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Sunday



Introduction to the day

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

To God be the glory

DiAnna Weiss and Sandy Whiteleather

Rejoice ye pure in Heart

DiAnna Weiss and Sandy Whiteleather

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

[Please stand as you are able.]

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(ELW 365)

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

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

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.
[The assembly is seated]

FIRST READING : Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows not partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Lord of all. ³⁷That 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 Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We 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, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²“Jesus 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,**

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief ^l cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has ^l this been done;
it is marvelous ^l in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the ^l LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ^l glad in it.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able.]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL LUKE 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They 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. ⁵The 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. ⁶Remember 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. ¹⁰Now 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

[The assembly is seated]

SERMON

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY

***Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia: Mfurahini, haleluya* (ELW 364)**

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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 (*especially*). 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 (*especially*). Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

(other prayers may be offered at this time, silently or loud.)

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you (*especially*). 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

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(At this time share peace with your neighbor around you.)

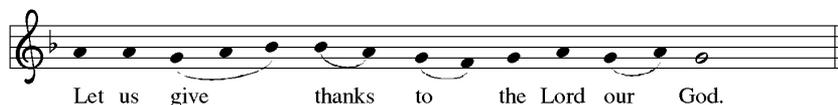
MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us Pray, **Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, melodic line, likely for a single voice part.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

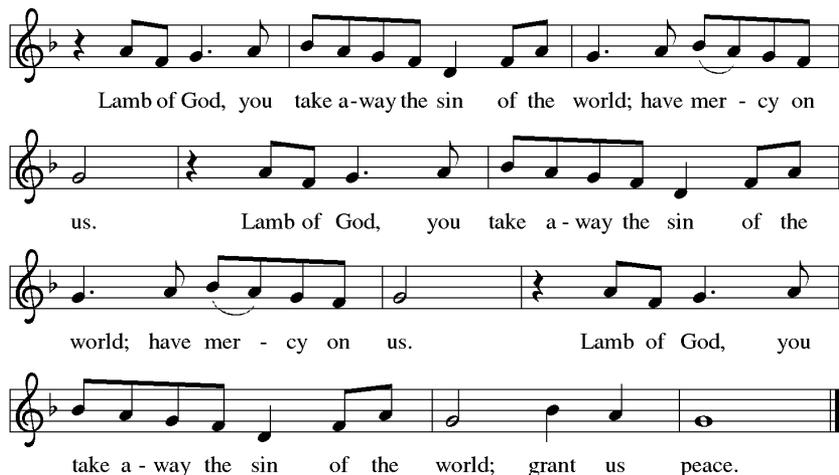
[The assembly is seated]

COMMUNION *(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)*

*The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The blood of Christ; shed for you. **Amen***

COMMUNION SONG



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.

INSERTED MUSIC

The wonderful Cross

DiAnna Weiss and Sandy Whiteleather

INSERTED MUSIC.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(ELW 362)

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

(ELW 378)

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[Please stand as you are able]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray, 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.*

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Lutheran Church Syracuse invites any one that would like to attend “Ice Cream Sundays On Thursdays” (sic). Pastor Karl Biermann, our ELCA Regional Gift Planner for Indiana, Kentucky, and southern Ohio will be a guest speaker congregations and individuals to maximize their Financial gifts. There will be Ice cream and fixings, other desserts and some finger food. Thursday May 5, 2022 at 6:30pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Syracuse Indiana. 203 East Main Street Syracuse Indiana 46567. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: The ladies of Grace and hope are invited to a Spring luncheon Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. Grace ladies will host the luncheon. Dianna Weiss and Sandy Whiteleather will have a presentation of the music of the "Roaring 20's"

Sunday April 24th 2pm-6pm open house at Grace ! Whiteleather 50th Anniversary. All are welcome to join us.

Hope's Basement Sale on Friday, May 13th, 9-5 and Saturday, May 14th 9-2. If anyone is interested in donating items, please call Dee Blackburn, 260-609-3258. We are not accepting adult clothing, since it doesn't sell well, however children's clothing will be welcome!

We cleaned our basement and have a lot of children's books, toys and crafts as well as items that people are contributing. Thank you!

The Worship and Music committee had a meeting on Feb. 20th and they are currently discussing how to thoughtfully reintroduce our music groups back into our worship setting; bells, choirs, instruments, duets, trios, solos, etc... If you would like to be a part of reimagining new music opportunities for worship, please see Kim Converse. Stay tuned! More information is coming soon!

The Adelphai ladies are donating sleeping garments of all sizes (men and women) for the residents at The Oaks. The Director will be speaking at the April 19th meeting. There is a basket in the narthex and in the fellowship hall

Fundraiser to support the Preschool: Shop with Scrip through the RaiseRight App or through the website shopwithscrip.com.

→Buy gift cards for places you already shop at with reloadable gift cards, e-cards or physical gift cards. There is no extra charge to you.
→Example: If you shop at Walmart for groceries, you can purchase a gift card for \$100.00. You can purchase a physical gift card that will be sent straight to your house, or you can choose a reloadable card that will be put right on your App. You are already spending that money at the grocery store so why not buy a gift card before you go to the store to help the Preschool?

Organization name: **Grace Lutheran Church Preschool**

Enrollment Code: **AL22LAE586216**

Weekly agenda at Grace Lutheran church

Monday April 18,2022

Parents of addicted loved ones (PAL) 6pm

Cub scouts 3082 6pm

Alcoholics anonymous 7:30pm

Tuesday April 19,2022

T.O.P.S 9-11am

Adelphai group 11:30am

Wednesday April 20,2022

Men's breakfast 8am

Food pantry 12pm

Food voucher distribution 4pm

Thursday April 21,2022

Helping hands 12:30-2pm

AA/AL anonymous 7:30-8:30pm

Friday April 22,2022

Pastors day off

Food pantry 12-2pm

Earth Day

Saturday April 23,2022

Sunday April 24,2022

Worship at Hope 8:15am

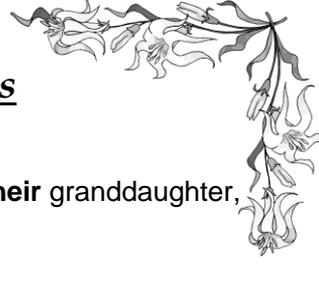
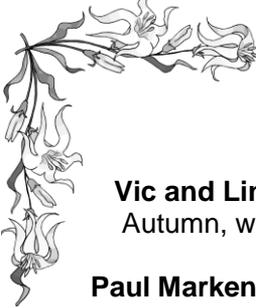
Worship at Grace 10am

Children's church 10:15am

Confirmation class 11:15am

Private Event 12-6 pm

We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for any one that would like to stay.



Easter Garden Sponsors

Vic and Linda Trowbridge in celebration of their granddaughter, Autumn, who is graduating from Purdue.

Paul Marken in memory of Dale Friestad.

The Straub Family Grandchildren in memory of Bob and Eileen Straub.

Becky Voirol in memory of her parents Joe And Pam Freiburger, and her brother Dan Freiburger.

Joe and Nancy Freiburger in memory of his parents Joe And Pam Freiburger, and his brother Dan Freiburger.

Don and Marsha Ruesch in memory of Crystal and Harold Nelson, and Ruth and Lyddon Ruesch.

Ann Wolfe in memory of Jim Wolfe.

Mariah and Memphis Myers in memory of Larry and Laurene Hearld.

Lucas Krider and Mariah Myers in celebration of their three children, Memphis, Scarlett, and Felicity Krider.

The Krider Family in memory of Richard and Joan Krider.

Larry and DiAnna Weiss in celebration of their families.

Rex and Penny Samuels in memory of Eddie Gross, Conda and Jenny Samuels.

Rex and Penny Samuels In celebration of their grandchildren; Piper, Elin, Mira and Mason.

Sandy Whiteleather in memory of Alonzo and Catherine Bricker.

The Oelschlager family in honor of Don and Marsha Ruesch.