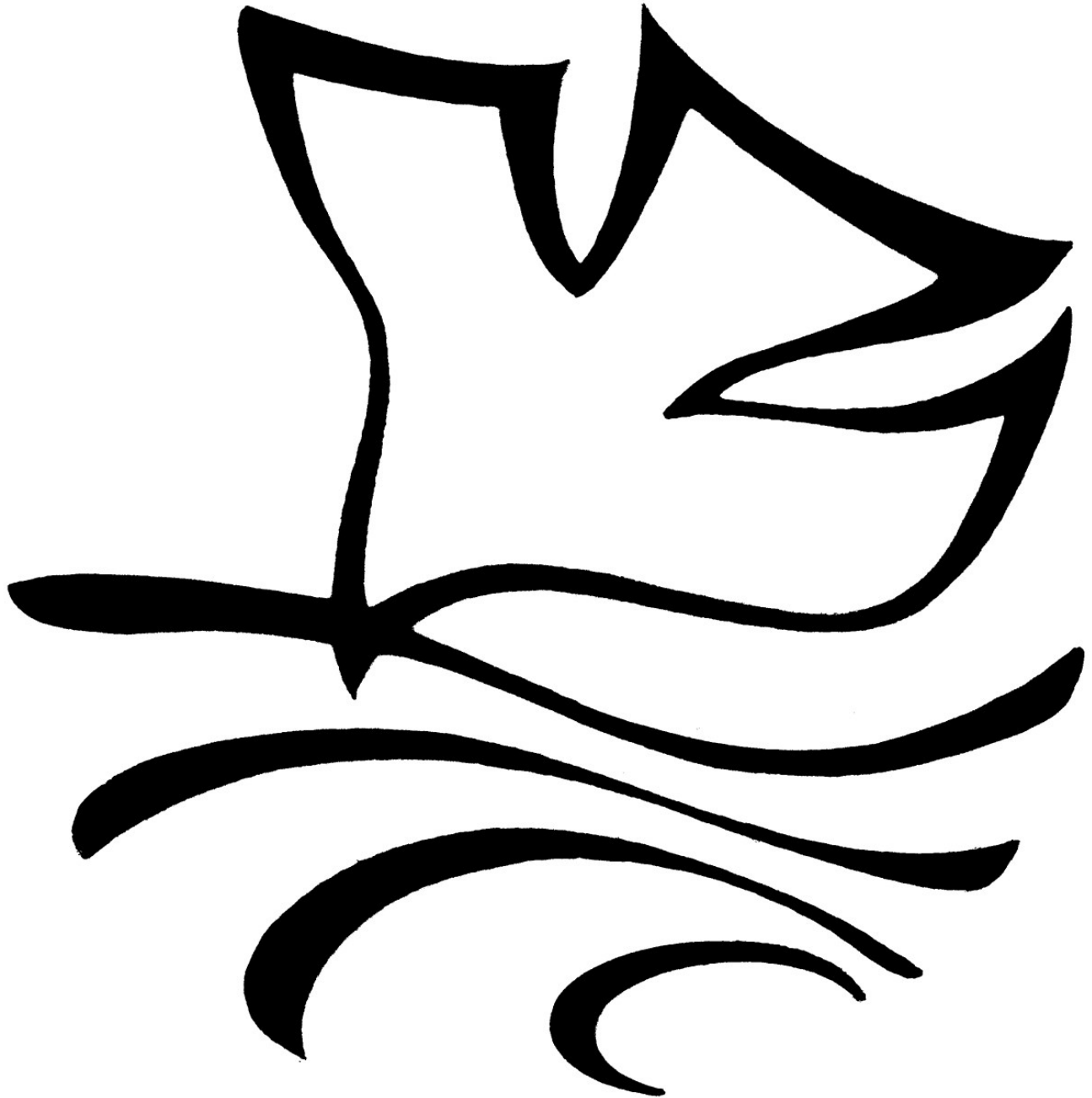




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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024
9:30A

Welcome!

If this is your first time at Grace, we invite you to fill out a "connect" card found in the pew rack and give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

If you prefer, scan this QR code so we can find out who you are! We look forward to connecting with you!



Children are welcome in worship!

There are two Playgrounds: one in the front of the sanctuary and one in the back gallery. Playgrounds have pint-sized chairs and quiet toys.

Nursery Care

(Ages 0-3 years)
Open 9:15-11:30a
The nursery is available and staffed by an adult. An usher can direct you to the nursery.

Kids Connect

(Age 4 - Grade 3)
Kids exit following Children's Message, and return following the sermon. **Bonehead the Clown leads Kids Connect this week.**

The Neighborhood

(Age 4 - Grade 5)
Open 10:40-11:30a
A space for free-play and imagination.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran – we are so glad to have you with us this morning! A few pieces of orientation and welcome:

- Large-print bulletins and hymn selections can be found in a red binder as you enter the sanctuary.
- At the entrance to the worship space, kids will find books, crayons, and gadgets to use during worship, as well as children's bulletins.
- There are all-gender restrooms that can be accessed by exiting the sanctuary to the left and following a short hallway.
- If you wish to share a prayer, there are "prayer" cards in the pews. You can hand your card to an usher or leave it in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.
- We welcome you just as you are! Grace is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, and we are committed to expanding, growing, and strengthening our welcome.

GOD WELCOMES ALL

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Alejandro D. Consolacion II

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call our names, Lord.
Call us as you called Saul,
when we are traveling in the wrong direction,
when we loathe the reaches of your mercy.

**Speak to us in unexpected voices
and set us on a new path.
Call our names, Lord.**

Call us as you called Ananias to be an instrument of healing,
to be agents of change,
to speak truth to power.

**Even when we are fearful of the cost,
give us trust in your sending.
Call our names, Lord.**

Call us as you called the disciples and invited them for breakfast,
even though they did not recognize you.

Help us to see that there will be enough food for everyone
**if we persist through the long night of waiting,
if we take the risks of faith and sharing
to reach the abundance of daybreak.
Call our names, Lord.**

Call us as you called Simon Peter and asked for his love,
then told him to feed and tend your people.

**May we see the connection
between love of you and love of all people;
that we too may tend the calling of love in this world.
Call our names, Lord. Amen.**

OPENING SONG

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

ELW #383

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. **Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

ELW pg. 140

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH A LIVING WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering is collected now! All are invited to bring forward their coins! After the message, kids are invited to attend Kids Connect outside the sanctuary during the sermon time. Today, Bonehead leads Kids Connect!

FIRST READING

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia

ELW Setting 3



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymnal Notes

ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red worship book in the pew racks.

Page numbers (pg. 227) indicate pages in the front of the hymnal.

Hymn numbers (ELW #879) indicate hymns in the back of the hymnal.

ACS stands for All Creation Sings, which is the newest hymnal in the ELCA. We do not have these hymnals in our worship space, so the music is printed in the bulletin.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

(before) The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(after) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World Like

ACS 1047



1 What is the world like when God's will is
 2 What is the world like when God's will is
 3 What is the world like when God's will is
 4 What is the world like when God's will is
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
 done? No more is neigh - bor just
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the
 child com - ing home; watch as the
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
 watch through the night, tend - ing our
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 plac - es where once there was none.
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

HOLY BAPTISM

Duke Colanino

Sutton Bailey

PRESENTATION

People of God, do you promise to support Duke and Sutton, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BAPTISM

Duke Colanino, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sutton Rae Bailey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

ALLELUIA

Repeat the Alleluia above.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving and merciful God, **bring new life.**

SHARING OF PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS | INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. **Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in our world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

We give thanks for all expressions of **generosity** given in response to our generous God.

The **offering plate** is on the table outside of the worship space.

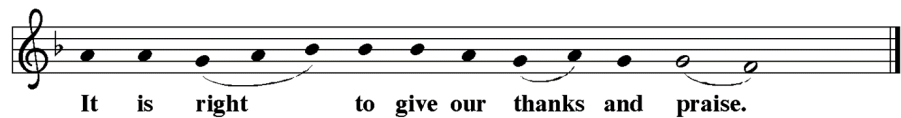
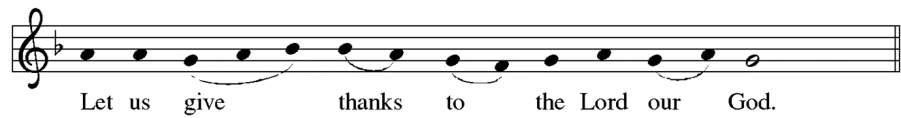
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GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 3

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

Leah Gibbons

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People
Lord of All Hopefulness*

ELW #469
ELW #765

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray,

Life-giving God, 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.**

GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453 v 1-3

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

In the name of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, **Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Keesecker

Holy Communion is celebrated at every service, for Jesus says to his friends, "Do this in remembrance of me."

At Christ's table, all are welcome, no exceptions. Here, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the promise of new life in God.

Gluten-free wafers are on the small table in the center aisle. Grape juice is in the center ring of cups.

Children are welcome to commune at their parents' discretion. Anyone can come forward for a blessing.

If you wish to receive communion but are unable to come forward, please inform an usher, and a server will bring the meal to you.

All children are invited to walk out with the worship leaders during the last verse of the sending hymn to lead the words of dismissal.

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Monday - Thursday
9:00a - 3:00p

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Apr 14

9:15a Nursery is open
9:30a Worship
10:30a Fellowship
10:40a Forum: Rain Garden project
10:40a The Neighborhood is open
6:00p Pack 227 Parents' Mtg / KH

Monday, Apr 15

Tuesday, Apr 16

11:30a NAPS / Friendship Hall
4:30p RIC Ministry Team Mtg
6:00p Church Council Mtg / Bonh

Wednesday, Apr 17

1:00p Al-Anon / Bonhoeffer

Thursday, Apr 18

9:30a Bible Study: Revelation / FH
4:00p Grandparents HH / Zoom
6:30p Survivor Resources / Bonh

Friday, Apr 19

6:00p Singles Living Alone / Zoom
7:30p AA / Alpha Omega

Saturday, Apr 20

Sunday, Apr 21

9:15a Nursery is open
9:30a Worship
9:30a Confirmation Monthly Meet
10:30a Fellowship
10:40a Forum: Creation Care
10:40a The Neighborhood is open
7:00p Troop 228 Mtg / Koinonia

PRAYER AND CARE

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pray for healing and wholeness for Dick, Bev, Phil, Larry, and the Aho family, especially Judy, and all who are sick, lonely, undergoing medical treatment, and grieving.

Pray for our partner congregation, Mensajeros de Cristo Lutheran Church of Guatemala.

Fill out a Prayer Card and place the card in the offering plate or submit your prayer request at graceofav.org/prayerrequests.

Contact Pastor Reed (r.fowler@graceofav.org or 952-207-9547) to be part of the ministry of prayer surrounding our members and community, or if you are in need of a home/hospital visit.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

We at Grace Lutheran Church are committed to being an affirming, loving and welcoming community of faith for all people. We believe the gospel is God's gift to be shared unconditionally regardless of age, ethnicity, race, national origin, family configuration or relationship status, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Although our world can often be an unloving and alienating place, we rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured, enriched and challenged the life and ministry we share. We are committed to equity and inclusion, to the work of anti-racism, and advocating for marginalized groups and peoples. All are welcome to participate fully in the community of Grace Lutheran Church. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are.

Adopted Nov.13, 2016 Revised and Reaffirmed Oct. 20, 2021



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CVLI, OneLicense,
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Liturgies License.*

*Additional resources:
Call to Worship -
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