Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024—10am



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

"I Will Rejoice" arr. Larry Adams

+ Easter Acclamation

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

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

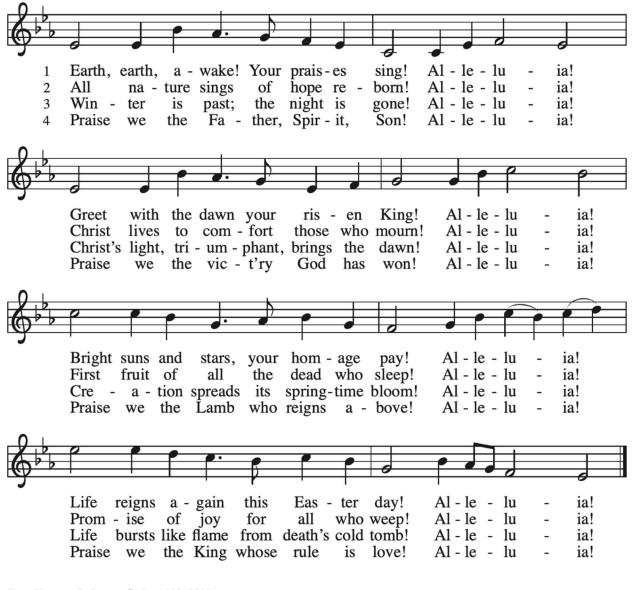
Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Earth, Earth, Awake!



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+Word+ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. **First Reading** Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 ELW #649 1 John 1:1--2:2 Second Reading

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.151 + Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Blessed are those who do believe. Though they have not seen, they trust God faithfully.

Blessed are those who do believe.

Some people doubt what they have not seen. They will not blindly follow what is said. Others view this as a weakness but it can authenticate instead. See my nail pierced hands. Come touch my wounded side. I give what you need for faith as you give your trust completely my Spirit will guide.

As I've been given so I give you to the world, forgive the sins of all, Bringing hope to doubting faces, tearing down where hatred builds a wall. And as you bring life to places here and far, always keep in mind you are not loved for what you do but for whose you are.

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+ Nicene Creed

+ Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, hear our prayer.

+ Peace

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

+ Song of the Day Refrain:

"Blessed are Those"

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

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+Meal+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving	ELW p. 152
+ Proper Preface	
+ Sanctus	ELW p. 153
+ Thanksgiving at the Table (IV)	ELW p.111
+ Lord's Prayer (sins)	ELW p.154
+ Invitation to Communion	

Agnus Dei

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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.

Distribution Song

TFF #82 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"



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+ Table Blessing

+ Post Communion Canticle

+ Prayer after Communion

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

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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