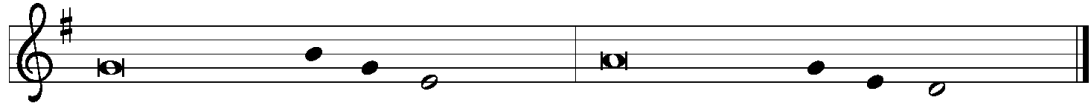
☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 118:1-2,14-24



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joyce and be glad in it.



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

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

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

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"


¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

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

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


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

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

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

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

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

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

 A reading from **Colossians**:

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377 (red book)

vs 1-2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P The Gospel according to **Matthew**.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Message

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

Message

Stand as you are able.

Song of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379 (red book)

Nicene Creed

A We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

G We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

The Prayers

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfort, Hastings Assembly of God; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul.* Hear us, O God.

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A For the earth. Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail. Hear us, O God.

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare. Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, especially *Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, especially *Victoria Steadman, Danny Gillons, Sharon Duits, John Burdick, Corinna Palmer, Pat Wales-Depew, Ray Depew, Cindy Schreiber, Rick Ogden, Doug Haddix, Danielle Gorman and Richard Nuyen.* Hear us, O God.

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. *Bring your Spirit to the work of our Transition Team.* Hear us, O God.

G (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God.

G (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*) and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

G (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Stand as you are able.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts & Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Offering Song

Day of Arising

ELW 374 (red book)

Stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

G **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

☑ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, oh God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☞ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

☑ **To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☞ **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

☞ Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Sit

Holy Communion

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

☞ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

☞ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

☞ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

☞ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

☞ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

☞ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Your Only Son

ELW 336 (red book)

Let us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW 484

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485 (red book)

Stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

☞ **Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sit

Congregational Announcements

Stand as you are able

Blessing

☞ May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

WOV 673 (blue book)

Dismissal

☞ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☞ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Floral Arrangements

Ingrid Morgan

In memory of loved ones

Stewardship Information

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of hamburger/tuna helper, cereal, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc).

Worshippers last week: 103

Weekly Giving: \$2,449.00

Budget Amount: \$4,226.98

Check it out! The Transition Team has put up a church timeline on the wall in the North hallway. Be sure to take a look at it. You can also add to the timeline. Add other significant church events you remember and/or personal events that have impacted your life. Markers are available. When it

is complete, it will represent a positive history of Grace and its members for the new pastor.

Synod Call Committee Members – need to attend Synod training on Wednesday, **April 19** at Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo, beginning at 8:00 pm. We need to be represented so that we can proceed with haste in the call process. Talk to Pastor Paul if you have questions.

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Steve Kaiser	Mark Anton
Lector	Carl Schoessel	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Emmalee Peck
Usher	Mark/Jana Bishop	Gary/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Brunch between services	
Children's Church	n/a	No Children's Church
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich, Lisa Golnek	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, April 23, 2017

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Phil Poholski
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	Carol Vos	Carla Neil
Communion Server	Melissa Patton	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Clyde Watson
Usher	Dan & Grayson Patton	Ed Domke, Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Ingrid Morgan, Carla Neil
Children's Church	n/a	Eve Wright, Shayna Gibbons
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich, Lisa Golnek	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, April 16	Easter early service 8:00 am Easter brunch 9:15-10:30 am Easter egg hunt 9:30 am Easter late service 10:45 am
Monday, April 17	LACS Rehearsal 6:30-9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 18	Council meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19	Prayer Group 6:00 pm Synod Call Committee Training 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 20	Clapper Kids 3:45-5:00 pm Grace Notes 5:45-7:00 pm
Saturday, April 22	VBS Planning 2:00 pm
Sunday, April 23	Transition Team 12:00 noon

