

HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah



Grace Lutheran Church

April 4, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Arioso” J. S. Bach/F. Callahan Janice Charter, Handbells
David Delano, Piano

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “The Day of Resurrection”

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GREETING

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.

KYRIE

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It 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: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from
Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When 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]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So 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.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

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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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

P: Let us pray...God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May our glorious god grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Ris’n Today; Alleluia!”

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth’s niece), Dorothy Hansen, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman’s Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn’s granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David’s Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Deb Nitchman, whose father passed away March 31st.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for spiritual growth and renewal at Trinity Episcopal Church. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: Zion Lutheran Church/Cadillac, Rev. Scott Torkko.

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON APRIL 10 & 11

Council, at their March meeting, made the decision to return to in-person worship on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, if the current conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic remain the same or improve. The same public health protocols that were utilized in the Fall will be in place: masking, social distancing in the seating, no congregational singing, distancing on entering and leaving the sanctuary, no congregating in the office lobby before or after worship and as low touch environment as we can achieve. More information will be sent out as we approach these dates.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES REMAIN SUSPENDED

VIEW SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM ONLINE

Sunday morning worship service will be livestreamed. The worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and can be viewed as it is happening. Go to www.gracelutheran-alpena.org for the link to the YouTube livestream. A recording of the service will be available for viewing anytime afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sean & Taylor Hayward on the birth of their daughter, Thea Lyn, on March 19th. Thea joins big sister, Chloe Victoria.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989.354.2640. Deadline to apply is April 15.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call (354-2640) or email (officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) the Church Office.

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL-JUNE

Christ in Our Homes Devotional for April-June is available in the Office Lobby. Pick one up during office hours of Tuesday - Thursday 8 am to noon or call the office and we will mail one to you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open on Wednesday-Thursday, April 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. - noon this week. (We will not be open on Tuesday, April 6.) We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00
Weekly giving - March 28	4,845.00

We received:

38 envelopes, 11 Simply Giving recurring payments
and 1 Give+ payment made from our website



Easter Flowers

In Memory of

Don Johnson
Jim Johnson

Jim Dekett

Our recently departed
Brother-in-Law,
Vic Guenther

Debbie & Jim Anderson

Don Cook

Harry & Jeanette Grove

Katie Welch
Vera Scheidler

Given by

Steve & Janie Hansen

The Dekett Family

Jan & Jerry Charter

Rick & Sharon Engstrom

His Family

Joel & Cindy Suszek

Jeff & Sandy Welch



Anniversaries of Baptism

April 1
Jon Carr

April 2
Kaitlyn Tomaszewski

April 3
Ruby Haske
Dorene Schultz

April 4
Norm Timm

April 7
Tyler Suszek

April 8
Don Cross

April 9
Patrick Daly

April 11
Shane Jaroch

April 12
David Hansen

April 14
Jeanette Chroninger

April 15
Anna Greene

April 21
Taylor Agius

April 22
Vicki Cripps

April 24
Donna Czarnecki

April 25
Jacob Gapske
Denise Timrick

April 26
Reed Lappan

April 27
Grant Anderson
Patrick McCourt

April 28
Mike Dekett
Chloe Hayward

April 29
Michael Herrmann
Sophia Kamyszek



April 1
Jim Clemens
Bryan Stafford
Larry Suszek

April 6
Janet Carlson

April 7
Robert Greene
Everett Haske

April 8
June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9
Phran Ludington

April 10
Nicholas Schillerstrom
Logan Suszek

April 11
James Malaski

April 13
Jeanne Pankey
Piper Slominski

April 14
Kendra McInerney

April 15
Wesley Garant
Myles Granata
Alec Kennedy

April 16
Pamela Agius
Bruce Anschuetz

April 18
Alecia Lewis
Julie Troy

April 19
Ryan Reynolds

April 20
Connor Freel

April 22
Stacey Piontkowski

April 23
Mike Schiller

April 24
Madison Timmreck

April 25
Terry Bertrand
Jordyn Cieslik

April 26
Sharon Engstrom
Lorah Lappan

April 27
Nancy Amelotte

April 30
Molly O'Connor

Wedding Anniversaries

6th Don & Verna Furze
8th Donald & Myra Cross
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart
14th Dustin & Angela Crittenden
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
Michael & Donna Morgan
18th Richard & Janet Carlson
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

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