

"Faith Needs Feeding" John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2024

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Our Mission:

To reach out faithfully and nourish all of God's people with His living and active Word, Baptism, and Lord's Supper so that our Vision can be fulfilled.

Our Vision:

To live in the grace, mercy, peace, and forgiveness of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, as members of His family, here in time and there in eternity.

We Promise:

To witness faithfully and **GROW** God's family by reaching out to all people who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus and welcome, embrace and nurture them.

To nourish God's family with **DIVINE WORSHIP** – God's Word, Sacraments, beautiful music and faithful law and Gospel preaching.

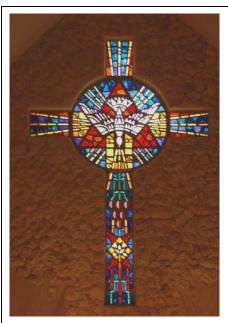
To provide opportunity that invites everyone across a Lifespan to **PARTICIPATE** as members of God's family.

To be a family in **PRAYER** for and with each other.

To grow continually in the grace and love of God through faithful and thorough study of **SCRIPTURE** and **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** at every age.

To provide **HUMAN CARE** for God's family at Grace, including our friends and neighbors, with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs wherever we find them.

To equip and encourage every member of God's family to discover and utilize their **PERSONAL GIFTS** of time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and the good of their neighbor.



For Families with children:

There is a cry room available off the narthex and rocking chairs in the back of the Sanctuary for parents with infants and young children. There are fun activity bags for children to use during the service, available at the welcome center.

Hearing Devices

are available from one of the ushers to enhance the sounds of the service.

Welcome to the Family of God

Concerning the Lord's Supper...

Worthy reception of the Lord's Supper: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words; "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe. (Luther's Small Catechism)

We encourage your individual preparation for the Lord's Supper. Luther's "Christian Questions and Answers" (pp. 329-330 in the hymnal) are wonderful aids in preparation. You may also wish to meditate on the sacramental hymns (617-643). The Lord's blood can be received by common cup or individual cup. Gluten-free wafers are available, please tell the Pastor if you would like one; and non-alcoholic wine is available at the center of the tray. <u>Please ask an usher</u> for assistance if you have any questions.

<u>Prayer Requests:</u> The Prayer Circles of Grace want to pray for those who have requests or praise or thanksgiving! Please e-mail Patty Polster at GracePR.patty@gmail.com. Prayer requests are held in confidence.

<u>Education Hour Today:</u> Adults, please join us for Bible Class, at 9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School rooms off of the Courtyard.

German Language Worship Service

On the third Sunday of every month at 3:00pm there is a German Language Lutheran Service led by Pastor Michael DeLong followed by a time of fellowship.

Flowers are given
By
Jean Lindal
celebrating her Birthday
Also, Katelyn & Cody Mirly
Celebrating their Anniversary



THOSE WHO SERVE AT GRACE TODAY		
	8:00am	10:30am
ELDERS	Patrick Perri Thomas Hecht	Phil Wehmeyer Mauro Nobili Larry Polster
USHERS	Barb Kolmorgen Karen Scholz	Greg Davenport
LECTORS		Linda Nobili
GREETERS	Carol Tamulis	Beverly Fritz
ACOLYTES		
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Lingsch	

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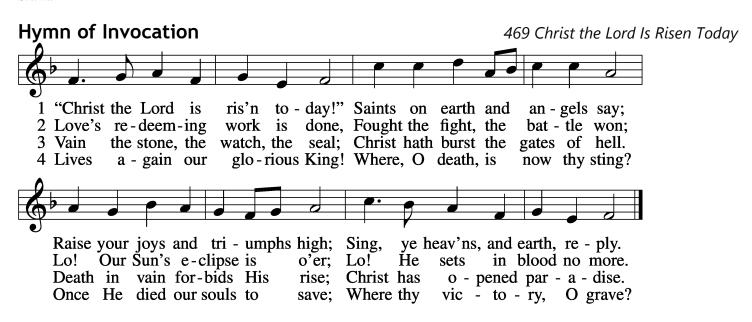
Prelude

"Air Gai" (Carlos Gomez, Trumpet)

G.P. Berlioz

Welcome

Stand



5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head. Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Tune: French, 13th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

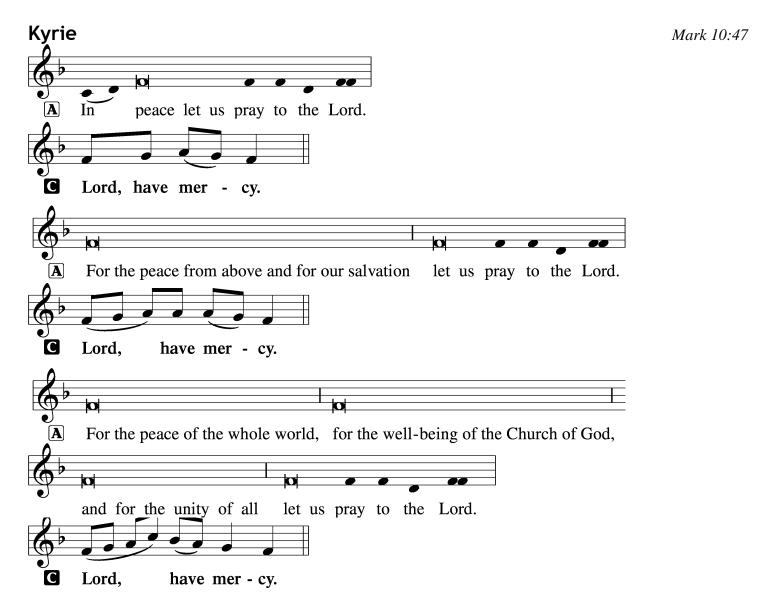
Confession of Sins

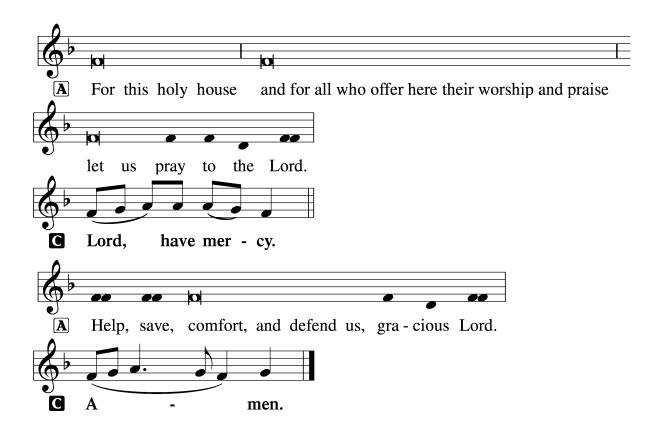
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

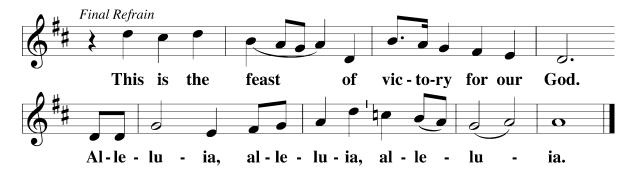
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

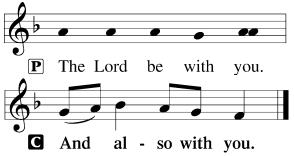








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my

people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



- God alone knows our hearts, and understands all our deeds. We will not triumph by force of arms, and all its deceiving power. (R)
- 2 Instruments of war will not bring peace; their great might will not save the nation. God protects us, for we worship the Lord alone. We hope in God's streadfast love. (R)
- 3 The Lord rescues our lives from death and provides the food we need. Our hope is ever in the Lord; God is our help and shield. (R)
- We rejoice in the Lord alone; we trust in God's holy name. God's love will be with us forevermore. Our hope is in the Lord. (R)

Epistle 1 John 5:4–10

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Anthem (10:30a.m.) "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" - Joseph M. Martin (Grace Chorale)

Stand





Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

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



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message & Rite of Friendship

While the children are coming forward, please take the black folder located in the hymnal rack in front of you, record your name, check the appropriate column and pass it to the person next to you until it reaches the end of your pew. As it is passed back, take note of the names of those worshipping with you so that you might greet them. Please return the folder to the hymnal rack.



- 4 That night the_apostles met in fear; CHOIR Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
 - 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!
 - 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 CHOIR He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!
 - On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia! Refrain

Sermon

"Faith Needs Feeding"
John 20:19-31

Pastor Keith Lingsch

Anthem (8:00a.m)

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
(Grace Chorale)

- Joseph M. Martin

Stand



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Prayers of the Church

us

give

The congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."

Prayer Concerns Bill, Daniel, Debbie, David, Flora, Gilbert, Jackson, Ken, Kristina, Linda, Lisa, Louis, Mallie, Norma, Rene, Robert, Ruth, Sandy, Sharon, Thora Jean, Trevor.

the feast

to

come.

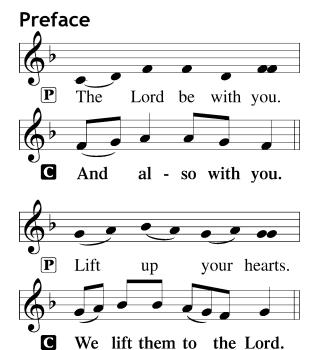
Missionary of the Month: Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett-Ethiopia

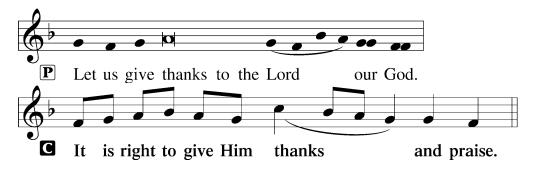
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Service of the Sacrament

Lord's Supper Statement of Faith

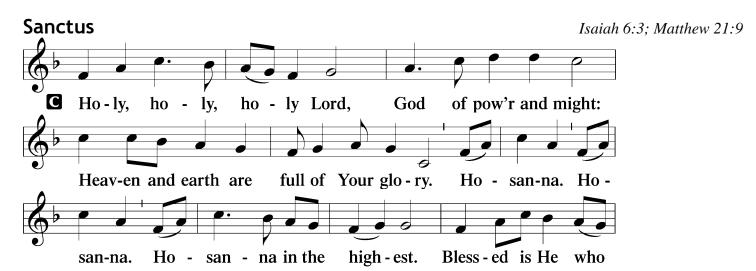
As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion. We also believe that, as we receive Christ in this meal with penitent and believing hearts, we receive all the treasured blessings that He earned for us. If you share this confession, then come; taste and see the goodness of the Lord!





Proper Preface

You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

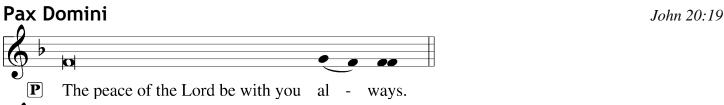
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

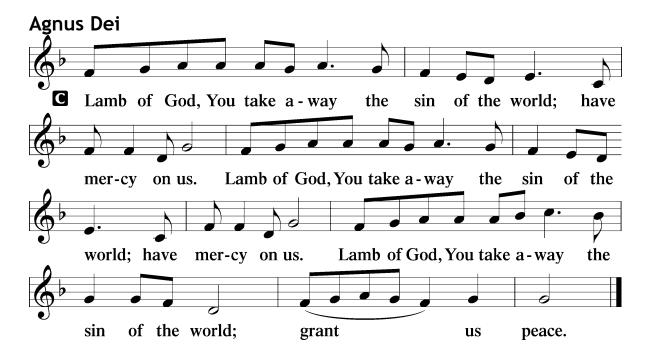
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



John 1:29

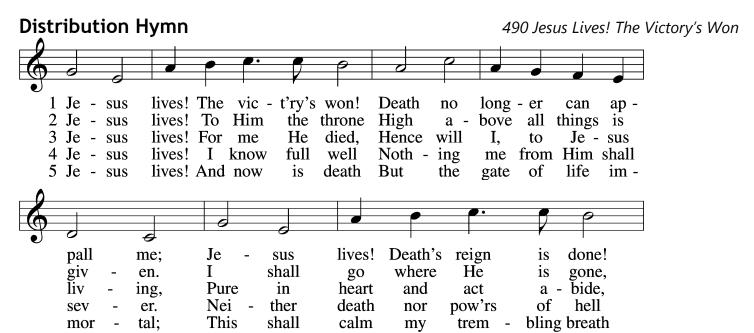


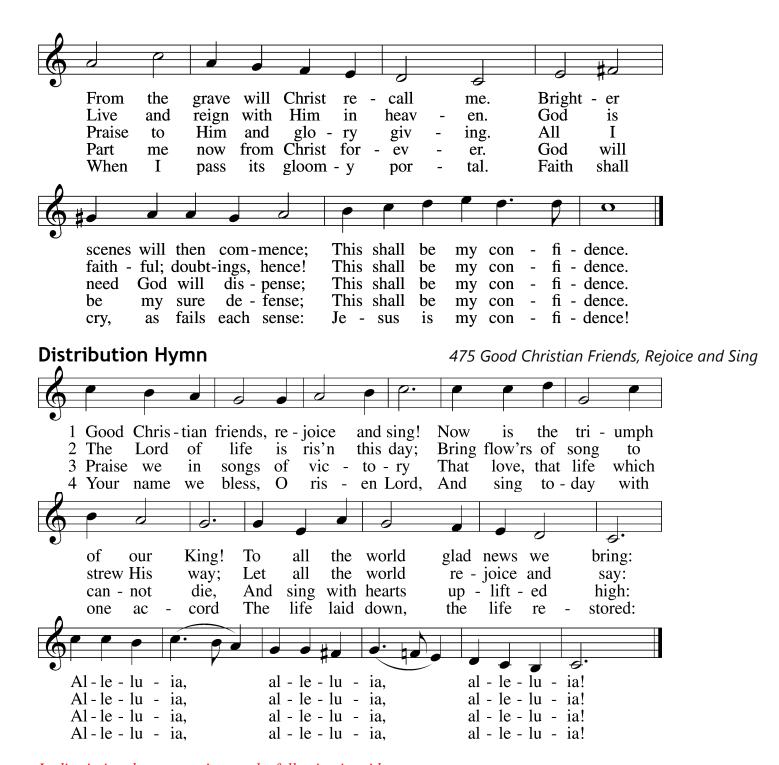
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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**



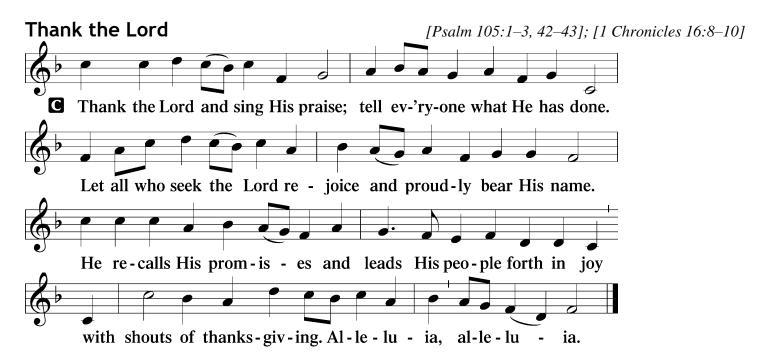


In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







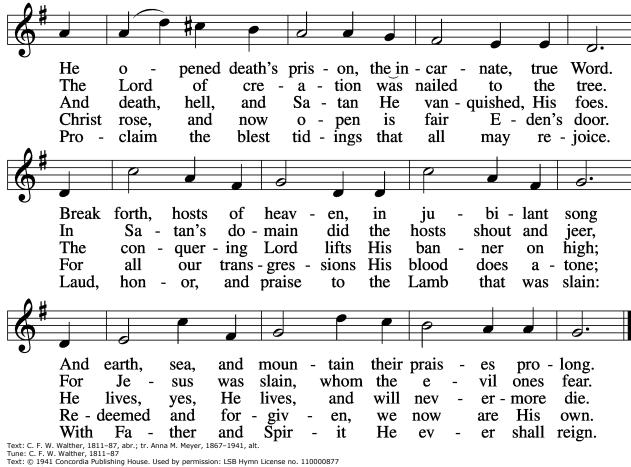
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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







Postlude

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ATTENDANCE:

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024, = 131 **Good Friday, March 29, 2024 = 159** Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024, = 41 **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 = 422**



We have **ONLINE GIVING** on our **website: graceofnaples.com**. Just click on the button GIVE and follow the instructions. You can also go directly to this page by scanning the **QR** Code.



The knit/crochet group's last meeting is the 16th of April. We will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.



Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

Lutheran Witness subscriptions, both renewals and brand new, are due now. One year is only \$21.50 for this wonderful inspirational magazine. Please make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church, mark the envelope Lutheran Witness and place it in the offering plate. Deadline is **April 14.**



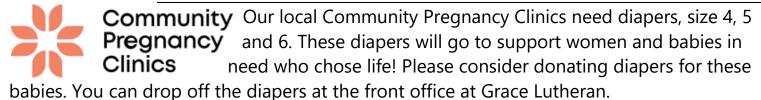
Before you go...

Some of you will be heading north, soon.

Before you go, please add a yellow 'Out of Town' card to your mailbox.

If you haven't had a chance to update your address, telephone number or email, call the office at (239) 261-7421 or email (office@graceofnaples.com).

Even when you are not with us, we would like to stay in touch.



Thank you! ~ DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang



Women of Grace Quilters are in need material for making Quilts! (But Not heavy upholstery material).

Also, we need sheets in any size, color or design, new or gently used. You can drop your donation off in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, call Carol Borchelt 239-529-3172 Thank you.



Mite Box

Remember to turn in your mite boxes in the Narthex at the beginning of each month. Your mite may seem small and powerless but when put with others, those mites form a MIGHTY MITE. It is unstoppable.

Dear members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church, Naples Florida,

A few weeks ago, Emily and Jonathan performed a recital at Grace Lutheran. Emily is a relatively new student of the organ, playing for only a few years and studying the instrument with Jonathan for just the past year. We were thrilled with the number of people who attended!

As we noted at the recital and in the program, Emily is planning to attend Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) this July at Valparaiso University. We included this information in the program not to make the recital a fund-raising event, but rather in the hope that some of the attendees would consider supporting Emily in her quest to attend LSM.



The response has been overwhelming! Grace Lutheran has redefined our understanding of the word "generosity" and has fully funded Emily's trip to Valparaiso included her tuition, room and board, AND travel expenses (to and from) for her and her mother.

Somehow a mere "Thank You!" seems inadequate! Thank you for making Emily a part of your extended family of Grace Lutheran Naples.

She looks forward to sharing her experiences with you when she returns.

Most Sincerely,

The Christman Family (Craig, Ruth and Emily), and Jonathan



We had another wonderful Easter Breakfast, hosted by the Grace Youth Group! Thank you to everyone who made food, served, and came to support our youth. We are blessed to have such a loving and generous congregation. Through your support, the youth raised \$846 that will go towards youth trips and events in the future. Most



importantly, we enjoyed the fellowship of our Grace family on Easter Sunday! ~DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang



Women of Grace April 20th at 10:00

Fellowship Hall

All Women of Grace are invited to be part of something that is bigger than oneself. Come join your "sisters in faith" to be strengthened in God's Word, create Christian relationships and care for God's people by showing the Christ in you!

On Saturday, April 20th, Women of Grace gathers to hear God's Word, enjoy a devotion, talk about ways to help everyone know Jesus, hear about an interesting mission, do a small service project and have a planning meeting about dispersion of funds raised to date.

Thank You!



Lunch will be served!



WOG Silent Auction In the Fellowship Hall
4 Handmade Quilts
1 Knitted Baby Blanket
1 Tote
All Proceeds go to
Our Mission Support

All Divine	Sunday,	Sunday,
Services	April 14th	April 14th
include	8:00 am Divine	10:30 am Divine
Communion	Service	Service
ELDERS:	Patrick Perri	Larry Polster
	Austin Gomez	Phil Wehmeyer
		Mauro Nobili
USHERS:		Jerry Roseman
ACOLYTE:		
LECTOR:		Len Walter
GREETER:	Carol Tamulis	Beverly Fritz
ALTAR GUILD:	SueAnn Zornes	
	Sunday,	Sunday,
	April 21st	April 21st
	8:00 am Divine	10:30 am Divine
	Service	Service
ELDERS:	Patrick Perri	Phil Wehmeyer
	Tom Hecht	Craig Johnson
USHERS:		Jerry Roseman
ACOLYTE:		Evelyn Gomez
LECTOR:	Elaine Ehmann	
GREETER:		Jean Freche
ALTAR GUILD:	Niles Jehn	
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	Service	Service
ELDERS:	Austin Gomez	Mauro Nobili
USHERS:	Deb & Gary Laveen	Greg Davenport
OSITERO.		Jerry Roseman
ACOLYTE:	Evelyn Gomez	
LECTOR:		Gail Kirsch
GREETER:		
ALTAR GUILD:	Naomi Hutcheson	

Today—April 7th 8:00 am Divine Worship—S	Thursday— April 11th
•	10:00 am Women's' Bible Study Class—FH
9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH	1:00 pm Grief Share—SS
10:30 am Divine Worship—S	6:00 pm Grace AMR Ringers—S
12:00 pm Adult Information Class—FH	
5-7 pm Youth Night Escape Room	
Monday— April 8th	Friday— April 12th
Tuesday— April 9th	Saturday—April 13th
9:00 am Cool Mom's Bible Study—SS	4:00 pm Divine Worship—FH
10:00 am Quilters & Knit/Crochet—FH	
Wednesday— April 10th	Sunday— April 14th
10:30 am Adult Bible Class—S	8:00 am Divine Worship—S
4:30 pm Confirmation—SS	9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH
7:00 pm Grace Chorale—S	10:30 am Divine Worship—S
Readings for Sunday April 14th	ROOM KEY
Ezekiel 34:11-16	S—Sanctuary
Psalm 23	SS—Sunday School Rooms off Courtyard
1 Peter 2:21-25	C—Courtyard
John 10:11-16	N—Narthex
	PL—Parsonage Lawn
	NR- Nursery room