

SEEING THE RISEN
CHRIST



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

Church Campus: 7610 NE Fremont Street, Pastor – Pastor Thad Bitter (503.290.6316– call /text)

School Campus: 2252 SE 92nd Street, Principal - Justin Eternick (920.988.1999 – call /text)

Preschool: 2252 SE 92nd Street, ECE Director Tammy Godish (503.312.4230 – call /text)

EASTER MORNING

April 9th, 2023

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.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

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 CW21Blue #438

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.

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 of Response: LAPPY 304

“This Is the Day”

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

THE WORD

The First Lesson

Jonah 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. ² He said the following: In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice. ³ You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas. The currents swept around me. All your breakers and your waves swept over me. ⁴ I said, "I have been driven away from your sight. Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple." ⁵ Waters engulfed me so that I was near death. The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down. The earth locked me behind its bars forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God. ⁷ When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD. My prayer came to you, to your holy temple. ⁸ Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs. ⁹ But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you. What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full. Salvation belongs to the LORD! ¹⁰ Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Grace Children's Choir

"Up! Up! Up! He Arose!"

Chorus:

Up! Up! Up! He arose;
He's alive, everybody knows!
He's the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings;
Lift your voices, everybody sing!

Verse:

There in the grave my Jesus lay;
The devil said that's where He'll stay.
The Bible says on the third day
The angel came and rolled the stone away! (Woo!)

Chorus

Verse:

Mary wept outside the tomb;
Then saw two angels in that room;
Jesus has risen as He said,
Go tell everybody that He's not dead! (Woo!)

Chorus

Lift your voices, everybody sing!

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 20-22; 50-56

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 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.”

**Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life’s day
that by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

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. ²There 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped 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.”

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.

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

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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!"*

Hymn of Response: CWRed #162

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

*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!*

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*An opportunity to give online can also be used at
[Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.com/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:*



Prayer of the Church for Easter Day

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.**

The choir will sing the verse and the congregation joins the refrain

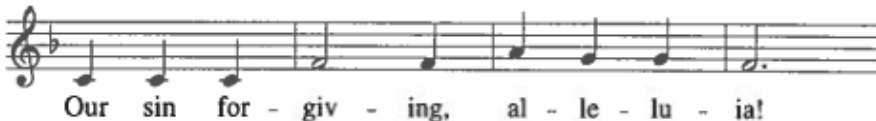
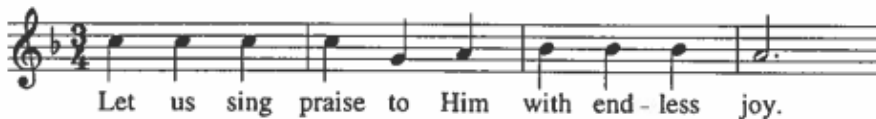
Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain (Congregation)



For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo.
And in its conquest his might did show. **Refrain**

The angel said to them, “Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” **Refrain**

“Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won.” **Refrain**