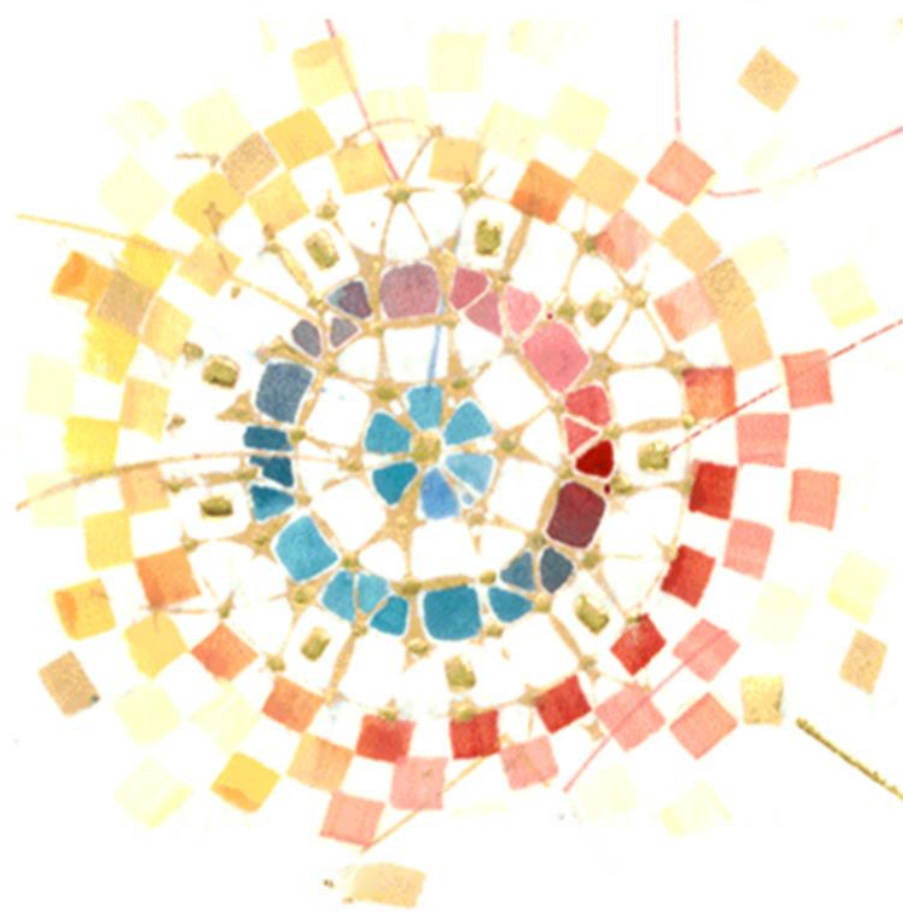


# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 ♦ 9:00 am



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

### **A note to first time visitors:**

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.



# GRACE OF GOD

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

## GATHERING

*The first part of our worship gathers us all together in Jesus' name for worship*

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**A** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** On this day the LORD has acted;  
**A** **we will rejoice and be glad in it**
- P** I shall not die, but live.  
**A** **and proclaim the works of the Lord!**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**A** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*We begin worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*

#### We Know that Christ Is Raised



- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*In baptism we are called by name and joined to Christ in his death and resurrection*



Lena Beth Cabak

born February 10, 2024  
to Hannah and Jake Cabak

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**(Parents) We do.**

**P** How is this child to be named?

**(Parents) Lena Beth**

**P** As you bring Lena Beth to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, remind her of her Baptism, bring her to the Word of God and the Lord's Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace.

**P** People of God: Will you nurture Lena Beth in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help her live in the covenant of baptism and in community with the church? Will you support Lena Beth with unconditional love and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** **We will.**

**P** I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**P** Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C** **I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The prayer or “collect” of the day, appointed for each Sunday, “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the character of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.*

**P** Let us pray.

**All** **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*Now we listen to God’s Word which reveals law and Gospel to us and ultimately leads us to Christ – the Word made flesh.*

### FIRST READING

*The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted. This reading always connects in some way to the Gospel reading for the day.*

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

**All** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **PSALM Psalm 118: Alleluia, This Is the Day!** Brad Croushorn (Cantate Choir)

*The Psalms come from Scripture’s songbook. They reflect the full range of human experience and express our praises and our laments.*

Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

The right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God has struck with pow’r.  
I shall not die, but I shall live. And declare the works of God.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Alleluia!

## SECOND READING

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

### I Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**AD** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL VERSE

*This brief acclamation expresses our joy at hearing the words of Jesus who alone has words of life. We stand to honor Jesus' living presence among us.*

#### ALL SING



**☩** Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

# HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. This is the main reading of the day because of the primary importance of Jesus' words and actions

Today the Gospel is read among us from the Saint John's Bible.

## Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## ALL SING



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

## SERMON

The sermon is a contemporary application of the Scriptures that proclaims Law and Gospel



He is going ahead of you to Galilee  
**there you will see him**

Mark 16:7

# HYMN

## Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*This ancient practice is a sign of our unity and reconciliation in Christ and prepares us to receive the Lord's Supper. "Peace be with you" are the words the Risen Jesus himself used when he greeted the disciples on the first Easter night. The gift of peace we receive from Christ we share with each other as we share a common life. Handshakes, hugs, kisses are all appropriate signs of peace. "No-contact" alternatives include putting put your hand on your heart and extending your hand to the other person as you say the words without physical contact.*

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.**



## OFFERING

*Everything we have belongs to God and we give back to him a token of our thanks and praise. We present our gifts to God – those brought to worship today as well as offerings made online. We also present requests for prayers to be offered aloud in our prayers today. You may fill out a card and place it in the offering plate before worship.*

## CHOIR **I Have Seen the Lord** Roger Stratton

I have seen the Lord. I have seen the Light of the world. I have tasted life from the living vine.  
I have heard my name. The Spirit breathes on me. This is my story and this is my message to you:  
that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

Open your eyes. Lift up your hearts. Live in the light of a new creation.  
Open your arms to the needs of the world. For death has died. You have nothing to fear.

Cast off the demons of power and pride. Live in the boundless love of Jesus.  
Welcome the stranger, the broken, the lost. For death has died. You have nothing to fear.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Generous God,  
**A** **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYERS

*Together we pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. We pray for global concerns and for our community of faith. We are reminded in prayer of God's mercy and that we are part of a larger fellowship, the body of Christ.*

*Response to each petition*

- P** Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**A** **Hear our prayer**

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God and affirmed our faith, we are ready to experience the miracle of Holy Communion.*

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In this thanksgiving we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: Thank God and recall what God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

- P** Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*We hear the words of Jesus when he gathered with his disciples the night before he died. In this, his last will and testament, he gives his own body and blood as a gift of love.*

- Ⓟ With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Ⓢ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓟ O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- Ⓢ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- Ⓢ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ With *your* holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- Ⓢ **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to prayer. The link between our daily bread the spiritual food we receive in Holy Communion is an ancient connection.*

- Ⓐ **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 THE TABLE

- Ⓟ Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

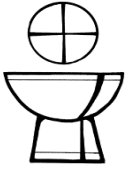
## INVITATION SONG

*This song is based on the experience of two of Jesus' disciples who were witnesses of the resurrection of Christ at their table.*

### Be Known to Us



## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, “Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” Martin Luther’s Small Catechism says, “Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.” All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord’s Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

### The Strife is O'er



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

stanzas 1- 4 all sing  
 interlude  
 stanza 5 women  
 stanza 6 men  
 stanza 7-8 all

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>         he lives to plead for me above;<br/>         he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>         he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>         he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>         he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>         he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>         he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>         he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>         he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>         He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>         what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>         I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

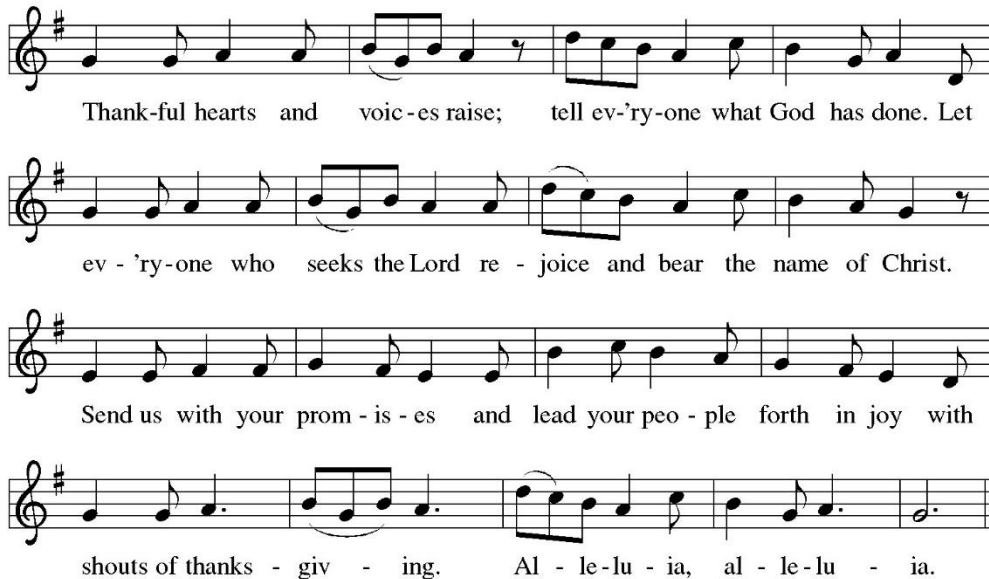
## SENDING

### DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.  
**A** Amen

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*With prayer and singing we give thanks for the life-giving gifts we have been given in the sacrament and ask for God to send us out to give life to the world.*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Life-giving God,  
**A** **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.**  
**Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### BLESSING

*We receive the blessing of God who goes with us into the ordinary of daily life.*

- P** The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.  
**C** Amen  
**P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

### Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds stanzas 1-3



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ALL ARE INVITED FOR A LIGHT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP  
AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

EGG HUNT FOR ALL CHILDREN AFTER WORSHIP!

# grace happens

March 31 – April 7

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am WORSHIP – EASTER  
10:15 am Fellowship time and light breakfast  
EASTER EGG HUNT

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 pm GriefShare

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am WORSHIP – EASTER 2  
10:15 am Fellowship time



NEW SESSION BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 9  
7:00–8:30 pm

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Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Last week's Offering	\$3,903.06
YTD Offering	\$74,663.39
YTD Budget	\$68,112.00

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY

If you have any questions about the ministry at Grace of God . . .

If you are going through a difficult time and need someone to talk to . . .

If you are not sure what you believe and want to bounce some ideas off someone who will listen and not judge you . . .

If you are thinking about a wedding or a baptism . . .

If you or someone you love is going to be hospitalized and you desire some pastoral care . . .

If you are new to the area and want to make a connection to our community here at Grace of God . . .

**You can call, text or email Pastor Jon**

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