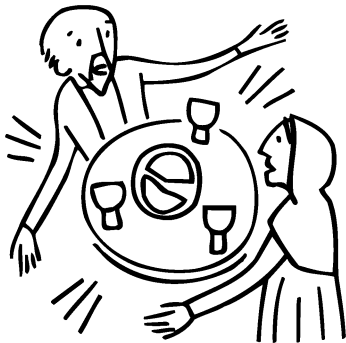


Grace Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

“When [Jesus] was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.”



~Luke 24: 30-31

# Service of Holy Communion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**(\*) the assembly may stand**

**Congregation speaks responses in bold**

## **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** (*Presiding Minister*)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Presiding Minister*)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister leads the following prayer of preparation.*

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW 389**  
**"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

**\*GREETING** (*Presiding Minister*)

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.***

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW p.149-150**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Presiding Minister*)

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19** The psalm is sung responsively.



- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."**
- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?  
<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

**FAMILY MESSAGE** Anne Corti, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## **\*GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON**

Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"**

**\*CREED** (*Assisting Minister*)

Called into one by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith...

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*Assisting Minister*)

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. We pray especially for ... Fred, Lisa, Mary, Betty, Dora & Ralph. We also pray for those we name aloud now or those we name silently in our hearts.

*A brief moment of private petitions is observed.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

\***PEACE** (*Presiding Minister*)

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

***And also with you.***

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

“There Is A Balm in Gilead”  
by William Dawson, Choir

\***OFFERING RESPONSE** **ELW 885**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

\***OFFERING PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

\***DIALOGUE** (*Presiding Minister*)

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 our thanks and praise.***

\***PREFACE** (*Presiding Minister*)

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (*Presiding Minister*)

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

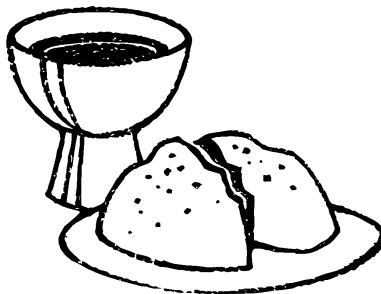
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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** (*Presiding Minister*)

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.



## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 374 "Day of Arising"

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING (*Presiding Minister*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BENEDICTION** (*Presiding Minister*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN** ELW 393 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

### **\*DISMISSAL** (*Assisting Minister*)

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

<b>Monthly Income/Expense Summary</b>			
	March	Actual	
	Monthly	YTD	
Income	\$43,327.68	\$101,589.84	
Expenses	\$46,334.24	\$88,494.58	
Gain/Loss	<b>(\$3,006.56)</b>	\$13,095.26	
	Monthly	Wkly Average	
Attendance	621	124	

## **Prayer List – Week of April 19, 2026**

*We pray for those in need of Christ's healing touch*

### **NEW TO OUR PRAYER LIST**

04/19

Fred Ullrich  
Dora Hepner  
Ralph Hepner  
Mary Brueggemeir  
Betty Freshcorn  
Lisa Hamilton

### **ONGOING MEMBER CONCERNS**

Kathy Jenkins  
Brenda Gerding  
Dave Davies  
Jerralynne Duncan  
Joe Watson  
The Katt/Watson Family  
Christine Vickers  
Carol Massaro  
Mike Campbell  
Troy Brueggemeier  
Yvonne Daily  
Sandra Laettner  
Thelma Rodriguez  
Maggie Scott  
Tim Smith  
Richard Andree  
Kathy Crouthamel  
Sandra Taylor  
Carol Sawyers

Leila Ritari  
Rob and Christine (Hills)  
Ian (Hills)  
Judy Zimmerman, (Milo)  
Kathy Dowsett (Milo)  
Pr. Wayne Gollenberg (Milo)  
Pat Dooley (Milo)  
Jim Laughner (Davies)  
Denise Heppel (Davies)  
Fred Bondzeit (Davies)  
Brenda Giroux (Laettner)  
Alexander Boltenko (Matheson)  
Stephanie Williams (Hall)  
David Griffin (Threm)  
Jeanette Wolfe (Lindgren)  
Miles Brown (Vickers)  
Margaret Hoffman (Tlachac)  
Steve Mateus (Albisu)  
Ed Hoornstra (Hoornstra)  
Ann Maurer (Maurer)  
Lori Daquila (Meints)  
Chris Adams (Castor)  
Jahn Van de Putte (Cheek)  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Preschool staff & Families  
Len Stirrat (Michael)  
Carol Raikunen (Shepherd)  
Scott Eidam

### **OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ashley Wilson(Crosby)  
Bob Pihl (Missbach)  
Richard Taylor  
BettyJo Stracke (Gould)  
Shane Rose (Armstrong)  
Karen Brown & Family (Perrone)  
Kim (Perrone)  
Joseph Ciccarello (Colegrove)  
Larry Krauss (Colegrove)  
Mike Colegrove

# ***We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!***



***Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.***

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced,  
LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.*

*We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,  
and frazzled moms and dads.*

*We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,  
who can't carry a note in a bucket.*

*You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail.*

*We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther,  
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.*

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*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet,  
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.*

*We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps  
or if you don't like "organized religion",  
we've been there too.*

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*We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or middle of the road.*

*If you are here only because you are visiting grandma  
and she wanted you to go to church with her, we welcome you.*

*We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.*

*We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.*

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*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now.*

*We welcome vacationers, snow-birds, year-rounders, seekers, doubters....and you!*

*We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church,  
because we are a "house for all sinners and saints",*

*Gathered by the grace of God.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS – April 19, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

|                      |                                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| PRESIDING MINISTER   | Rev. Jennifer S. Michael                            |
| ASSISTING MINISTER   | Connie Moffatt                                      |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | Lia Kirk, Amy Lay                                   |
| ACOLYTE              | Kalepo Tilo                                         |
| READER               | Bob Barry                                           |
| HEAD USHER           | Fred Borchers                                       |
| USHERS               | Kipp Van Pay, Liz Planz, Kent Fast, Karen Jankowski |
| ALTAR GUILD          | Jan Schultz, Sujata Katikala                        |
| REFRESHMENTS         | The Hanson Family, Juan Prat                        |
| VIDEO/CAMERA         | Michael Hamilton                                    |
| SOUND                | Steve Kohls                                         |
| POWERPOINT           | Maggie Gould                                        |

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