

Christ
is
Risen!

Grace Lutheran Church
Hastings, Michigan

The Festival Worship of Christ's Resurrection

April 17, 2022

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.

Welcome

Gathering Music

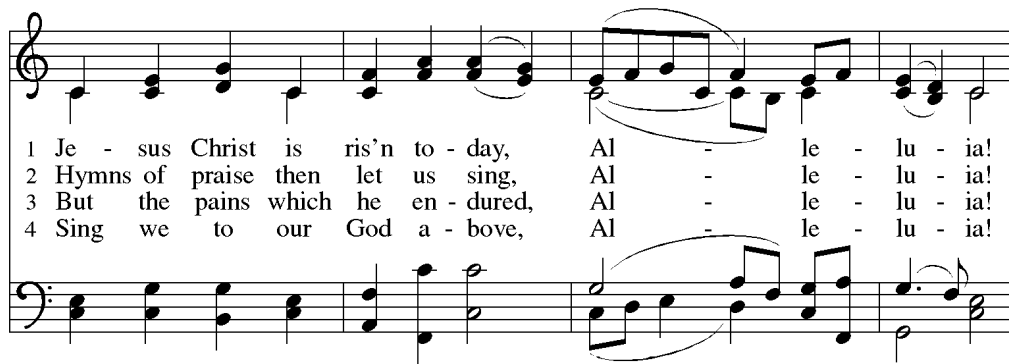
Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Arise in body or Spirit

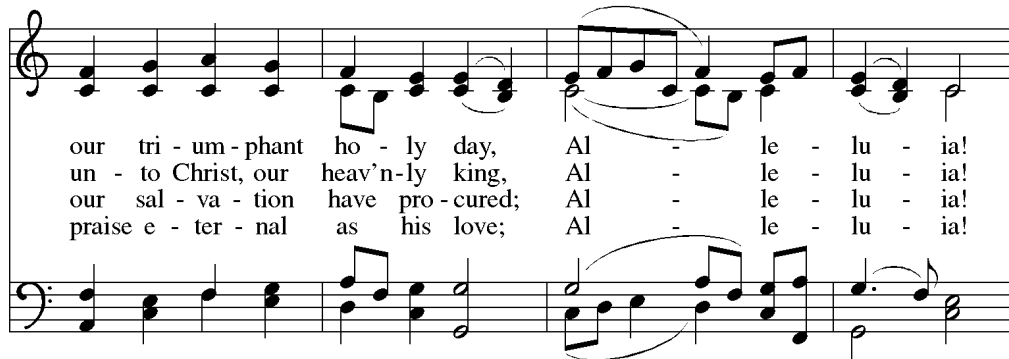
Easter Good News

- A** On Good Friday when Jesus suffered and died on the cross the light went out of the world. Our sins were paid, and our salvation won; but the cost was the very life of Jesus Christ. Christ suffered and died, and darkness and silence covered the world. But darkness could not overcome the Light. Death could not conquer our Lord. On the third day Christ rose from the grave. Christ's life and glory and presence fill the world and fill our very lives. Our hearts fill with joy and our voices fill with praise. Jesus Christ lives. Alleluia!
- P** It is Easter Sunday and the tomb is empty. So, we come to proclaim together:
- C** **Christ is risen!**
- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!
- C** **Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Praise be to God!**





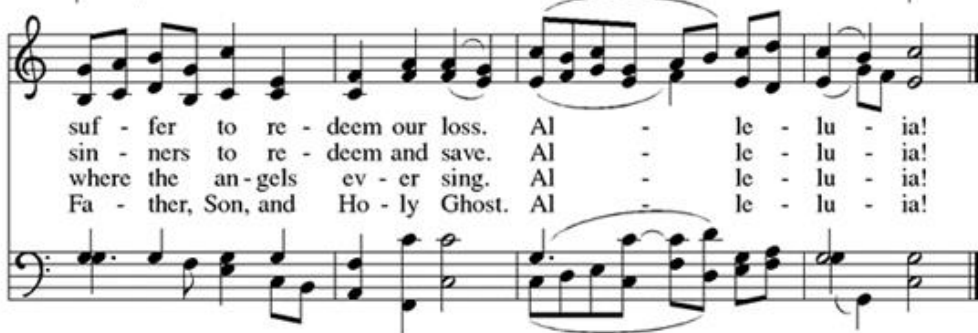
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Greeting

☐ Holy people of God, given new life through the gospel of Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

Song of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

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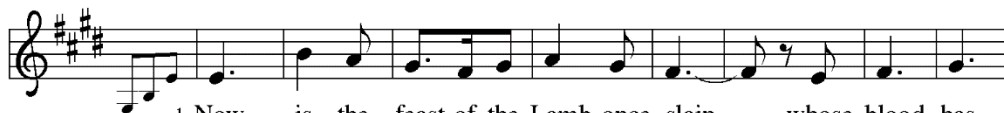
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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.**

Grace Singers (10:45 only) *Let the Praise Go Round* by William Boyce arr. Hal Hopson

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

📖 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: 118:14-24 (A Paraphrase for Easter)

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOD’S my strength, GOD’S also my song, and now is | my salvation.
Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs in the camp | of the saved?

**“The hand of GOD has turned the tide! The hand of GOD is | raised in victory!
The hand of GOD has | turned the tide!”** (*Refrain*)

I didn’t die. I lived! And now I’m telling the world | what GOD did.
GOD tested me, and pushed me hard, but didn’t hand me o|ver to Death.

**Swing wide the city gates – the righteous gates!
I’ll walk right through | and thank God!
This Temple Gate belongs to God,
So the victors can en|ter and praise.** (*Refrain*)

Thank you for responding to me; you’ve truly become | my salvation!
The stone the masons discarded as flawed is | now the capstone!

**This is GOD’S work. We rub our eyes – we can hard|ly believe it!
This is the very day GOD acted – let’s celebrate | and be festive!** (*Refrain*)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

☐ A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

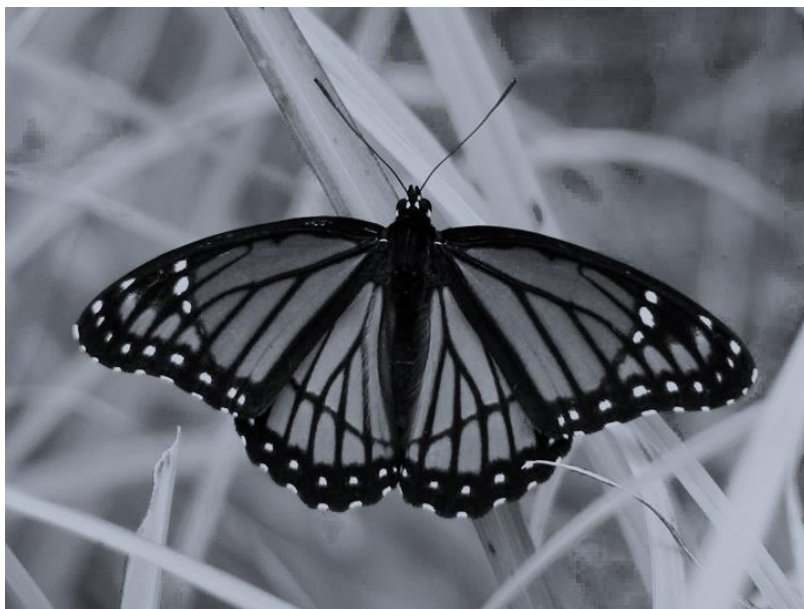
▣ A Reading from the Gospel of **Luke**.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

▣ The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Children's Message

Message

Song of the Day

This Joyful Eastertide

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Nicene Creed

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

**☒ 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us new life.***

- Ⓐ On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors and our world.

A brief silence

- Ⓐ Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millersburg; Hastings Seventh Day Adventist and Hastings Assembly of God; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, especially: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. *Especially Doris Allarding, Amber Andrews, Vickey Argo, Veronica Baarson, Wally Burzynski, Ron Bush, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Michael Gibbons, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, the birth of Rose Carolyn Habben, Larry Hansen, Judy Heil, Jill & Yancy Hobert, Mike Hoppe, Paul Kuhlman, The family of Cheryl Jorgensen, Mindi Longcor, Kinsley McManawy, Bill Melcher, Ron Neil, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Phil Poholski (prostate cancer), Ken Plourde, Margie Schaffer, Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, George Ulrich Jr., Carol Vos (cancer), Eve Wright, Lynnze.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)
Here other intercessions may be offered*

- Ⓐ Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you Hear us, O God.
- ☞ **You give us new life.**
- Ⓐ We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓐ The peace of risen Christ be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☞ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

- Ⓐ 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.**
- Ⓐ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful 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.
- ☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓟ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- Ⓞ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**
- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Congregation:



A - men, Come_ Lord Je - sus; A -



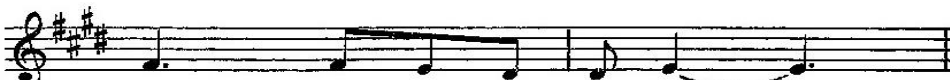
men, Come_ Lord Je - sus._____

- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -



men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it._____

- Ⓟ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is
yours, O God, now and for-ev-er,
A - - - men.

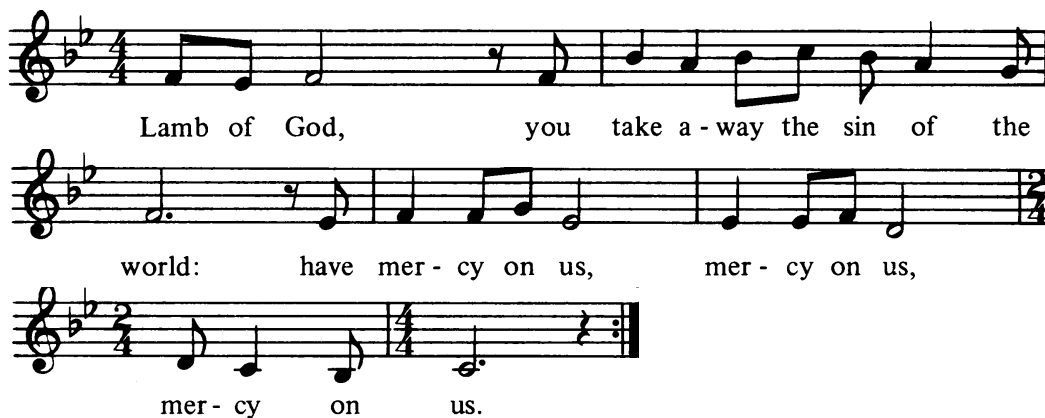
Lord's Prayer

- Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- Holy things for holy people.
- One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
mer-cy on us.

Additional Verses:

**You break the chains of hatred and fear:
You are the way of justice and peace:
You are the way of mercy and love:
You are the bread of life for us all:
You pour your Holy Spirit on us:**

Final time:



Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

**WOV 671
WOV 674**

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- G** **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Blessing

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
- G** **Amen.**

Sending Song

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

Dismissal

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin
Lector – Jamie Heise
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck
Fellowship – Bill & Lorraine Freedlund

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Ethan Scheck
Lector – Anna Scheck
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck

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Ms. Cindy Olson, Minister of Music
April 17, 2022

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who died on the cross for us all.

Rummage Sale. We are looking for workers to help set up, run, and share some time for a rummage sale, which will help raise funds for the victims of war in Ukraine.

Spring Flower Sale \$6.00 each. Like everything else, pricing keeps going up. Orders due May 11, 2022, with pick-up on Saturday, May 14th.

Adult Forum is this Sunday at 9:30 am. On this Resurrection Day, we will read the four resurrection stories of the Bible.

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.

Stewardship Information	Attendance: 74	Views: 100
	Weekly Giving: \$5,279.00	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
	Soup Supper Proceeds to Alpha Women's Center: \$80.00	

Gospel Worship Service

A Gospel Worship Service on May 1, 2022. We will gather for worship only at 10 am, as we invite the community to join us for a special worship service and Quilt Show. We hope you can join us for this time of celebration and enjoy the beauty of the artists. We will also have a meal after the worship service, please sign up. We hope you invite your friends to join us at this unique event.

Congregational Care is looking for some help in welcoming our new members. If you would like to donate items, please contact Laura Scheck. The committee likes to provide a welcome basket for new members.

*Even in
Death,
We Have
Life!*