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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: ..... TLH 205: *The Day of Resurrection*

Liturgy: ..... WS, p. 12 ff.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy:



**P:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

1.

## Glory to God in the Highest:



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray ...

C: [Spoken] Amen.

First Reading: ..... 1 John 1:1-2:2

Second Reading: ..... Luke 24:36-49



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

2.

## Confession of Faith:.....*The Apostolic Creed*

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will 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.

## Hymn:.....*TLH 210: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

## Sermon:.....*Acts 4:1-14*

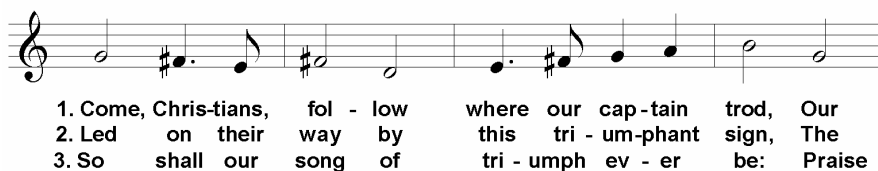
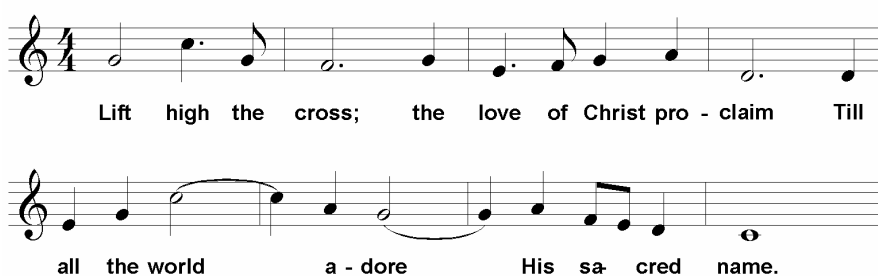
(1) Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, (2) being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. (3) And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. (4) However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. (5) And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, (6) as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. (7) And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" (8) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: (9) "If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, (10) "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. (11) "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' (12) "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. (14) And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. (NKJV)

**"BOLDNESS: EVIDENCE OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION"**

## Create in Me:



## Hymn:.....*WS 769: Lift High the Cross*



## Offering, Prayers, and Lord's Prayer:

### The Service of the Sacrament:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **[Spoken]** And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **[Spoken]** We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Holy, Holy, Holy:

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



## Lamb of God:

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re-stored, Im-  
part Your joy, our faith in-crease. Sus-  
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

## Communion Distribution Hymns:..... TLH 192; 206

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant:

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-  
2 All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All  
part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the  
glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace: A  
Spir-it, For-ev-er Three-in-One; For  
light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-  
as in the be-gin-ning, Is  
to Your ho-ly hill, The glo-ry of Your  
now, shall ev-er be, God's tri-une name re-  
peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.  
sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

## Post-Communion Prayer:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



## Thanksgiving:

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [♪] Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn: ..... TLH 189: *He Is Risen! Glorious Word!*

## Silent Prayer:

*Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Graduates:** Please list every member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2006) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the name of the school and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 28.
- ♦ **THANKS!** Thanks to those who helped make the field day on Friday a success! And also to those who helped out with the work day yesterday.
- ♦ **Furnace Fund:** The Voters have decided to replace the parsonage furnace and AC in May. While there are not enough funds in the Furnace Fund at this time to cover the cost, there are enough reserves to cover it. However, the Voters are encouraging everyone to consider the Furnace Fund with their offerings to defray the expense.
- ♦ **CEF Loan Appeal:** The CLC Board of Trustees urgently appeals to all CLC members to make personal loans to the CLC Church Extension Fund, which offers interest up to 4.5% APR, for a term of up to 5 years. You will receive a promissory note from the Trustees, and interest can be paid to you semi-annually or left to compound to maturity. The CEF provides loans to CLC congregations for their building project needs. The need is urgent because the Trustees have recently approved loans to CLC congregations for their building projects, totaling around 2 million dollars. A CLC note form with further information is available from pastor.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Candidate Matthew Ude has been assigned to Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI. † Ed Starkey of Eau Claire, WI, has passed the first stage of his colloquy process. Ed resigned as a pastor in the Lutheran Brethren Church and is presently living on campus. He works at Sears and is auditing seminary classes. He is now eligible to serve as a vacancy or supply pastor. The Board of Doctrine encouraged Ed Starkey to get as much experience as possible in preaching and conducting services in CLC congregations. The Board of Doctrine also recommended that he be given a vicarage assignment; that he continue to audit seminary courses in the 06-07 school year; and that the final colloquy meeting be held at the June 07 Pastoral Conference. John Schierenbeck, President CLC
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Sacrament of the Altar 1 & 2

**Last Week's Stats:** Apr. 30, 2006 B.Cl.: 38 S.S.: 28 Sun.: 134 Wed: 14

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,452.50	CLC:	705.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-517.50	CLC:	-145.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	55,159.92	CLC:	16,343.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	53,460.00	CLC:	15,300.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,699.92	CLC:	+1,043.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	2.00	Tuition:	11.00
GLC Other: 330.00	MDF:	27.00	Kinship:	20.00
ILC Student Aid.: 00.00	ILC Bldg.	10.00	IIF: 1.00	CEF: 0.00

## TEACHERS OF THE EMPTY TOMB

CLC Email Devotion - Saturday, April 29, 2006

Acts 5:18-21a *They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.*

The empty tomb of Jesus led to many things. It led to bribery when the church leaders offered the soldiers at the grave a sum of money to change their story. It led to doubt on the part of the disciples who at first did not believe what had happened. It led to joy and excitement on the part of those who were confident He had risen from the dead.

*The Promise  
of Easter*



The empty tomb also led to an empty jail. Not too long after the day of Pentecost the apostles were in Jerusalem preaching about the resurrection of Jesus. They were arrested and put in the public jail, but during the night an angel came and released them saying, "Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people the full message of this new life." It was really the empty tomb that led to the release of these prisoners, wasn't it? For they were freed unto a purpose: to proclaim the living Jesus. Without Jesus' resurrection they would have had no good news to talk about.

The empty tomb frees us unto a life of faithful and joyful preaching as well. We are released from the bondage of our sins and encouraged to go forth and tell others of this new life! From the prison of our sorrows and fears the Easter angel has told us, "He has risen. Go and tell the others." Let us all become teachers of the empty tomb!

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### The Bible is Our Basis ...

<b>... for a foundation</b>	<i>For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11</i>
<b>... for strength</b>	<i>God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1</i>
<b>... for guidance</b>	<i>Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105</i>
<b>... for salvation</b>	<i>Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12</i>
<b>... for eternal life</b>	<i>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3</i>
<b>... for doctrine</b>	<i>All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16</i>
<b>... for fellowship</b>	<i>Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Romans 16:17</i>
<b>... for forgiveness</b>	<i>In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14</i>
<b>... for love</b>	<i>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10</i>
<b>... for wisdom</b>	<i>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10</i>
<b>... for truth</b>	<i>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17</i>
<b>... for peace</b>	<i>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7</i>

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Hammond School: Hendrickson

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Dan Degnan, Jr.; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Roger Ochsner; Joel Stifter

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson

Hospitality Team 3: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Ed & Verona Lentz; Angela Valley

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Hammond School: Torkelson

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
5:00 & 6:00 – Softball (Field 2)

**Wed., May 10:** 2:30 pm – Chiquettes (Little One's Story Hour)  
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
7:30 pm – Piano/Organ Recital @ ILC

**Sun., May 14:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)  
11:00 am – Hospitality

**Fri., May 19:** 3:00 pm – ILC Class Day  
7:30 pm – ILC Spring Concert

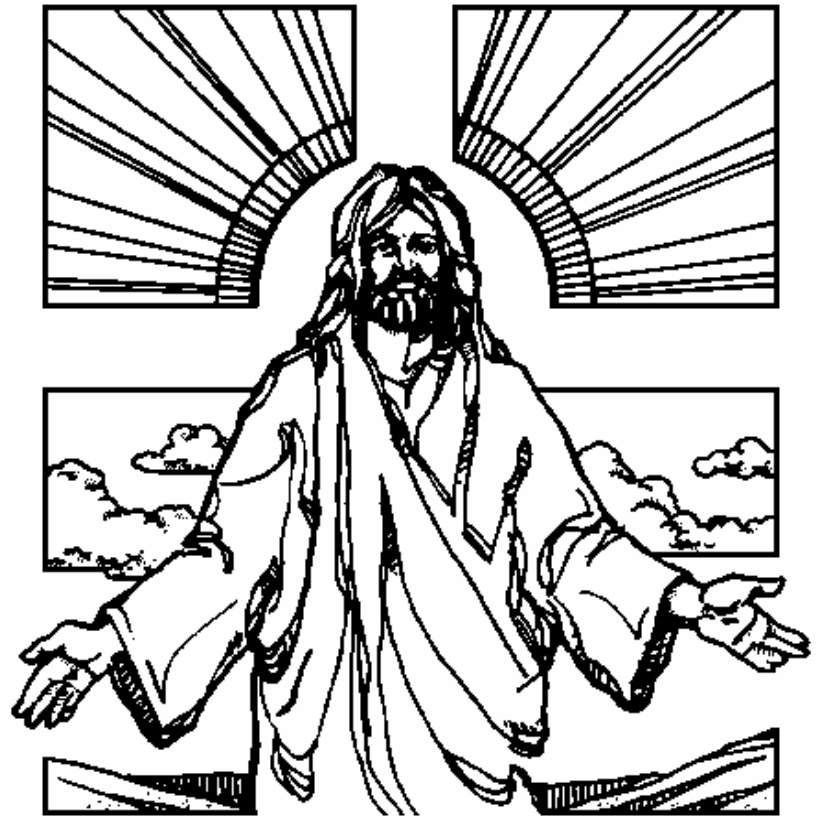
**Sat., May 20:** 10:00 am – ILC Graduation

**Sun., May 21:** 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., May 24:** 7:00 pm – School Spring Program

**Thu., May 25:** Last Day of School  
7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service

## Grace Lutheran Church & School



**“Why do you look for the living  
among the dead?  
He is not here but has risen.”**

**Luke 24:5**