

Christ Is Risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED.

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Welcome!

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GRACE ~ *“I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

GRACE ~ *“These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

GRACE ~ *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” II Peter 3:1**

BELL PEAL

M: Why do you look for the living among the dead? CHRIST IS RISEN!

Rising to say...

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Processional Hymn CW #157

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Please, turn to face processional cross in the back of the church and turn to the front of the church as the cross and candle is carried past your pew and brought into the chancel.

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

M: Dear friends in Christ, for forty days of Lent we have been preparing for this celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. During our solemn celebration of Holy Week, we heard again the events of Christ's passion and death—his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his Last Supper and washing of his disciples' feet, his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest and trial, and his crucifixion, death and burial. Today we come together to mark with joy his resurrection. Christ, our Savior, has completed his work as Messiah: he suffered, he died, he descended to hell and rose again. Christ, our Passover Lamb—once slain for us—now lives and reigns to all eternity. Death and the grave have no more power over him. Let us remember with devotion his empty tomb and follow him through the great fifty days of the Easter season with a lively faith. United with him by baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

Hymn:

He is arisen! Glorious Word!

Now reconciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heav'n are open!

My Jesus did triumphant die,

And Satan's arrows broken lie,

Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

Oh, hear What cheer!

Christ victorious,

Rising glorious,

Life is giving.

He was dead, but now is living!

EASTER'S LITANY

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: I know that my Redeemer lives,

C: and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

M: And after my skin has been destroyed,

C: yet in my flesh I will see God;

M: I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

C: How my heart yearns within me!

M: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

C: the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality,

C: then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

M: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

M: But with you there is forgiveness...

EASTER'S CONFESSION

- M:** “Fellow believers, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... Therefore, be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Acts 2:22-24,36
- C:** **“What shall I do?” For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake!**
- M:** “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39

EASTER'S ABSOLUTION

- M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!** Job 19:23-27

HYMN:

Sing Allelu

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THE WORD

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²² For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet."²⁶ Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

Verse of the Day

Psalms 118: 24 & John 10:17-18

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Rising to say...

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

M: "This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father."

Hymn of Response: LAPPY 304

"This Is the Day"

1. This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice and be exceeding glad!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

2. Christ has conquered death at last,

Left the tomb that held him fast!

Gone the sorrow, gone the night;

Dawns the morning clear and bright!

3. This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice and be exceeding glad!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Hymn of the Day: 152

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

**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!**

**5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.**

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**3. 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.**

**4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

And I saw a scroll in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, with writing on the front and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll by breaking its seals?” ³ No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴ And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping. Look! The Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed and is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then I saw another powerful angel coming down out of heaven. He was clothed with a cloud, a rainbow was over his head, his face was like the sun, his feet were like pillars of fire, ² and he had in his hand a little scroll, which had been opened. He put his right foot on the sea and his left on the land, ³ and he cried out with a loud voice, just as a lion roars.

THE NICENE CREED

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

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The Offering

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Prayer of the Church for Easter Day

- M: Let us pray for all who are God's people through faith in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God!
You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Thanks be to God!
You drive out all doubt and gloom so that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Thanks be to God!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents and our treasures.
- C: Thanks be to God!
Who has risen indeed! Live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special intercessions and prayers may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.**

The Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

*Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst,
And Jesus has his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluia!*

*On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
Oh, let us swell the joyful strain! Alleluia!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

