# **Grace Lutheran Church and Learning Center** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**ORDER OF MASS** 

Easter Sunday April 20<sup>st</sup> 2025 10:30 A.M. *MISSION STATEMENT* Open doors, Open hearts: Loving, Learning, Living in Christ.





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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this Grace Lutheran Church congregation.

**TO ALL OUR VISITORS, FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS** Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church, a multicultural, all– inclusive ecumenical ministry to the community. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to everyone. Please fill out a welcome card located in the pews. Restrooms are located across from the Pastor Schmidt Admn. Building. If you are interested in becoming part of this loving church family, please speak to the Pastor today. Grace Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Thank you for being with us today!

Grace Lutheran Church is a Reconciling Works Congregation committed to caring for all God's creation. We believe that the Gospel calls us to cultivate healing and love in the church and in the greater community. We affirm racial equity and social and economic justice for all people, including persons of color, indigenous people, people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, people who are single, married, divorced, people who are challenged by substance abuse, and people who are emotionally and physically challenged. ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

#### **Serving Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. David O. Guss, Ph.D.

Music Director: Dr. Kamilla Szklarska

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

President: Matthew Schmidt Vice-President: Glenn Davis Secretary: Dr. Glenn Miller Treasurer: Dr. Kamilla Szklarska Financial Secretary: Linda Keil Council Committees Outreach: Jeannie Saenz Worship: Mal Lichtenberger School Liaison: Sandra Ortega

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# Happy Birthday!

Mildred 4/6, Kamilla 4/16, Chuck 4/29

# **ORDER OF MASS**

Majesty!

Mass Intention: To the Glory of God!

**Arr. Douglas Wagner** 

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Introduction

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the Name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRELUDE

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (A time for personal confession and praver)

P: Most merciful God,

C: You asked for my hands, my mouth, and my eyes to serve. I've given only a small part of my life to you. Forgive me, renew me, and send me into the world with a changed heart, O God, that I might live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the

+ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Amen. **INTRODUCTORY RITE** 

**P:** Christ is risen! **C:** He is risen indeed! **P:** Christ is risen! **C:** He is risen indeed! **P:** Christ is risen! **C:** He is risen indeed!





#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#### ELW# 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

#### THIS WEEK AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH:

- **TODAY:** Easter Festival Mass, 10:30 AM Easter Brunch in Social Hall, 11:45 AM
- **MONDAY:** AA, 7:00 PM
- **TUESDAY:**Boy Scouts, 7:00 PMCub Scouts, 7:00 PM
- THURSDAY: AA, 7:00 PM
- SUNDAY: Easter Worship, 10:30 AM Coffee Hour, 11:45 AM

# **Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter**

#### EACH SUNDAY - COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP

Come and enjoy the fellowship and Coffee in the Social Hall after worship. ENJOY Birthday Celebration every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Submarine Party every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, <u>Pizza every 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday</u>!!! If you would like to provide special refreshments for one week, please contact Kamilla; <u>kamil-laszklarska@gmail.com</u>.

#### DISCIPLESHIP

Grace loves to invite new members to worship each week. Do you know someone you would like to worship Invite someone to worship today!

#### SUNDAY- APRIL 27 - 12:15 PM - CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council members, please plan to attend Church Council Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 27, at 12:15 PM. Note change of date!

#### **RECEIVE GRACE LUTHERAN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to receive Grace's weekly E-NEWS newsletter, please send your email address to <u>grace33166@outlook.com</u>. If you are not receiving E-News, resubscribe by copy & pasting in your browser: <u>CLICK HERE: Subscribe or Re-subscribe to the weekly parish news.</u> (then, click on link).

#### **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Consider donating to the church emergency discretionary fund. These funds provide emergency assistance (food, bus pass, gas) to those in need.

#### "OPEN THE DOOR" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Grace has been blessed with a benefactor who has made a \$1000 grant available to Grace to *open the doors* to the church's front entrance. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this worthy cause.

<u>Facing cross during the processional & recessional hymn & Holy Water</u> Our Lutheran tradition encourages members and friends to face the cross during the processional and recessional hymns. Holy Water is available to those who would like to bless themselves upon entering the church as a reminder of their baptism.

OFFICE HOURS: Tues & Fri: 10-1:00, Wed & Thurs 2:30-5:00 Would you like to speak with Pastor? Call 305-888-2871 or email grace33166@outlook.com





# THE PEOPLE OF GRACE IN ACTION APRIL 20, 2025 Open doors, Open hearts: Loving, Learning, Living in Christ .

#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!**

We are so glad you are here and worshiping with us this morning. We invite you to join us in a time of fellowship in the social hall after worship. Please do us the favor of signing a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and placing it in the offering plate.

#### A VERY SPECIAL AND WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS WHO ARE VISITING US TODAY!

e are so very happy that you chose to come to Grace Lutheran to Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on this day. If you do not have a home church and would like to become part of this loving family, please speak to our greeters or Pastor after worship today, and please fill out a welcome card so we can keep in touch. Happy Easter!

#### **TODAY - APRIL 20TH EASTER BRUNCH**

Come enjoy the fellowship for our Easter Brunch this morning after worship. And, we have a special Easter Hunt planned for all our children. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

## ELW# 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

#### SENDING

P: Christ is risen!C: He is risen indeed!P: Christ is risen!C: He is risen indeed!P: Christ is risen!C: He is risen indeed!

#### POSTLUDE

Easter Day

arr. Clement Loret

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A: A reading from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

<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.

A: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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#### PSALM: Psalm 114

The refrain is sung once by the cantor, then by the congregation at the beginning and ending of the psalm. The psalm is chanted responsively with the congregation singing the **bold** verses.



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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#### **PSALM TONE**



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<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! When Israel came <sup>|</sup> out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, <sup>2</sup>Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion. <sup>3</sup>The sea beheld <sup>|</sup> it and fled; Jordan turned | and went back. <sup>4</sup>The mountains <sup>1</sup> skipped like rams, and the little hills <sup>[</sup>like young sheep. <sup>5</sup>What ailed you, O sea, <sup>1</sup> that you fled, O Jordan, that <sup>|</sup> you turned back,  $^{6}$ vou mountains, that you  $^{1}$  skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep? <sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth, at the presence <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, <sup>8</sup>who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a | flowing spring.

(After the Eucharistic meal has ended and everyone has returned to their seats, please stand.) P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### A: Let us Pray.

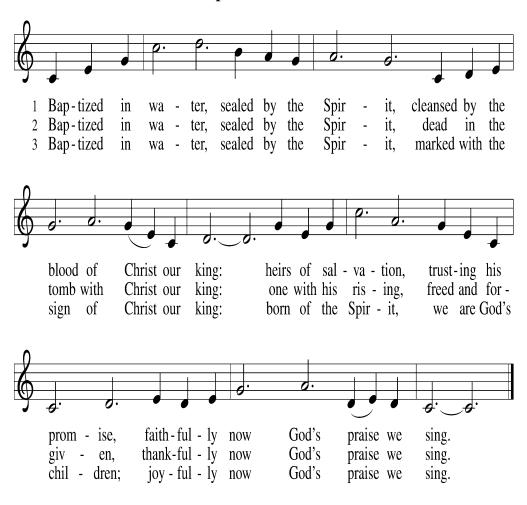
C:Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor .... + ..... And give you his risen peace.
Amen. (Sung by the Choir) from Choral Benediction

(The Lord Bless You and Keep You) By: Peter C. Lutkin





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# **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

A: A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 5th chapter.

<sup>6b</sup>Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup>Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A: The Word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.





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#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 24:1-12

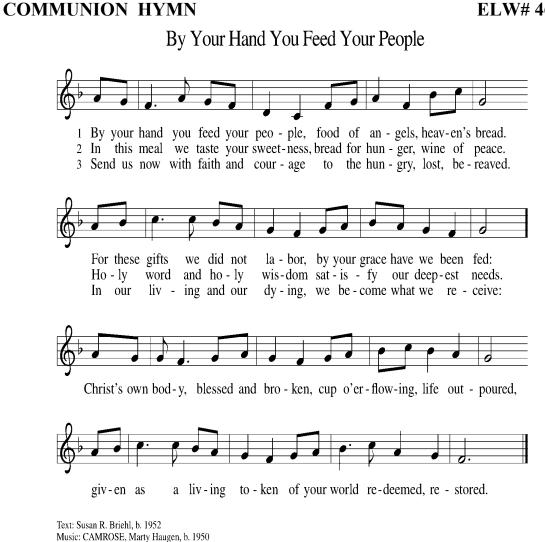
**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.<sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY:

A Promise, A Hope and A Call



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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

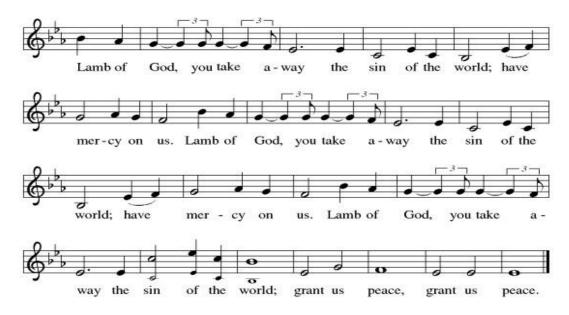
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: This is the table of Jesus, and we all come at his invitation .Jesus makes no exceptions. and, neither do we. You are welcome here! Come to the feast.

(Please be seated.)

## **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



The **COMMUNION** follows. We will commune by Intinction today. Please come forward by the center aisle. The pastor will place the wafer in your hand. Proceed to the Assistant Minister, dip your wafer in the wine and consume it. Then proceed back to your seat by the side aisle. There will be one dismissal after all have communed.

#### (Please stand.)

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

You Raise Me Up

#### INTRODUCTION

**Verse** When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary When troubles come and my heart burdened be Then, I am still and wait here in the silence Until You come and sit awhile with me. Repeat

**Refrain :** You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas, I am strong when I am on your shoulders

You raise me up to more than I can be

#### (repeat verse and refrain 3 times)



Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

In Your Own Tongue En Su Idioma Propia THE APOSTLES' CREED CREDO APOTÓLICO A: Let us confess the words of our faith A: Confesamos las palabras de nuestra fe using the words of the Apostles' Creed con las palabras del Credo Apostólico. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso, creator of heaven and earth. creador del cielo y de la tierra. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuesour Lord. tro Señor. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Sanborn of the virgin Mary, to y nació de la Virgen María. suffered under Pontius Pilate, Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, was crucified, died, and was buried; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado. Descendió a los muertos. he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; Al tercer día resucit subió a los cielos, y está sentado a la dihe ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the estra del Padre. Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a los Father. and he will come to judge the living muertos. and the dead. Creo el Espíritu Santo, I believe in the Holy Spirit, la santa iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, el perdón de los pecados la resurrección del cuerpo, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, y la vida eterna. Amén and the life everlasting. Amen

San - to, san - to, - to. - ra - zón te a - do - ra. san mi coHo - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you. San - to\_e-res Se- ñor. Mi co - ra - zón te sa be de-cir: Mv heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The presiding minister continues:* 

P: 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 in remembrance of me.

P: 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 in remembrance of me.



**P:** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EURCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Please stand.)

### P: Merciful Father,

C: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

| <ul> <li>The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.</li> <li>P:The Lord be with you.</li> <li>P:The Lord be with you.</li> <li>P:Lift up your hearts.</li> <li>C:We lift them to the Lord.</li> <li>P:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</li> <li>C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</li> <li>It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks and praise and so with all the angles and saints, we sing your unending hymn:</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>El ministro que preside saluda<br/>a la asamblea e invita a todos<br/>los presentes a dar gracias.</li> <li>P: El Señor sea con ustedes.</li> <li>C: Y también contigo.</li> <li>P: Elevemos los corazones.</li> <li>C: Al Señor los elevamos.</li> <li>P: Demos gracias al Señor<br/>nuestro Dios.</li> <li>C: Es justo darle gracias y<br/>alabanza.</li> <li>En verdad es justo, nuestra obligación<br/>y nuestra alegría que debamos en<br/>todos los momentos y en todos los<br/>lugares dar gracias y alabanza<br/>alabamos tu nombre y cantamos tu<br/>himno eterno:</li> </ul> |
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# FAMILY PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation may be seated.)* 

(After each prayer petition is offered:)

P: Merciful God C: receive our prayers.

**A:We Pray for:** Aldo, Margie, Phil, Reid, Gabriela & family, Marilyn & family, Kathy & family, Bruce, Rasma, Barbara, Hilda, Nannette, Tottie & Ken Roets, Lois, Helen

(Other petitions may be offered by the congregation at this time.

P: Into your hands, O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.** 

#### **PEACE P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

(Please greet your fellow worshippers with a sign of peace.)

(Please be seated.)

## OFFERING

Offertory Music "Worthy Is the Lamb" from the Cantata "Come Touch the Robe" by Pepper Choplin