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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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**Church Year:** Easter 3      **Date:** April 26, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 16, TLH p. 125*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 202: Welcome, Happy Morning!*

**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

**Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie):** ..... *TLH, pp. 6-7*

- P: You will fill me with joy in Your presence,
- C: With eternal pleasures at Your right hand.**
- P: I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths
- C: And did not let my enemies gloat over me.**
- P: O Lord, You brought me up from the grave,
- C: You spared me from going down into the pit. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 199, st. 4*

- Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
- Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
- Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
- Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**First Reading:** ..... *Acts 2:37-43*

In his sermon, Peter shows his concerns for people of all ages.

**Gradual:**

- P: Christ has risen from the dead.
- C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;
- C: He has put everything under His feet.**
- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen ...
- C: And yet have believed. Alleluia.**

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

Jesus appears to His disciples, commanding them to preach.

**Confession of Faith:** ..... *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 430, st., 1-3, 7-8: What Is the World to Me*

**Sermon:** ..... *1 John 2:12-17*

(12) I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. (13) I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. (14) I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (15) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that *is* in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. (17) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**“The Father’s Love Through All Ages”**

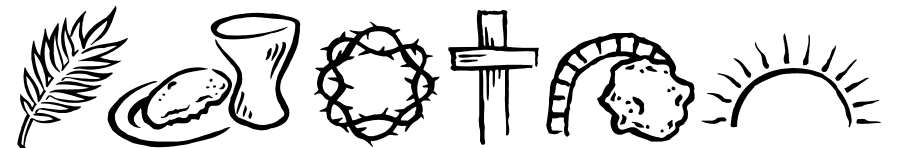
**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *Morning Has Broken (See Insert, G. Radtke – Tune WS 752)*

**Offering, Prayers, Benediction:** ..... *TLH p. 14*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*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 †

- ◆ **Work Day:** Many thanks to those who helped out yesterday!
- ◆ **2009 Yearbook:** Copies are available, one per family, by the guest book.
- ◆ **Softball:** There is a signup sheet located by the guestbook.
- ◆ **ILHS Visitors Day:** Visitors Day for Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, is this Friday. This lasts the entire day as there are activities scheduled to familiarize students with the campus, classes, and activities. Current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. Please speak with Pastor Hein if interested.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The congregation has been invited to an open house in honor of Dave and Norma Rust's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is on May 24, 1:30-4:30 pm at the church fellowship hall. The invitation is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Call News:** Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call to Redeemer/Zion, Bowdle/Ipswich, SD; returned the call to Living Word, Liberty, MO; and accepted the one-year call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25, Sacrament of the Altar 1 & 2

Morning has broken  
For this believer  
Trusting in Jesus unto the end.  
Praise God for loving  
All of us sinners,  
Praise Him for giving eternal life!

Jesus the Savior  
Came down from heaven,  
He took our sins And died for them all.  
Therefore in Jesus  
We have the vict'ry  
Over the devil and over death.

Jesus has risen  
Unto the mansions  
Of our dear Father -- All glory now!  
Jesus has promised  
All His dear children  
That they will ever live with Him there.

(CLC Pastor, Gordon Radtke)

## EASTER PAST?

Each church festival brings with it some anticipation. For 6 weeks we gathered in midweek Lenten services to consider the suffering and death of our Lord- our part in it, its necessity, its agony and sorrow, its meaning. As confessing Christians we however knew that the Lenten message was not the end- how devastating it would have been if our considerations had ended with the burial of Jesus. "If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). So through the Lenten season we anticipated the events of the early hours of the first day, when Jesus came forth from the grave- victorious over sin, death, and the devil. Now we bless "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1: 3).

But now Easter is past, isn't it? Not true! Easter is past only for those with short memories. Worse, Easter is past for those who never understood what it was all about in the first place. Easter is past for those whose thoughts are consumed with the pursuit only of pleasure, and whose hope of the future is no deeper than what tomorrow might bring. Surely it is an empty life for those who have no hope beyond the tomorrows that end when they die. According to Proverbs they who consume their life in endless pursuits of Christ-less tomorrows, "shall eat the fruit of their own way," for the "complacency of fools will destroy them" (Proverbs 1: 31, 32).

How quickly however, even Christians return to everyday activity! How quickly life returns to the normal fears and concerns, the daily hum-drum of existing in this ever darkening world, almost as though the resurrection never happened. You who profess Christ, awake! Jesus rose from the dead in space-time history. He arose according to the Scriptures. He died and conquered death. He arose and restored life! Unless we are among those for whom Easter is past and forgotten in the pursuit of nothing, the resurrection of Jesus is always in our consciousness, for by the power of His life we live and move and have our being! As we daily recognize and confess our sins and accept the fact that without Christ we are without hope, we will rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus "Who was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

The day of celebration is past. But as surely as Jesus lives, the celebration is not past, but is manifest in the faithful Christian's worship life, personal life, and in his confidence of life hereafter. The resurrection of Christ is not a past memory. It is the living power in the life of those in whom dwells the richness of God's grace and whose hope transcends the earth, and who look for the greater and brighter day that is promised to all who in life and death are in Christ. Every day celebrate! Celebrate your life in Christ. He who rose from the dead, lives to die no more- and neither will they who are alive in Him!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner     Elder: Al Rosendahl  
Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson  
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales  
Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever  
Church Cleaners: Volunteers?     School Cleaners: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson  
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude  
Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel  
Church Cleaners: Volunteers?     School Cleaners: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 3)  
 11:15 am –Hospitality  
**Wed., Apr. 29:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Fri., May 1:** Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Visitors' Day  
**May 1 & 2:** 7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Into the Woods"  
**Sun., May 3:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)  
 11:15 am –Hospitality

**Last Week's Stats:** Apr. 12, 2009    Sun.: 133    S.S.: 28    B.Cl.: 35    Wed.: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,116.25	CLC:	\$1,316.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-183.75	CLC:	+316.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	49,244.76	CLC:	16,966.40	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	52,800.00	CLC:	16,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,555.24	CLC:	+966.40	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	20.00	Tuition:	87.00	
GLC Other:	156.00	MDF:	20.00	Kinship:	61.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	236.00	IIF: 25.00	CEF: 15.00

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*But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children. Psalm 103:17*