



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

### Today in Worship

Today we see Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They say afterward that their hearts burned within them as Jesus opened up to them the Scriptures.

In the Reading from Acts, those gathered on Pentecost are cut to the heart by Peter’s words. And in the Epistle, Peter speaks of purified souls and hearts. It seems our hearts are being greatly affected by Christ. They are cut, burning, and purified by the Word of Christ.



### Ringling of the Bells

**Announcements** (10:30am Service)

### Welcome

### The Light of Christ

**P** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The pastor passes the light from the Christ candle to the acolyte who now lights the other candles.*

**P** The light of Christ.

**C** **Christ is our light. Thanks be to God!**

## Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #480*  
*"He's Risen, He's Risen"*

## Invocation & Sentences

Ps. 113:1-4; 56:12-13

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

**G** Amen.

**P** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**G** **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**G** **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**

**P** I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

**G** **For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**G** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

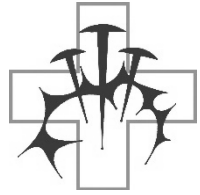
**P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**G** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

**G** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C Amen.**

**P** May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

**C Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Psalm 116:1-9

**P** I love the Lord, because he has heard

**C my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

**P** Because he inclined his ear to me,

**C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C I suffered distress and anguish.**

**P** Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**C "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

**P** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

**C our God is merciful.**

**P** The Lord preserves the simple;

**C when I was brought low, he saved me.**

**P** Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**C for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

**P** For you have delivered my soul from death,

**C my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

**P** I will walk before the Lord

**C in the land of the living.**

**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.

## Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book p. 155  
"This Is the Feast"*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*"Peter preaches to the people gathered in Jerusalem."*

**L** The First Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter two.

<sup>14a</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem** (8:00am)

“Perfect Love”

**Epistle Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-25

*“Peter writes that we are redeemed by the blood of Christ.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from First Peter, chapter one.

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse**

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

*“Two witnesses learn from the Risen Lord at Emmaus.”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

## **10 Commandments Questioning**

*Mr. Brad Mutter*

**The Nicene Creed** *8:00am service*

**The Apostles Creed** *10:30am service*

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Message for Children from God's Word**



# Service of the Sacrament

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, **any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.***

**Preface** *Sung*

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## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



**Sanctus** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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**Lord's Prayer** *Spoken*

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**The Words of our Lord** *Spoken*

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**Pax Domini** *“The Peace of Our Lord”*

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**Agnus Dei** *“Lamb of God”*

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## Distribution Hymns

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”

LSB # 486

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

LSB # 475

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

LSB # 532

## Thank the Lord

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## The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in Word and Sacrament. Grant that, freed from our futile worldly way, we may in true faith serve You with joy, and with sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

**C** Amen.

## Greeting of Peace & Announcements

## Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #464*

*“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*

*This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service*

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*10:30 a.m. Service*

## The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

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