

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

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#### **Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal. Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal. Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**. + Please stand as you are able.

#### + Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **Prelude**

"An Easter Triptych" arr. by Franklin D. Ashdown

+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

+ Gathering Hymn

ELW#365 (see next page)

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

**+ Greeting** ELW p.193

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**.

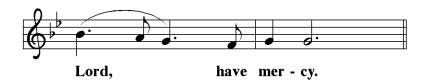






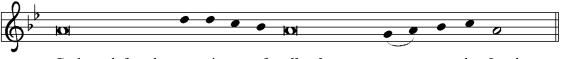


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





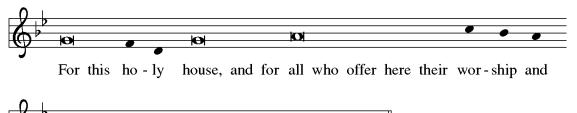
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

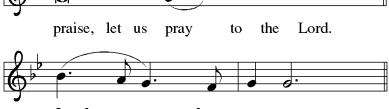


God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

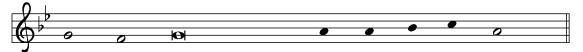


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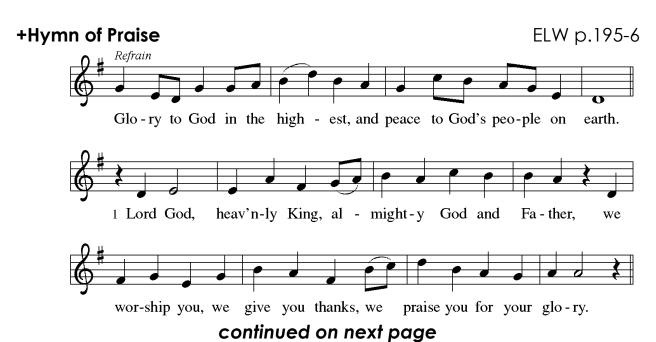


Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.





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#### + Prayer of the Day

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O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### +Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**Bell Choir** 

"Song of Joy" arr. by Anna Laura Page

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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Let us recite together Psalm 118, verses 1 through 2 and 14 through 24, as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

14The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

171 shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

19Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God



#### + Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

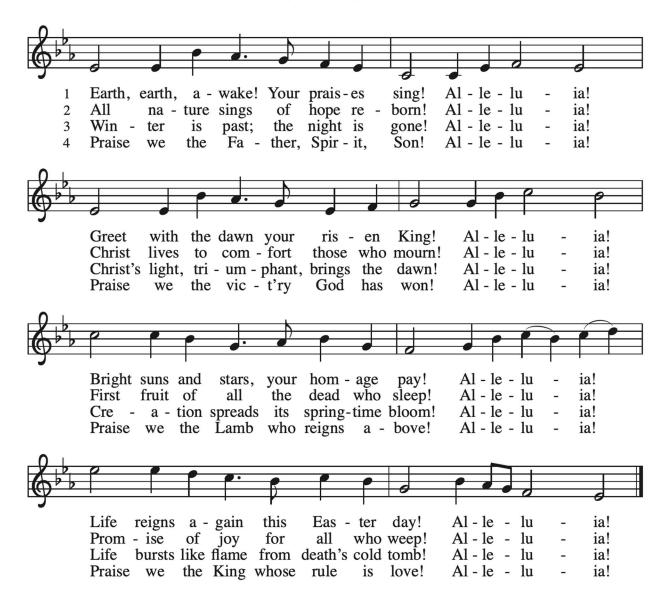
Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

#### + Hymn of the Day

ACS #937

# Earth, Earth, Awake!



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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+ Nicene Creed ELW p.104

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> universal

#### + Prayers of Intercession

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

#### A brief silence.

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names). Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.** 

#### + Peace

#### +Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at

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Checks can be also be sent to church: 521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



## + Offering Prayer

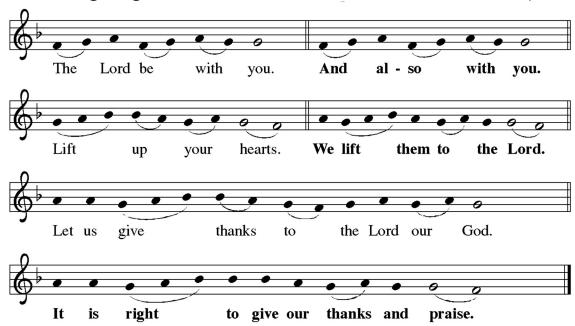
Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

#### A brief silence is kept.

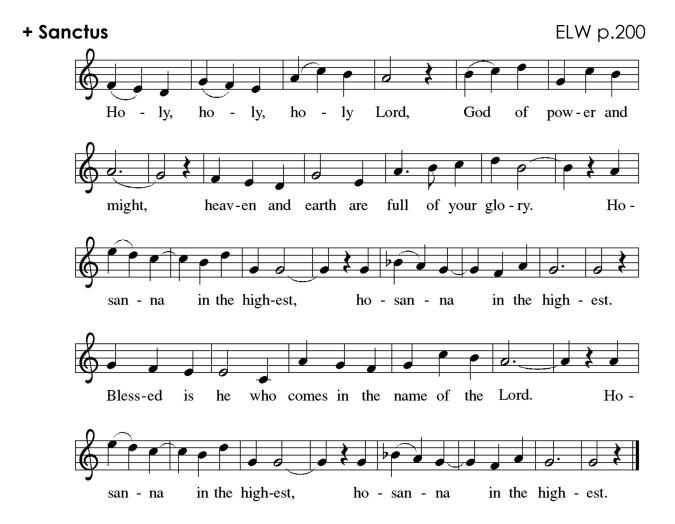
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## + Great Thanksgiving

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## + Proper Preface



## + Thanksgiving at the Table

#### + Lord's Prayer

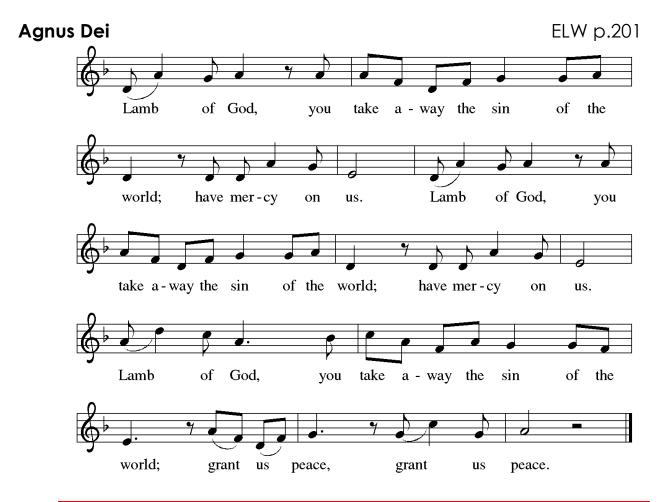
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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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.

#### + Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



#### Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.



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#### + Blessing After Communion

#### + Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

#### A brief silence is kept.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

## + Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### + Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements**

+ Sending Hymn

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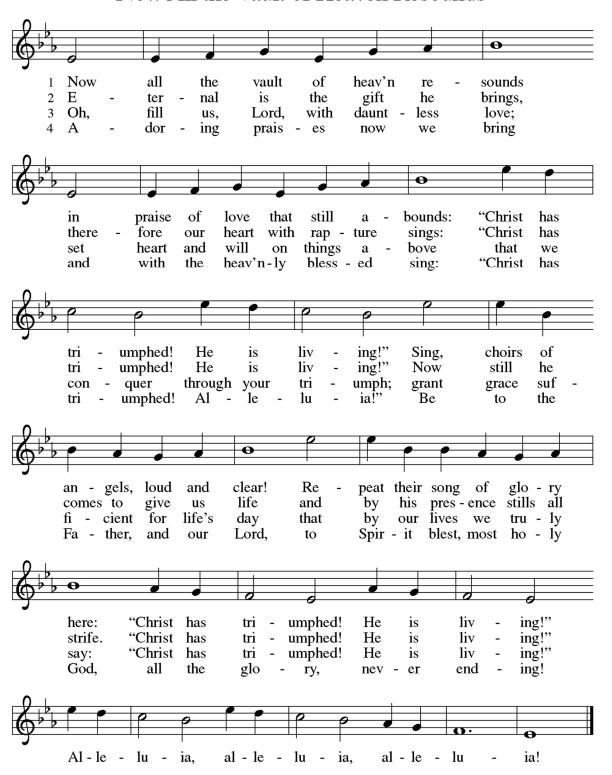
#### + Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news! Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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