

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
April 5, 2015

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER DAY

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the Christ, the resurrection and the life. I rejoice in Your resurrection, for because You live I will live also. You have gone ahead of me to prepare a place for me so then I need not fear death and the grave, but by faith know that they are merely the doorway to heaven. Grant that as I live in the certainty of the resurrection I also seek to live my life giving glory to You and to the Father. By Your Holy Spirit's power remind me of this Gospel power to salvation and daily living. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

**Alleluia, Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!** Blessed Easter to all of you today! **Welcome** to everyone gathered here this day to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We especially welcome our visitors! Each Sunday throughout the year is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. **We invite you to come and worship with us again.**

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well or on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 8:15 and 10:45 Services today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

Of all the things in life, one is number one. Of all the teachings in the Bible, and there are many, one is primary. Of all the things in the world, one is prime. The apostle Paul names what this is in today's Epistle. He calls it "of first importance": "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." The Gospel of Jesus, our Savior, is what is of first importance. This Easter, celebrate that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus was all done for your forgiveness and salvation. This was of "first importance" to your loving Savior. Let His Word continue to dwell in you richly reminding you that apart from the Gospel you are dead in your trespasses and sins, but in Christ proclaimed crucified and risen you stand and are being saved!

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by Jim and Florence Marvin in thankfulness for the most glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for the many blessings especially for blessings bestowed upon our nephew Ranjith Paul, who will be coming to the United States on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Assisting Minister:		Chaplain David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Crucifer:	(6:30)	Lily Woodyard
Acolyte:	(6:30)	James Junkans
Ushers:	(6:30)	Sam Cate, Gervais Le Blanc, Paul Nichols
Soloist:	(6:30)	Sharon LeBlanc
Crucifer:	(8:15)	Mason Andrews
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Randy Middaugh
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Carter Stein
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeters:	(8:15)	Roy and Ame Andrews, Perryn, Mason and Ethan
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Lori Bloom and Angie Proud
Crucifer:	(10:45)	Jack Manchesster
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Katie Williams
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Greg Warren
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Paul Krueger Gervais LeBlanc, Jeff Ralston
Greeters:	(10:45)	Ann Stoker, Cynthia McCrory, and Owen McCrory
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Choir:		Adult Choir, Handbell Choir
Easter Breakfast:		Board of Parish Fellowship
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** – The appointed readings for next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, The Second Sunday of Easter, are: The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35, The Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:, and The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

## for

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## EASTER DAY

### Pre-Service Music

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - Healey Willan, Jeffrey Blerch, John Behnke*

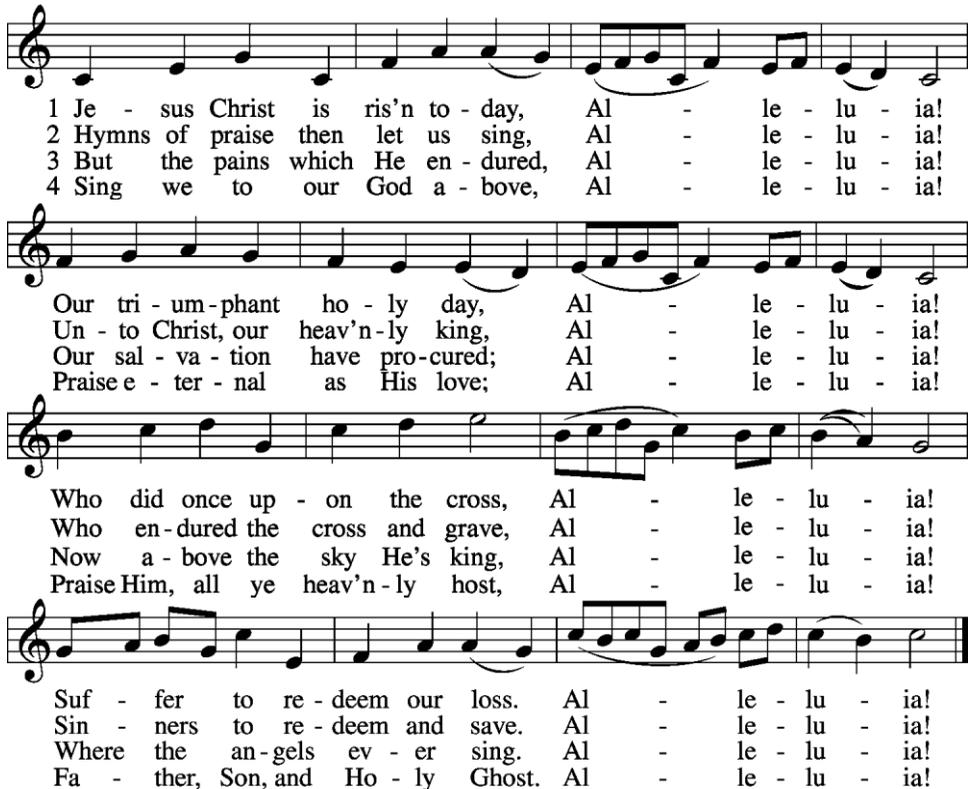
### Prelude

*The Strife is O'er - Michael Keller*

### Ring of the Church Bell

*Please rise and face the processional cross*

### Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LSB 457 (arr. S. Drummond Wolff)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Confession and Absolution

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

### Absolution

*John 20:19–23*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

# Service of the Word

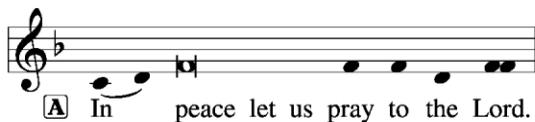
## Introit

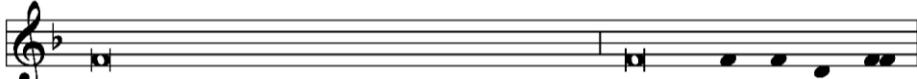
*Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b*

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** **the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**
- P** The LORD is my strength and my song,  
**C** **and he has become my salvation**
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
**C** **your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**
- P** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
**C** **you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**
- P** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
**C** **the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,**
- P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
**C** **The LORD will reign forever and ever.**
- C** **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**
- P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** **the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



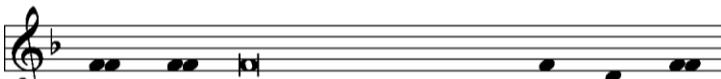
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



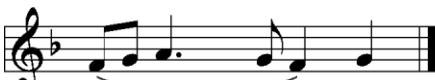
let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**A** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Anthem

*On the Third Day – Allen Pote*

*Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried. Jesus was crucified.*

*On the third day Christ arose.*

*He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end.*

*Christ is risen from the dead, He is risen as He said,*

*He is alive, Alleluia!*

*Christ has conquered death and sin, died for us our souls to win,*

*He is alive, Alleluia!*

*He ascended...*

*On the third day Christ arose!*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*setting by James Chepponis*

**Service Note:** *The choir will sing the Alleluias first, then the congregation will sing the remaining Alleluias.*



*Choir: Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;  
death no longer has dominion over Him.*



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*The reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Hymn: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,



Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

### Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 (arr. Paul Bunjes)

Service Note: *The choir will sing Stanza Four.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

*“Of First Importance – The Gospel”*

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen

*Sit*

## Offering

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Balint Karosi*

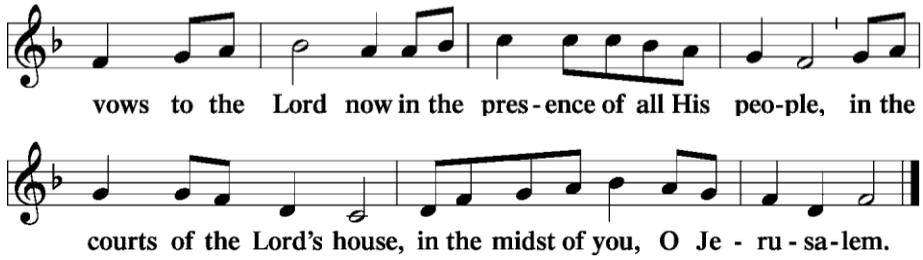
*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

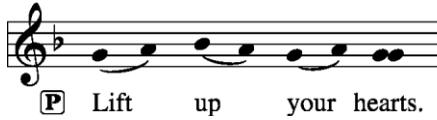
*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



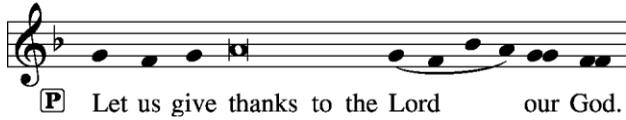
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



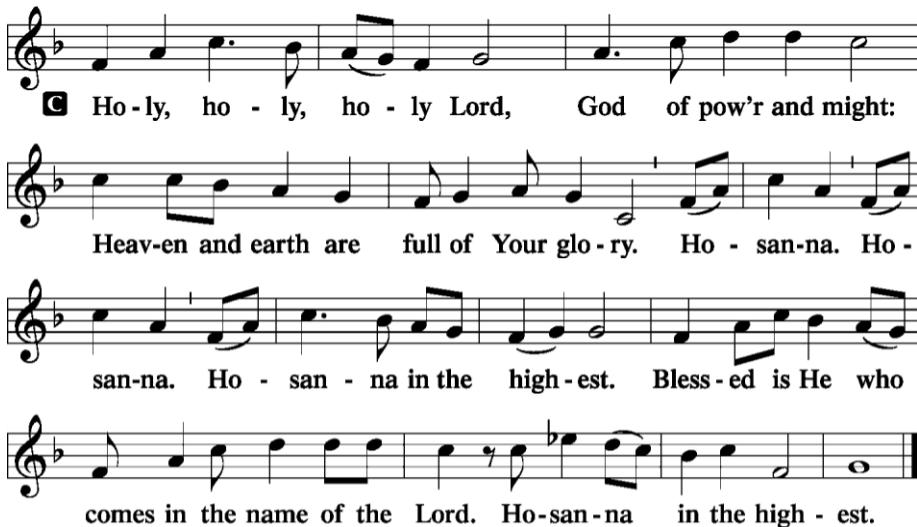
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$ -body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$ -blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- 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**

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



Service Note: Please remain seated for Doxological stanzas during the Distribution

## Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pull me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
 But the gate of life immortal;  
 This shall calm my trembling breath  
 When I pass its gloomy portal.  
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
 Jesus is my confidence!

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525 (arr. Powell/Wolff)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

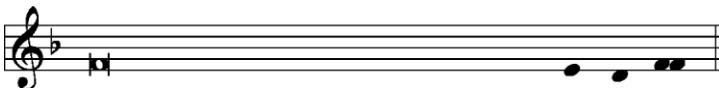
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
 Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
 The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns  
 As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
 For He is king of all.

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## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

## Recessional Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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## Postlude

*Toccata on "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – John Behnke*



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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Easter Matins Service  
7:30 a.m. – Breakfast – Parker Hall  
8:15 a.m. – Easter Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. – Breakfast – Parker Hall  
10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt outside Parker Hall  
10:45 a.m. – Easter Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
- MONDAY:** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Class  
12:00 noon – Sit and Sew  
5:15 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)  
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion
- THURSDAY:** 12:00 noon – Noon Devotions with Pastor  
5:15 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- SATURDAY:** 8:30 a.m. – LWML Zone Event at First Lutheran Church  
9:00 a.m. – Kantorei rehearsal

**EASTER BREAKFAST** - It is a joy to have you in worship with us today as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Board of Parish Fellowship is sponsoring an **Easter Breakfast in Parker Hall after the Easter Sunrise Service and after the 8:15 Worship Service.** Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** – The Easter Egg Hunt will start **promptly at 10:00 a.m.** outside on the south side of Parker Hall for all ages up to 8 years old. The eggs will be provided. Bring your Easter basket.

**THANK YOU** to the choir and instrumentalists for sharing their talents in praise to our Risen Lord in our worship services this morning. We also appreciate all of those who served in various capacities in each of the services this morning, sharing their time and talents in many ways for this Easter Sunday celebration. Thank you to the Board of Parish Fellowship and all who worked with them in setting up and serving the Easter Breakfast.

**WELCOME** - Today we welcome Arthur and Karen Stewart and their children Brenna and Daniel who transferred to Grace from Faith Lutheran Church in Avon, Ohio. Please welcome the Stewarts to our Grace Family.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

April 5 – Ashley Worden

April 6 – Edward Allen, Nancy Hickey

April 7 – Edwina Atkinson, Rick Camacho, Joel Junkans, Stacy Johnson, Carmen Stewart

April 9 – Brandt Cline, Kestin Christie

April 10 – Suzanne Hardman

April 11 – Bud Evans, Angie Proud, Scarlett Ray

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Grant Geuther is hospitalized at the VA Fort Roots in North Little Rock.

Evelyn Chotkowski is in Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Beth Paulson is continuing her recovery at home.

Joan Ann Olsen is in The Lakes at Maumelle Health and Rehab.

Dennis Fastenau is continuing chemotherapy treatment.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 3/29: 224 (8:15 – 117 and 10:45 – 107). Maundy Thursday: 107. Offerings: Sunday 3/29: \$11,578.00. Lenten Offering 3/25: \$996.00. Missions: \$25.00. Building Fund: \$50.00. Memorials: \$50.00.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lyndsey and John Allen on the birth of their son John Edward Allen VI who was born Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. His grandparents are Bob and Betty Bryant. Congratulations and God's blessings.

**8<sup>th</sup> CONFIRMATION** is Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

**7<sup>th</sup> CONFIRMATION** is Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** devotion books for April – June are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to pick up your copy so you can begin using it April 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to recycle your old copy in the box in the breezeway.

**2015 SUMMER CAMP at LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN - ROOTS** - Campers will venture deep into Cedar Canyon as they explore the natural wonders of Petit Jean Mountain. They will also delve into God's Word to discover what it means to be a child of God. The camp theme, **ROOTS**, is based on the promises found in Ephesians 3:14-21 where the Apostle Paul writes of believers being "rooted and grounded in love." Brochures with more information are on the table by the ramp door and registration forms are on line at [lutherancamp.org](http://lutherancamp.org). Register by April 30<sup>th</sup> and save \$35.00. A multi-child discount of \$35.00 is also available for siblings of campers. For more information contact the camp director David Cox at [director@lutherancamp.org](mailto:director@lutherancamp.org) or at 501-652-6304.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP – Sundays in April and May** are available

to serve refreshments in the Parlor between services. Please check the list on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for a Sunday on which you want to serve.

**ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** – Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale last Sunday. We appreciate all of the donations of delicious baked goods!!! We also appreciate everyone who shopped at the Bake Sale... we made \$585.00 for our Grace Youth and look forward to a match of funds from Thrivent Financial. Thank you for your support!!

**WALK FOR THE WAITING** - Come and walk with us on **Saturday, April 26th**, 9:00 a.m. at **War Memorial Stadium**. Did you know there are over 4,000 kids in Arkansas' foster care system on any given day? Did you know there are over 500 kids in Arkansas waiting to be adopted? Did you know you can help? How? You can walk! We cannot all foster or adopt, but we can all walk or just gather in fellowship for kids waiting to be placed in families. God is doing mighty things on behalf of the orphans in Arkansas. Help support the ministries for the Call, Project Zero and Immerse Arkansas. **Please join our team, Grace Lutheran by going to [Walkforthewaiting.org](http://Walkforthewaiting.org)**. Search for Grace Lutheran and then join our team. Contact Shaun or Justine Baker for more information. We're going to walk; will you walk with us?

**MEMORIAL:**

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. SHERRY BISCHOF  
TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND**

By Robert and Carole Nichols



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 7 - 11, 2015

The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the breezeway for **VBS 2015**. The theme is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us** and we would love for you to join us on this adventure! The dates are **June 7-11**. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Manchester at [cmanchester@mac.com](mailto:cmanchester@mac.com) or 821-4140.

## GRACE ADULT CHOIR

Jonathan Cline, Chuck Fandrei, Carly Golladay, Emily Junkans, Gina Junkans, Joel Junkans, Ron Krueger, Suzanne Lambert, Anna Lane, Sharon LeBlanc, Susan Mahnken, Florence Marvin, Jim Marvin, Randy Middaugh, Carolyn Moorman, Chris Pils, Ginny Ralston, Jeff Ralston, Jordan Rowe, Dave Schroeder, Caleb Stein, Paul Walter, Paula Walter, Robert Wilimzig, Megan Witte

## GRACE HANDBELL CHOIR

Crissy Beethe, Jonathan Cline, Debbie Craig, Carly Golladay, Emily Junkans, Gina Junkans, Anna Lane, Susan Mahnken, Riley Middaugh

<b>Baritone Saxophone:</b>	Maxwell Baker
<b>Clarinet:</b>	Randy Middaugh
<b>Glockenspiel:</b>	Shaun Baker
<b>Trombone:</b>	Rudy Bischof, Christina Junkans, Joel Junkans, Jeff Ralston
<b>Trumpet:</b>	Robert Johnson, Kiera Klein, Matt Lacy, Richard Sanders, Ethan Shaw
<b>Violin:</b>	Christopher Sonntag