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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “*that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*” and “*that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations*” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “*God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets*” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “*delivered over and denied*” this Lord Jesus and “*killed the Author of life.*” Yet God “*glorified his servant Jesus*” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “*sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “*we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “*as he is pure,*” because “*he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin*” (1 John 3:3, 5).

Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “This Joyful Eastertide”**

LSB 482

1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain.*

ref **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,**
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain.*

3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain.*

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Stand

Opening Versicles (Matins)

LSB 219

Ⓟ O Lord, open my lips.

♪ Ⓞ And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Ⓟ Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

♪ Ⓞ make haste to help me, O Lord.

♪ Ⓞ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Ⓟ Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

♪ Ⓞ **O come, let us worship Him.**

C O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
 Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
 let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
 For the Lord is a |great God
 and a great |king above all gods.
 The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
 the strength of the hills is |His also.
 The sea is His, for He |made it,
 and His hand |formed the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and |bow down,
 let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
 For He |is our God,
 and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
 Glory be to the Father and |to the Son
 and to the |Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the be|ginning,
 is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

♪ **C** O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God

foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins

should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Message

♪ Sermon Hymn “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

LSB 483

- 1** With high delight Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He
Is ris’n and sends To all earth’s ends
Good news to save ev’ry nation.

- 2** True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death’s undoing.
“And yours shall be Like victory
O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

- 3** Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To ev’ry land, ev’ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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Sermon “Children of God”

Pastor Buchhorn

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♪ Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.**

- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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Stand

♪ Kyrie

LSB 227

- ☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

♪Closing Hymn: “The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”

LSB 464

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!**
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Scott Hansen, Marcine Rohrberg, Matthew Sharer, Lucille Ocampo, Hunter Ruwe, Londa Stowater, Candace Heggemeyer, Logan Slama, Sherry Haase, Trevor Hurlbert, Aiden Kesting, and Nicole Cross

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian & Sharolyn Biermann, Marlen & Jan Chinn and Adam & Natalie Endicott

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: During our Adult Bible Class today, April 18, our Missionary Daniel Conrad will be presenting our Bible Class via Zoom live from Mexico City. Pastor Conrad is one of our congregation's recipients of direct mission support. Join us for this special event.

YOUTH EVENT: Tag, you're it! On April 24th, the Grace Lutheran Youth Group will be hosting a game of "QR Code Phone Tag." This event will begin at 5:00PM, at which time food will be provided, and it will go until 8:00PM. To assist with this event, we are looking to parents to help by providing a dessert. For interested parents, please let Pastor Erik know if you would be willing help in this way, along with which students will be planning to attend, as to assist with organizational efforts. With all of this in mind, we look forward to seeing everyone on April 24th, at 5:00PM, for a game of technologically advanced tag.

CONNECT TO DISCIPLE: On April 25 we will begin a new Disciple Training workshop entitled "Connect to Disciple." This material was produced in response to the Re:Vitality initiative of our synod. In the survey conducted at the end of 2020 outreach and equipping to share our faith was one of the areas that our congregation self-identified as an area where growth was needed/desired. This material was developed by our synod to help meet that need. This class will meet in the basement during adult Bible class hour beginning at 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "Healing Waters," Syrian commander Naaman travels to see the prophet Elisha, hoping to find a cure for his leprosy. Taking along letters of introduction from the king of Syria, silver and gold, and new clothing, Naaman travels first to the king of Israel. Fearing reprisal from the Syrians, the king sends Naaman away. Naaman is directed to Elisha's house, where a messenger tells him to go wash in the Jordan seven times. Despite his initial resistance, Naaman washes, and his flesh is transformed like that of a little child. For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Lesson 4 and additional family materials.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Replace or Repair?" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Broken doesn't mean "disposable." Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes broken people. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDIES: This semester we are going to have two opportunities for Bible studies as a group. We will meet every **Thursday at 5:30PM** at Cup of Grace. During those times we will be discussing the question "**Is the Bible Reliable?**" Hint, hint... the answer is YES! The other opportunity will be held on Sunday evenings at **7:30pm at Cup of Grace**. Hope to see you for these awesome opportunities and be sure to invite your friends!

THANK YOU to those who came and helped with the spring clean-up day at the church. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: The Jr. High and High School Youth Group want to thank you for taking the time to support, pray for, and encourage us throughout this past year as you always have. All of you have meant so much to us, during a time of great uncertainty in a lot of ways. Two things have been certain though and that is first God's love and second your commitment. The Youth Group is also working on a fundraiser to help make it to the National Youth Gathering that takes place July 2022. On the wall leading into the Fellowship Hall, you will find a lot of envelopes. If you feel led to support this effort, please take an envelope and you the dollar amount on each one is merely a suggestion. You can donate more, or less depending upon your interest. All proceeds will go towards our trip to the Gathering, and if you write a check please make it out to LYF Grace Lutheran. Thank you again for all your support! We could not do anything without your help!

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VISIONARY PARENTING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR ERIK: Parents are you looking at getting into God's word with your children. Are you not sure how to even begin doing something like that? Wanting to strengthen habits that you are already doing. Well then, we hope you will join Pastor Erik on Sunday April 25th during the Sunday School Hour from 9:15 to 10:15AM! We will cover great topics like God's grand vision for the home, a God-filled normal life, Biblical fatherhood and motherhood, family worship, multi-generational faithfulness, a safe home, and disciplines that disciple. What you will hear and learn is that God has brought your family together for a grand purpose! Our study called *Visionary Parenting* will help you discover and lean into this awesome opportunity. Through studying God's Word in this Visionary Parenting series, you will be inspired to catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family. While also being inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your kids.

USE YOUR GIFTS: Beginning in June, some of the areas of service which were temporarily discontinued due to pandemic precautions we hope to resume. That means that we will be looking for those who would like to serve the Lord and our congregation as Greeters and Lay Readers. Greeters help to provide a friendly welcome and distribute bulletins to people entering our sanctuary. Lay Readers assist during the worship service by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the service. If you would like to help in either role, please indicate it on your attendance registration sheet.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Al & Betty Wittig in honor of Gary & Brenda

Bolte's wedding anniversary

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	6:15 pm.	Choir
	7:30 pm.	Mission Council
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	5:30 pm.	College Bible Study
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
	5:00 pm.	Jr. & Sr. Youth
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Supper