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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter

Date: April 8, 2007

† The Order of Easter Worship †

Worship Preparation: Psalm 118, TLH p. 148 f.

Entrance: WS 733:1: *The Joyful Eastertide*

*This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now is Christ arisen.*

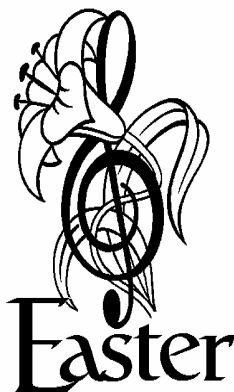
*P: We begin our Easter Festival service in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
He is risen!*

C: He is risen indeed!

Choir (10:00): *Our Hearts Rejoice This Day*

Children's Hymn (10:00): WS 728: *Christ Is Living*

1. Christ is living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more.
Death and grave, you now are nothing; Christ is free of ev'ry pow'r.
Why then seek the living Savior in the haunts of death and fear?
Christ is risen! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
2. For if Christ is not arisen there is nothing to believe.
Truth be told, He keeps the promise: "Since I live, you too shall live."
Dust we are, to dust returning, but in Christ we are restored.
Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph: Jesus is the living Lord!
3. Death is swallowed up in vict'ry; sin has lost its poison sting.
Life will blossom from the grain soon, Christ the first fruits of the spring.
For the sureness of salvation let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"
Christ is risen! We are living! Spread the word of grace abroad.



† Today At Grace †

Organist: Sue Nelson; Janelle Hein Elder: Mike Dick

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; Arnold Gehrls; Ryan Libby; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude

Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

Hospitality Team 7: Bye (Easter Breakfast)

Church Cleaners: Kitzman School: Arends

† Next Week At Grace †

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; Arnold Gehrls; Ryan Libby; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Kitzman School: Davis

† Our Schedule †

- Today:** 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service
8:15-9:45 am – Easter Breakfast (No Bible Cl. & Sun. School)
10:00 am – Easter Festival Service
- Tue., Apr. 10:** School Resumes from Easter Break
- Wed., Apr. 11:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Children (No Bible Class)
- April 12-15:** Upper Grade Class Trip (Chicago)
- Sun., Apr. 15:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council
- Fri., Apr. 16:** No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
7:00 pm – CEA Meeting
- Apr. 18-19:** CLC Coordinating Council (Eau Claire, WI)
- Apr. 20-22:** CLC Women's Retreat (LaCrosse, WI)
- Sun., Apr. 22:** 11:30 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting (No Dorcas Guild Meeting)
- Fri., Apr. 27:** Immanuel High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI
7:30 pm – ILC Musical (The Secret Garden)
- Sat., Apr. 28:** Work Day at Grace
7:30 pm – ILC Musical (The Secret Garden)
- Sun., May 6:** May Council Meeting & Dorcas Guild Meeting

† The Announcements †

- ◆ **Easter Thanks:** Thanks to all those who contributed to the gathering of Easter lilies at the front of the church. Another thanks to all who helped make the breakfast a special occasion.
- ◆ **Easter Greeting:** The Hein family would like to express their joyous Easter greetings to all of you. May you have a blessed Easter season! - Pastor, Janelle, Christina, Abbie, Emily, David, Julianna, and Daniel.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Many of you are aware of the medical struggles Allyson Benzer has had since her physical birth. She has a rare blood disorder that is now being referred to a special children's hospital in Cincinnati during the middle of May. Medical insurance doesn't cover various incidentals. If you wish to help out personally, donations may be sent to: The Allyson K. Benzer Benefit Fund; Wells Fargo Bank; 615 Highway 55 E; Buffalo, MN 55313. Laurie and Josh have both expressed their appreciation for all the support and prayers the congregation has extended toward them.
- ◆ **Voters & Dorcas Guild:** Due to Easter, the Council meeting is delayed until next Sunday with the Voters meeting set for April 22. Also due to the women's retreat being that same weekend, the Dorcas Guild meeting has been set for May 6.
- ◆ **Youth Camp:** Camp registration starts on Monday, April 9. Registration is online for both the regular camping program and the pre-camping program. Please visit the website for details and information: youthcamp.clclutheran.net/. The camp runs June 24-30, located on the ILC campus in Eau Claire. The full Camp is for Grades entering 5 thru 9 while the Pre-Camp is for those 5 years thru entering 4th grade.
- ◆ **ILC's Ingram Hall:** As already noted, an update for how Ingram Hall will be remodeled is found on the following web site: www.ilcpublicity.org/ingramremodel.htm. If there is any interest in items salvaged from the project, please check out the web site. The stuff is being professionally removed by Dell's Architectural Antiques and stored at their warehouse in Eau Claire. It will be offered at a discount to CLC members only from April 16 through the end of the month. After that it will be offered to the general public. Email the project's chairman, Pastor Michael Roehl, at mjroehl@bis.midco.net if you have other questions.
- ◆ **Scrapbooking:** Berea in Inver Grove Hts. is putting on a scrapbooking event on April 27 & 28. Details for the event are found in the brochures by the guestbook.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Ryan Libby has returned the call to Our Savior's in Jamestown, ND. The Call Committee for Graduates will be meeting on Wednesday, Apr. 18. Any calls should be the hands of President John Schierenbeck by April 17. Mr. Ed Starkey will be completing the second phase of his colloquy on April 17. Any comments should be directed to Pastor Daniel Fleischer, chairman of the Board of Doctrine. The Call Committee for a professor will meet April 18. This calling is dependent on budgetary approval for the funding of the 13th professor. Any correspondence should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Regents, Pastor Ted Barthels, by April 17. Mrs. Barbara Bomber and Mrs. Bethany Gurgel have declined their calls to teach lower and upper grades part time at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

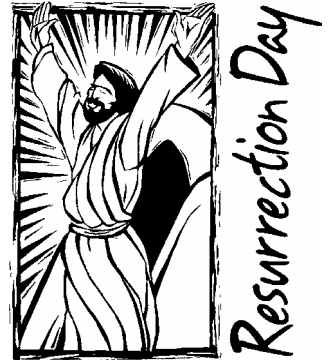


Children's Reading (10:00): Mark 16:1-8: The Resurrection Account

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Children's Hymn (10:00): TLH 205: The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness. The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen,-- Our joy, that hath no end.



Hymn (7:00): TLH 203: Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

1. **Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies;
See the glorious Savior rise.**
2. **Ye who are of death afraid
Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.**
3. **Christians, dry your flowing tears
Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave,
Doubt no more His power to save.**



Responsive Readings: Based on "From the Dead" Passages & TLH 188

P: [Acts 13:30-33] *God raised Him from the dead. ... And we declare to you glad tidings -- that promise which was made to the fathers.*

C: God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus.

P: [Luke 24:46-47] *Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,*

C: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

P: [Colossians 2:12-13] *You were buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him ...*

C: through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

P: *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,*

C: He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

P: [1 Peter 1:3] *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

C: Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**SING: Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people yet to rise.**



P: [Acts 17:31] *... God has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.*

C: He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

P: [Romans 4:24-25] *Righteousness shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,*

C: Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

P: [Romans 6:13] *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin,*

C: but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

P: [Romans 6:4] *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,*

C: That just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Offering, Easter Prayer, Lord's Prayer:

Easter Benediction:

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

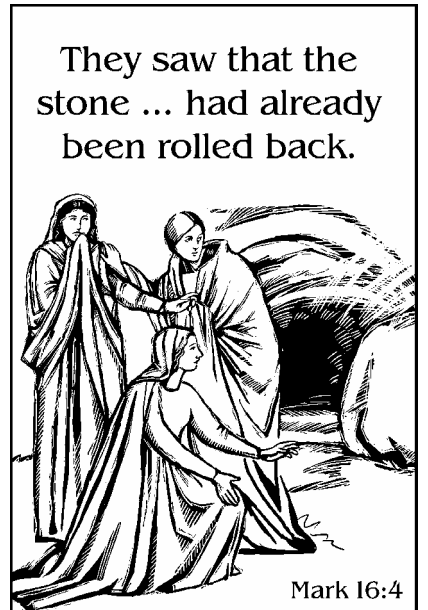
C: [Sing] Amen. Amen. Amen.

Choir (7:00):Our Hearts Rejoice This Day

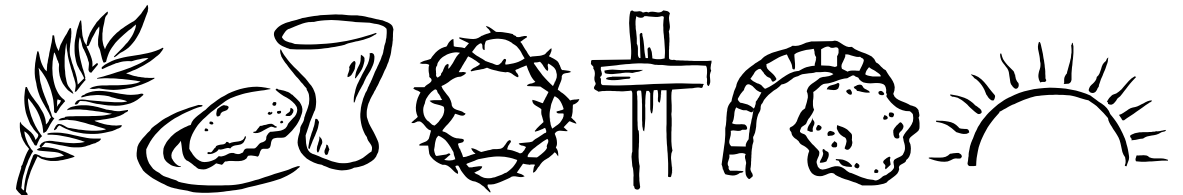
Hymn:TLH 199: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

Note: Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

1. **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!**
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. [*Note: Men only; Everyone on Alleluia*]
Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, **Alleluia!**
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, **Alleluia!**
Who endured the cross and grave, **Alleluia!**
Sinners to redeem and save. **Alleluia!**
3. [*Note: Women only; Everyone on Alleluia*]
But the pains which He endured, **Alleluia!**
Our salvation have procured. **Alleluia!**
Now above the sky He's King, **Alleluia!**
Where the angels ever sing. **Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.



Welcome: We welcome our visitors on this most joyous of Christian holidays. Please sign our guest register located by the entrance of the church. You are certainly welcome to talk with our Pastor to learn more about Grace Lutheran and what we believe Scripture teaches. We cordially invite you to come again, and please let us know how we may provide spiritual ministry to you!



Sermon: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

(6) And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. (7) And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. (8) He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. (9) And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this *is* our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Celebrating the Feast of Victory!

Hymn: *WS 799: This Is The Feast of Victory*

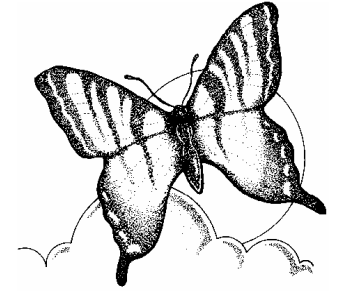
**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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FESTIVAL CANTICLE
Irregular with Refrain

**SING: Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.**



P: [Romans 6:8-9] *Now if we died with Christ,*

C: We believe that we shall also live with Him,

P: ... *knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.*

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P: [Romans 8:11] *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,*

C: He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

P: [1 Corinthians 15:20] *But now Christ is risen from the dead,*

C: And has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P: [1 Thessalonians 1:10] *And you wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead,*

C: Even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P: [Colossians 1:18] *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,*

C: That in all things He may have the preeminence.

**SING: Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.**

First Reading: *John 20:1-9*

(1) Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (2) Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." (3) Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. (4) So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. (5) And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. (9) For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

**SING: Jesus lives! To Him my heart
Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart,
Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise
To its magnet in the skies.**



Second Reading:..... *John 20:10-18*

(10) Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. (11) But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. (12) And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. (13) Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." (14) Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. (15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." (16) Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). (17) Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (18) Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

**SING: Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.**

Third Reading: *John 20:19-20*

(19) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." (20) When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

**SING: Hallelujah, angels sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise;
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and love!**



5.

Confession of Faith:..... *Easter Creed*

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He came to earth on a mission of salvation, lived a holy life as my Law-fulfilling Substitute, was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured the punishment of hell at the hands of a just God. He died and was buried.

And I believe that on the third day He rose bodily from the dead, exactly as it had been prophesied and as He had promised. Attested to by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection verifies that He is God's Son, that His salvation mission is complete, and that He has triumphed over the last great enemy – death.

And in rising and conquering death, Christ has become the first-fruit of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who look to Him in faith shall one day rise. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.



Hymn: *TLH 191: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

Note: Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

1. **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!
Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!**
2. **For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
Sinless in the sinners' stead.
"Christ is ris'n" today we cry;
Now He lives no more to die.**
3. **Christ, the Victim undefiled,
God and man hath reconciled.
While in strange and awefull strife
Met together Death and Life.**
4. *[Note: Women only]*
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay.
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry;
Now He lives no more to die.
5. *[Note: Men only]*
Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the First-born from the dead,
Throned in endless might and power,
Lives and reigns forevermore.
6. **Hail, eternal Hope on high!
Hail, Thou King of victory!
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord.**

6.

