

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn 'Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!' **377**

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 pp. 138-139

Hymn of Praise pp. 140-141

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

I Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who

was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what

had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *'Day of Arising'* **374**

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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

'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' (364-refrain)

C Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

**Death's fearful sting he has come to
destroy.**

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

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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Lord's Prayer

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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. 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

'Lamb of God'

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'That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright'

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'We Who Once Were Dead'

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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 *'This Joyful Eastertide'* **391**

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 30

Greeters: Mason – Mary & Tom Jensen
East – Art Peterson

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Gene Krull

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

Hospitality: Valerie & Gary Sieg

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 4/23: 8:30 a.m. 49
10:30 a.m. 26

High School Grilled Cheese Lunch 4/20: 92

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Donny Kassube and Marie Mueller.

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; Ron Bailey.

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

New Member Gatherings

Have you been thinking of joining Grace? We are planning a New Member Sunday on Pentecost Sunday which is June 4 this year. I would like to meet with you as group if possible before June. Please let Pastor Dan know your interest and what time and what day of the week works best for you by calling him at 594-2015 or emailing him at pastordanluett@gmail.com.

Bible Study: Pastor Dan will be offering a new Bible Study at Grace. He has been thinking about Wednesday mornings at either 9:00 or 10:00 A.M. He would like those attending to help pick our direction of study. Let us gather at 9:00 A.M. on May 17 for discussion on what you would like to study.

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.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes' 2017 Spring Appeal to start soon. Donations will be invited to replace 46-year-old carpeting in apartment building hallways.

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 call the church office (733-9135) or email grace54914@gmail.com with the following information: Grad Name, School graduating from, & Diploma, degree, or name of completed program.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes' participates in Human Race 2017 on May 6. Support a team member. Proceeds will go to purchase a defibrillator to have in the FVLH building. Can make the difference between a 5-7% chance of survival and a 60% chance of survival after a cardiac event!

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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)

Monday, May 1.....7:00 p.m. TLC Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 2.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., May 3.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thu., May 4.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds

Friday, May 5.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 6.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, May 7.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)