

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Hymnal Supplement 1991: Now the Feast and Celebration

Grace Lutheran Church
Wenatchee, WA



Welcome to Grace!

The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.

We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.

You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.

As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.

Holy Communion: We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!

If you are worshipping with children: Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options especially for our young worshipers. **Children's bulletins** are available from the ushers. We have a **Cozy Corner**, with books and quiet activities, in the back part of the sanctuary. We also have a staffed **nursery** available during our worship gathering. You will find it downstairs, through the first door to the right at the bottom of the stairs.

Our Mission Statement: "To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."

Grace Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

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

WELCOME & KIDS' TALK

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE

Sing It Out (Cantalo)

Victor E. Jortack, arr. Mark Sedio

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Supplement, p. 2)

GATHERING HYMN (Supplement)

#830, *Cantad al Señor*

GREETING (Supplement, p. 2)

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION (Supplement, p. 4-5)

SALUTATION (Supplement, p. 7)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

+ + + WORD + + +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.

A reading from Acts.

¹²[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?¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

1. God of all right - eous - ness, hear when I pray,
 2. An - gry, yet si - lent, I know there will be
 3. When those a - round me my faith would con - found,

in my dis - tress be my hope and my stay;
 jus - tice ac - cord - ing to ho - ly de - cree;
 may I re - jice in Your gifts that a - bound;

long I have suf - fered re - vile - ment and shame,
 nev - er to an - swer cor - rup - tion in kind,
 peace and as - sur - ance all dis - cord with - stand,

great God of mer - cy, I call on Your name.
 but in Your pro - mise true peace will I find.
 safe - ly I rest in the palm of Your hand.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1--7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE (Supplement, p. 8)

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #646, *The Peace of the Lord*

NICENE CREED (Supplement, p. 10)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (Supplement, p. 12)

+++ MEAL +++

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Allegro
Flute duo

Georg Philipp Telemann

OFFERING PRAYER (Supplement, p. 13)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Supplement, p. 14)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Supplement, p. 15)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2 & FOLLOWING (Supplement, pp. 16-17)

LORD'S PRAYER (Supplement, p. 18)

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD (Supplement, pp. 18-19) *First 4 verses.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG (Supplement) **#746, Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**
#762, I Am the Bread of Life
A cantor sings verses; all sing the refrain.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING (Supplement, p. 19)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thanks Be to You (Supplement, p. 20)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Supplement, p. 21)

+ + + SENDING + + +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF QUILTS

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING (Supplement, p. 21)

SENDING HYMN

ELW #538, The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

POSTLUDE

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
Caminemos con Jesus

Central American
Tony Alonso

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Serving in Today's Worship

Presiding Minister:	Rev. James Aalgaard
Assisting Minister:	Pastoral Intern Lynnette Rose
Pianist:	LeAnn Haven
Guitarist:	Dave Haven
Flute duo:	Karen & Lisa Zanol
Lector:	Lisa Zanol
Communion Assistant:	Colleen Smith, Karen Zanol
Tech:	Chad DuLac

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