

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' vs 1-3

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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.

Be seated.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

pp. 140-141

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad,
and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

I Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation 'Christ is Risen!' (382 refrain)

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead!

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹But 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.**

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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'Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain' vs 1, 4 & 5

Stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

Be seated.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory *'Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen'* vs 1

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Offering Prayer

A Be known to us, O Lord,

C in the breaking of the bread, 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

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Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes'</i>	381
<i>'Now the Green Blade Rises'</i>	379

Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Life-giving God,

C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

Blessing

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn

'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' vs 4 & 5

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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

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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.

Worship Assistants: April 23

Greeters: Mason – Phyllis & Gary Schroeder
East – Gerry & Ed Kerwell

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Mark Balkman

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

Hospitality: Sarah Kraft

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 4/16: 8:30 a.m. 115
10:30 a.m. 31

High School Grilled Cheese Lunch 4/13: 82

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Adeline Elias & Dorothy Henke.

For those in Hospice Care especially Adeline Elias.

For Healing for 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; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski.

“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.

Announcements

Grace Rummage Sale: Have you started rounding up your donations yet? It's only two weeks until we need your cast-offs to turn into someone else's treasures. Furniture, children's things, and knick knacks sell well, but not adult clothing. Let's recycle in a big way as we near our deadline. You can now start dropping things off in the PAC; just set them on the right side of the rope.

Hospitality Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

Grace recently hosted the soup lunch at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes after their Maundy Thursday worship service. **A resounding Thank You!!** goes out to the many volunteers who helped cook, bake, set up, serve, and clean up. As usual, the food was delicious and the fellowship delightful! The residents and staff of FVLH expressed great appreciation for Grace's efforts on their behalf. From Sharon Meier and Deb Werth

Found: A woman's (size large) wedding band was found at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes on the Commons floor following the noon soup luncheon two weeks ago, on Wednesday, April 5. If the ring is yours, stop by FVLH, Monday – Wednesday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Graduates: 2017 graduates will be honored during worship on May 21st. So, the search is on for all those reaching an educational milestone and GRADUATING from high school, college, technical school, educational program or other educational accomplishment. Have a GRADUATE in your family? Please email grace54914@gmail.com or call the church office (733-9135) with the following information: Grad Name, School graduating from, & Diploma, degree, or name of completed program.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 23.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, April 24.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 25.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., April 26.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thu., April 27.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds

Friday, April 28.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 29.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, April 30.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)