

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2019**  
**8:30 A.M.**



**WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**  
**Crossways Temple Talk**

*stand as you are able*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C Amen**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, . . . .  
. . . through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Gathering Hymn**

'That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright'

**384**

**Greeting**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*please be seated*

**Hymn of Praise**

'Now the Feast and Celebration'

**167**

*(Refrain, vs 1, Refrain)*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## **First Reading**

Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

Revelations 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and

freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'Be Not Afraid' **388**

**C Be not afraid, sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!** (*repeat all*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of

the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

vs 1, 4 & 5

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‘Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain’

*stand as you are able*

### **Nicene Creed**

p. 104

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.



## Post Communion Prayer

A Living God,

**C you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. 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**

## Blessing

P The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**C Amen**

## Sending Hymn

'Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes'

**381**

## Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle



**Worship Assistants: April 28**

**Greeters:** Mason – Mary Boldt  
East – Mary & Tom Jensen

**Assisting Minister:** Lois Hilger

**Lector:** Lois Hilger

**Communion 8:30:** Marty Grow

**Communion 10:30:** Luann Seidl

**Ushers:** Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 04/21/19:** 8:30 - 91    10:30 - 28

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 04/18/19** - 104

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**Church Secretary:** Carey Mackesy

***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Dorothy Henke.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Debra Ragen; Tom Muggenthaler; Sherry Nymoen.

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meiers; Karen Krull.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Sandy Yerxa is starting a branch of **Quilts of Valor (QOV)** at Grace. She needs the names of those that have served and during what years and what war. If you could let the office know or Sandy directly at 716-7728 as we gather this information.

### **Lent 2019 Till All have a Piece of the "PIE"**

Our goal was to raise \$1000.00 for World Hunger. Our final total raised is \$1452.32. Way to go everyone for exceeding our goal!!!

Don't forget as you clean out your closets to save items for Grace annual **Rummage Sale** May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional information will be available in the May Newsletter.

### **Directory Update**

You should have received an Email from the church office asking you to verify your personal information. Name, address, current phone number and Email address. With the changes that people have made, (ie..getting rid of landline phones) the information in the directory isn't current. If you haven't already done so, please reply to the office even if the information is correct by May 1st.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Grace will hold it's semi-annual meeting. We will have an election with many positions open. Please prayerfully consider having your name placed on the ballot. We have opening for President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Property, and Worship and Music.

Our last **Second Sunday Conversation** will be at 9:30 am on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome – whether a frequent attender or not. All are invited to come and add their voices to this important conversation about Grace’s future. The conversation is bound to be lively and your thoughts, questions, concerns and ideas are important.

Thank you to everyone who helped make **Easter Breakfast** another great success this year. All the help was very much appreciated. Instead of a pie in the face, we raised additional money that Pastor Dan didn’t get one. He is Risen Indeed!

There are extra **time and talent sheets** available on the table in the narthex. Please don’t forget to fill them out and return them. You can place them in the offering plate or on the table in the copy room.

We are happy to have Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer, Campaign Director from **Crossways Camping Ministries** with us today. He will talk about the Rooted in Faith/Growing to Serve campaign.

**FVLH OPEN HOUSE:** May 15, 12:30 to 3PM. Ice Cream Sundaes, Apartments to tour, building tours, meet the tenants, check out a future home for yourself or a family member!

**All Donations Matched!** Until May 31, 2019 all donations to elevator fund at FVLH will be matched up to \$50,000! Donate online, by mail, or in person!

**Fox Valley Lutheran Homes:** Apartments for rent: 1 & 2 BR; Call Becky or Katie at 734-7225.

# **NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE AND NOSTALGIA SHOW**



**Featuring  
Eric Diamond**

**Please join us for an evening of fun and enjoyable music presented by Eric Diamond. This is a matching fundraiser to replace the 50-year-old elevator.**

**Tickets are \$30 for Cabaret Tables or  
\$25 for General Seating**

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
OuterEdge Stage,  
303 N Oneida Street, Appleton

**Tickets available online at  
[www.fvlhomes.org](http://www.fvlhomes.org) or by calling  
920-734-7225**

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## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 28** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

**Monday, April 29** .....7:30 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, April 30** ..... 8:30 am Quilting  
6:00 pm Confirmation

**Wednesday, May 1** .....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 pm Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, May 2** ..... 10:00 am Grilled Cheese

**Friday, May 3** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, May 4** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

**Sunday, May 5** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Second Sunday Conversation  
10:30 am Worship

