

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!..... setting Edwin Childs

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people**

passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

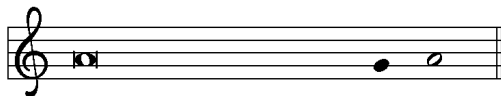
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Greeting

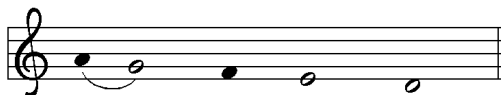
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



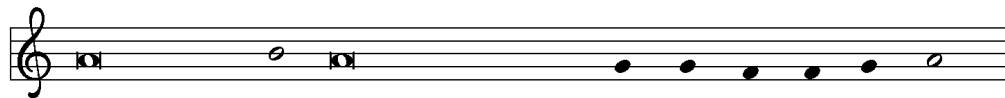
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



All
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading | Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God

of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading | Luke 24:36^b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Kirsten Lee

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ..... ELW 674

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

All are invited to give with joy in witness to Christ's love. Let us give with a joyful heart and offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives. Let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

First Communion

Today this community of faith rejoices with *Charlie Rock* who joins in sharing the meal of holy communion.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome our sister in Christ to holy communion. **Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God ELW p. 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Thine Is the Glory ELW 376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright..... setting, Edwin Childs

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14

Pastor Stephanie Vacation

First Communion Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship/Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, April 15

Pastor Stephanie Vacation

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club
6:30pm Deborah Circle

Tuesday, April 16

Pastor Stephanie Vacation

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
12:00pm LSI Staff Training - PBH
3:30pm LSI Parenting Class - FH

Wednesday, April 17

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation
1:30pm Garden Party Meeting
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

Safer Sack Lunch Pickup

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH

Friday, April 19

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

Saturday, April 20

8:30am Page Turners

Sunday, April 21

8:30am Traditional Worship/Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am IFF Brunch

Monday, April 22

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer via Zoom
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, April 23

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 24

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

11:00am Revelation Bible Study - PBH

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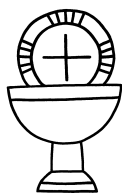
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Looking Ahead

- **April 10-16** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **April 18** Safer Sack Lunch Pick Up
- **April 21** IFF Brunch
- **April 21** New Member Sunday
- **May 3** Office Closed/Annie Vacation Day
- **May 6** Pray & Play
- **May 17** Kid's Spring Party
- **May 19** Day of Pentecost
- **May 19** Graduate Recognition
- **May 27** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **June 9** Garden Party
- **June 17-21** Vacation Bible School
- **July 4-5** Office Closed for Independence Day

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Weekly Update



First Communion

Congratulations to those receiving First Communion today:

8:30am Charlie Rock and 10:30am Declan Cahalan, Gretchen Kelker, Bridget Kelker, and Rachel Kelker. *Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.*

Safer Foundation Sack Lunches

The lunches will be available to pick up around Noon at Grace this Thursday, April 18.

Kids & Families | Save the Dates!

May 17 | 5:30-7:30pm | Kids Spring Party!

Our Epiphany Party was such a hit that we want to have another party! Grown-ups can take a few hours for themselves, and kids get dinner, a Bible story, and lots of silly games. Kids three years old and older are invited to join. Contact Pr. Kirsten for a link to register.

June 17-21 | 9am-3pm* | Vacation Bible School

Save the date and register for a week of learning, growing, and laughing. New this year is a partnership with Camp Shalom. Their trained staff will lead VBS along with Pastor Kirsten and volunteers. For Camp Shalom to join us, we need at least twelve kids registered by May 31. (\$20/child, \$40 maximum/family for camp.) Financial assistance is always available, and it is always confidential. Contact Pr. Kirsten for a link to register.

*Extended Care Option: 8am-9am and 3-4pm for an additional charge of \$10/family.

National Faith and Climate Forum | April 16



St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport invites all to a live stream of the National Faith and Climate Forum. The event includes nationally recognized speakers, including Dr. Neddy Astudillo, faculty at Pacific Lutheran. Subtitles will be in Spanish. There will be time for breakouts and discussion. Several local groups

working on climate change issues will have displays, and there will be breakout sessions and discussions, drinks, and cookies. All are welcome, this event is free.

When/Where Tuesday, April 16, 11am -4pm, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

Register to attend nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/register

Contact Becky Wiese rlawmd@yahoo.com

Start Saving for the Garden Party Yard Sale!

The Garden Party be here before you know it! Our 10th Annual Garden Party is June 9, and we will once again be collecting yard/garden-related items for our yard sale. We will accept donations the week before the event. Feel free to contact Ken Krumwiede with any questions.

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New Logo | You Get to Vote!

Voting is open through April Pastor Stephanie and Annie have been working the past year on refreshing and updating our website and logo. The council has voted on their top two choices for the new logo, and you get to vote on which one you like best! Upon reflecting what it means to be Grace, and what image would best reflect our missions and ministry, we developed a logo inspired by the waves of light that pass over the cross behind the altar bringing vision to "Waves of mercy, waves of Grace". **To vote:** use the slips of paper in the narthex (which show the photo inspiration and the two logos), email the office, or go to bit.ly/GraceLogoVote to vote online.

Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | April 17

Our Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.

Blood Drive Update

The next blood drive at Grace is Thursday, May 23, 2-6pm. If you have not donated after March 28, you are eligible to donate at this drive.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Plant Sale

The BBBS-MV Annual Plant Sale is a great opportunity to beautify your home and community while supporting one-to-one youth mentoring. AND by purchasing plants and flowers through the sale, you are also supporting the Grace Garden Party, as they donate plants to us for our own sale. Go to www.plantsale.org for more information and to place your pre-orders. You can also attend the retail sale in Davenport at Northwest Bank & Trust May 10-13, 8am-7pm.

M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark | June 24-28

9am-3pm June 24-18 | Registration Fee \$25

"Back at the Creekbank" Join campers at St. Mark for Music, Art, and Drama Camp - We will celebrate how God has filled our world with love and beauty! Snacks and drinks will be provided, and campers are asked to bring a lunch each day. Any kids who are comfortable reading and performing are welcome. To register, contact Katie Carstens at 563-271-8634. (Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you need financial assistance - your inquiry will be kept in confidence.)

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