

**SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**April 17 & 18, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Ministers: Every Member of Spirit of Grace  
Pastor Scott Hackler – Pastor Gary Benson**

***OUR VISION***

“To help our congregation and community know Christ and grow in faith, so we can run the race of life with grace, hope, peace, and joy.”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious” . . . . . Fred Bornhoeft**

**INVOCATION**

**P:** We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “O Day Full of Grace”**

O day full of grace that now we see / appearing on earth's horizon, / bring light from our God that we may be / abundant in joy this season. / God, shine for us now in this dark place; / your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, / our Lord on the earth arriving; / then came to the world that light sublime, / great joy for us all retrieving; / for Jesus all mortals did embrace, / all shame and despair removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, / when he on the cross was hanging; / and then he arose and moved the stone, / that we, unto him belonging, / might join with angelic hosts to raise / our voices in endless singing.

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Day”**

This is the day, this is the day / that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; / we will rejoice, we will rejoice / and be glad in it, and be glad in it. / This is the day that the Lord has made; / we will rejoice and be glad in it. / This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Joyful Sound”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**THE READING: Acts 3:12-19** ..... Rick Jaeger

[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.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

**THE PSALM: Psalm 4** ..... Rick Jaeger

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.

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

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."

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

**SERMON: "Hands and Feet"** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"**

I know that my Redeemer lives! / What comfort this sweet sentence gives! / He lives, he lives, who once was dead; / he lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; / he lives eternally to save; / he lives exalted, throned above; / he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears; / he lives to wipe away my tears; / he lives to calm my troubled heart; / he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to his name! / He lives, my Savior, still the same; / what joy this blest assurance gives: / I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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 into hell. 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 INTERCESSION**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of love, 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 Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he come to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 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.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, you teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Let us pray,

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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 peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN: "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

On our way rejoicing / gladly let us go. / Christ our Lord has conquered; / vanquished is the foe. / Christ without, our safety; / Christ within, our joy; / who, if we be faithful, / can our hope destroy?

#### **Refrain**

On our way rejoicing; / as we forward move, / hearken to our praises, / O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father / joyful songs we sing; / unto God the Savior / thankful hearts we bring; / unto God the Spirit / bow we and adore, / on our way rejoicing / now and evermore. **Refrain**

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### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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