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The Resurrection of Our Lord



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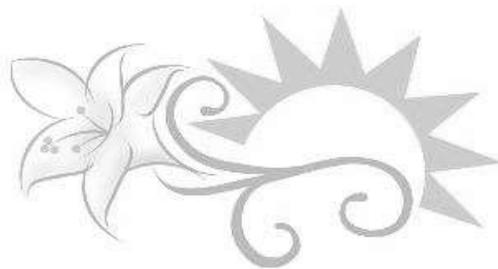
Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

Responsive Reading for the Resurrection of Our Lord

- P** Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
 - C** **He is the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.**
 - P** His are time and eternity, His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.
 - C** **By his wounds we have healing both now and forever.**
 - P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.
 - C** **Amen.**
 - P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 - C** **Amen.**
 - P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
 - C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- The sepulcher, which was placed during the Good Friday service after the reading of Christ's death and burial, is removed because of Christ's resurrection and victory over death and the grave.*
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 - C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Christ the Lord
Is Risen Today
Alleluia

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

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 ye 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!

Opening Versicles

LSB 219

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon for Easter



L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



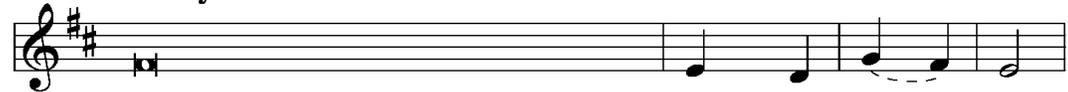
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 220



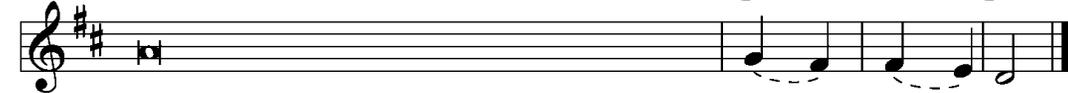
C	1 O come, let us sing	to the Lord,
	2 For the Lord is a	great God
	3 The sea is His, for He	made it,
	5 Glory be to the Father and	to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of	our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great	king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand	formed the dry land.
5 and to the	Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks -	giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are	in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and	bow down,
4 For He	is our God,
5 as it was in the be - - - - -	gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to	Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is	His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the	Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the	sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - - - - -	ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon for Easter



L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 16

- ¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
 - ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
 - ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
 - ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
 - ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
 - ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
 - ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
 - ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
 - ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
 - ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
 - ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

P The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, the tenth chapter.

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

P The Epistle is from Colossians, the third chapter.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory (Easter)

LSB 222
To Refrain



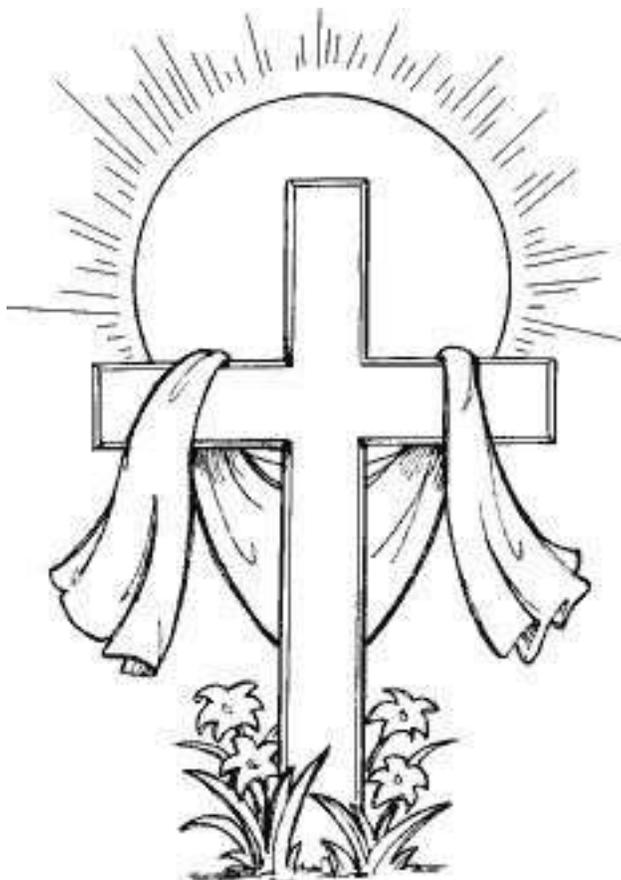
L 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the
hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon "Risen Indeed"

Matthew 27:62-28:10

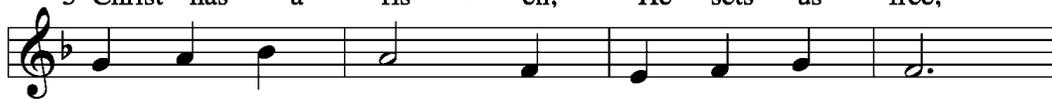


Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228



The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



A - men.

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

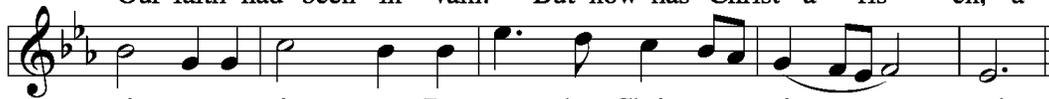
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who provided Easter lilies to adorn our sanctuary for worship this morning. If you have not made your contribution for your sign-up yet, you may do so in one of the ways listed below. After all of today's Communion appointments, the Easter lilies will be placed outside next to the parking lot entrance to the parish hall. These can be picked up any time after 2 PM today.

Worship Services during April

Due to the current pandemic, we will continue to gather online for opportunities to hear God's Word at least through the end of April; this includes the next two Sundays, April 19 and 26. Please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/>) beginning about 10 minutes prior to the service time to join the live service, or check back later to watch the recorded video. Bulletins for each service can be downloaded and printed ahead of time by visiting our church website (<http://www.glcs.org/newsletters-and-bulletins.html>).

Opportunities for Communion

There continue to be opportunities for individuals and families to receive Communion individually on Sunday mornings. Please check our Facebook page (link above) during the week to sign up for a time to receive the Lord's Body and Blood on Sunday morning. You are also always welcome to contact me to set up a different time to receive the Sacrament. In accordance with the orders from our county judge, please wear a mask when you come. Pray that the Lord will bring a quick end to this pandemic and grant us the renewed opportunity to join in His Supper together as a congregation soon.

Giving to Grace Lutheran Church

You can continue to worship God with your offerings and tithes during this time of limited physical gatherings at Grace. Here are a couple of options:

- 1) Bring your offering with you when you come to receive Holy Communion.
- 2) Mail your offering to the church at 308 Byrne Street, Smithville, TX 78957.
- 3) Drop your offering through the mail slot on the front church door; call to make sure someone is in the office first so that your offering is picked up in a timely manner.

Currently, we do not have an online giving option, although our treasurer is exploring our options. At all times, our gifts and offerings are an expression of faith and worship, recognizing that all things we have come from our heavenly Father's hand. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!"

Bible Study

During this time of limited physical gathering, there are still faithful resources available to you to strengthen your faith through Bible study. Particularly, I encourage you to listen to the radio Bible study I lead every weekday morning. It's called *Sharper Iron*; it airs weekday mornings from 8-9 AM (<https://www.kfuo.org/>); it's also available for you to listen in archives or on podcast if you miss the live broadcast (<https://www.kfuo.org/category/sharper-iron/>). When I began hosting this show last July, I did so in order to provide a resource, not just for the wider church, but particularly for you here at Grace. I approach the study of the Scripture with a guest pastor each time with you in mind. My encouragement during this time when we are not gathering in person for Bible study is that you would make use of this resource, and I would certainly also pray that it remains a blessing to you beyond this time as well.

Pastoral Care

While the pandemic occupies much of our concern and prayers right now, I know that these are not the only matters for which you may desire pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide pastoral care and apply the Word of God in any situation you may be facing.



Easter Blessings

May God bless your Easter celebrations as we remember the innocent sacrifice by our Lord and Savior and rejoice together in His victorious resurrection today and always.

FLHS Closed Campus

The FLHS campus remains closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders. We are facing much uncertainty. Take comfort as you read the words of Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” We have a God who loves us and promises to be with us always.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God’s love in a student’s high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars for These Events

- Spring Thing! - **May 13th** - 7pm - FLHS Choir Concert
- Golf Tournament - **May 30th**