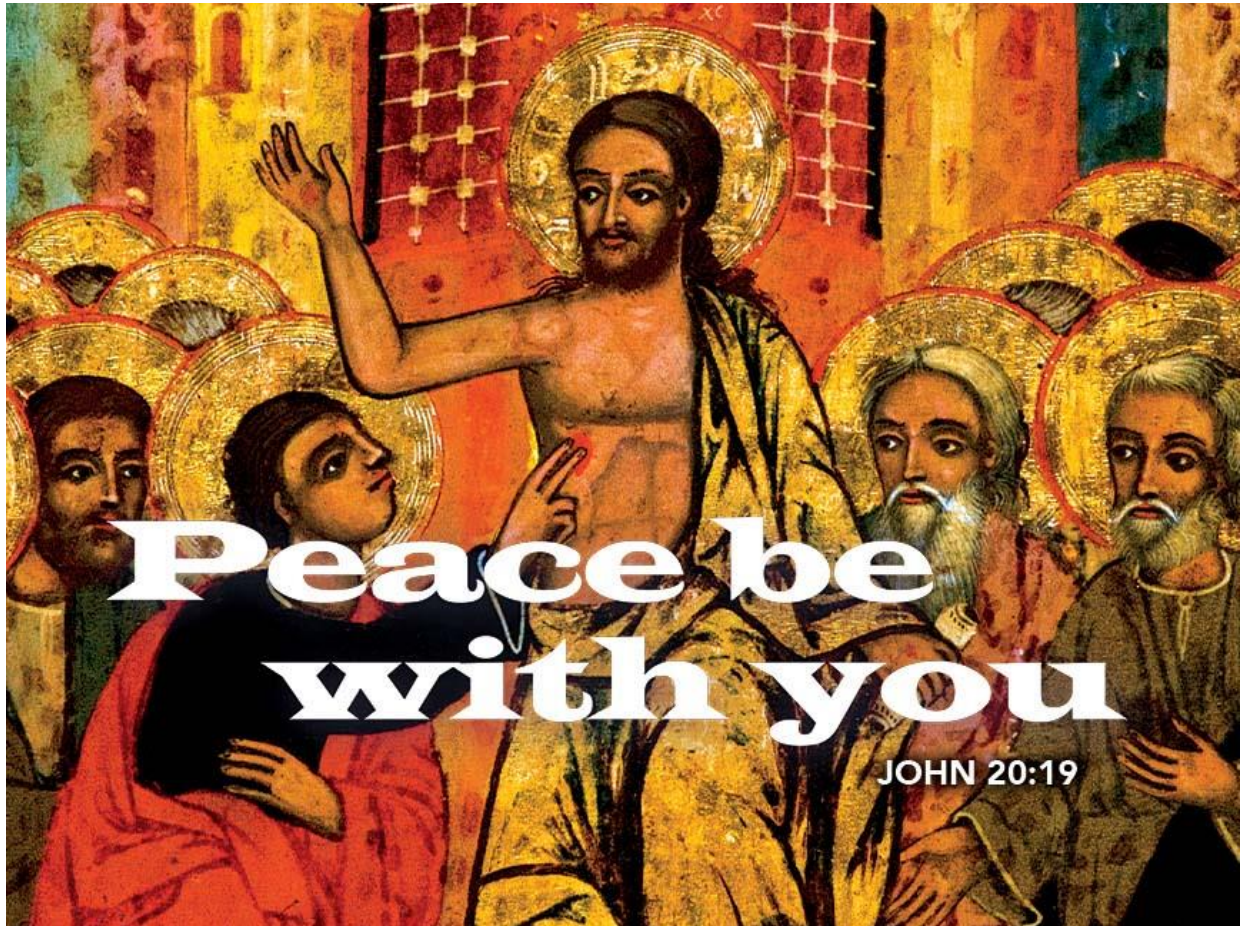


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022 ♦ 9:00 am



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

**A note to first time visitors:**

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.

**Small children are welcome in worship**

"Busy bags" for young children are available in the "Good Shepherd" room adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

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## GATHERING

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,

**C let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

*Water is poured into the font*

**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.

**C To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



# HYMN "Day of Delight"



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**G** **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human

authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**AI** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will  
wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

*Repeat alleluia*

## HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my

hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON



## HYMN "Easter Alleluia"

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things,  
 2. That night the apos - tles met in fear;  
 3. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
 4. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,  
 5. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;  
 6. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear,



Let all the peo - ple God's prais-es now sing, All of cre - a - tion in  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My peace be  
 that they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the di -  
 and look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and  
 Shine in the fac - es of all of us here, Fill us with joy and cast



splen - dor shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! *Refrain*  
 ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia! *Refrain*  
 God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 out all our fear. Al - le - lu - ia! *Refrain*

## NICENE CREED

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made fully 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** The LORD is my strength and my song;

**All** **and He has become my salvation.**

**P** Thanks and praise to you, heavenly Father, for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the Lamb of God, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death, he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your holy name, singing:

### SANCTUS ("Holy, holy, holy")

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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**All** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

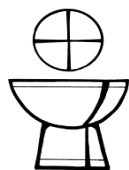
## LORD'S PRAYER

**AI** 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

"BE KNOWN TO US"



## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.



# HYMNS DURING COMMUNION “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;  
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547



# “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate-ful hom-age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!

## SENDING

### DISMISSAL

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

**All Amen**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Life-giving God,

**All in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection  
 you conquer the darkness, give new life and nourish your people.  
 Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection  
 that we may show your glory to all the world;  
 through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
 Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**G Amen**

**P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**G Thanks be to God.**

# CLOSING HYMN “We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## ALL ARE INVITED FOR COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 10:15 am



A **FUN**draiser for our  
summer youth mission trip  
to Denver!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

**at 7:00 pm**

*Great prizes! Yummy treats!*

*Lots of fun!*

**DETAILS:**

\$20 for 8 games of bingo (18 and over)

Kids play for free (for kid prizes!)

First call is at 7:15 pm

\$2 for extra cards available for round 4 and round 8

Prizes are local business gift cards (value up to \$50)

Fresh popped popcorn, pop and other snacks for sale

All night between game raffles

"Celebrity" callers

"Cosmic" black light bingo for rounds 5-8.

# NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 1**

If you are interested in becoming a member at Grace of God, please Pastor Jon

# TANZANIA SCHOLARSHIPS

During Lent, we collected coins and other gifts to support three high school scholarships in Kitesengwa, Tanzania.

**WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL of \$1200.**

**Thank you to all for your generosity.**

**Our response to God's grace:**

Last week's Offering	\$5,665.47
YTD Offering	\$97,903.82
YTD Budget	\$97,542.40
YTD Offering vs Budget	\$361.42

# grace happens

April 24 – May 1

Sunday, April 24

9:00 am WORSHIP – EASTER 2  
10:15 am Education time

Monday, April 25

9:00 am Women's Bible Study  
3:30 pm Fare for All  
4:30 pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 29

7:00 pm BINGO!

Sunday, May 1

9:00 am WORSHIP – EASTER 3  
10:15 am Education time

## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

June 5, 2022 after worship

On the agenda is the election of leaders for Grace of God.

Positions to fill:

President, Treasurer, and 2 Elders

(Note: some of these are currently held by those who are eligible for a second term)

If you are interested in serving in any way, please see a member of the Nominating Committee:

Bruce Gilman, Angie McMorrow and Dan Evenson

*wherever you are on your search, you are always welcome at*



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