



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10, 2021 - 5:00 PM

APRIL 11, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

[10:45]THE ANTHEM “Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!” *arr. J. Raney*
(Mixed Quartet with Violin)

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “O Sons and Daughters of the King” *Hymn 470*
(sts. 1-3 & 9)
(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

***THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(1 John 1:6-10)*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Reader: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

People: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: If we say we have not sinned,
People: **we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(sts. 1 & 4)

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴There were no needy persons among them. For

from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives...¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive

anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN’S CHOIR AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
(sts. 4, 6, 7 & 8)

Hymn 470

**That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia!**

**“My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

THE SERMON

John 20:19-31

“Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Believed”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

***PREFACE**

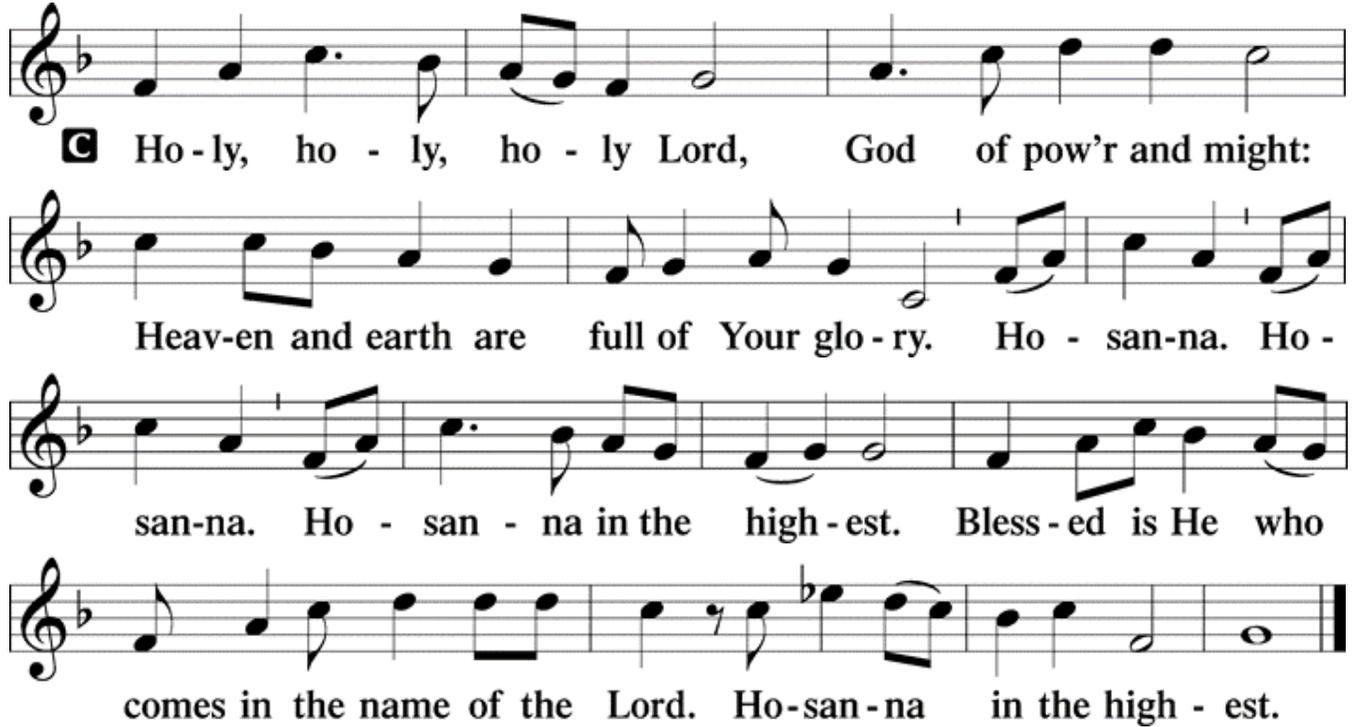
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS



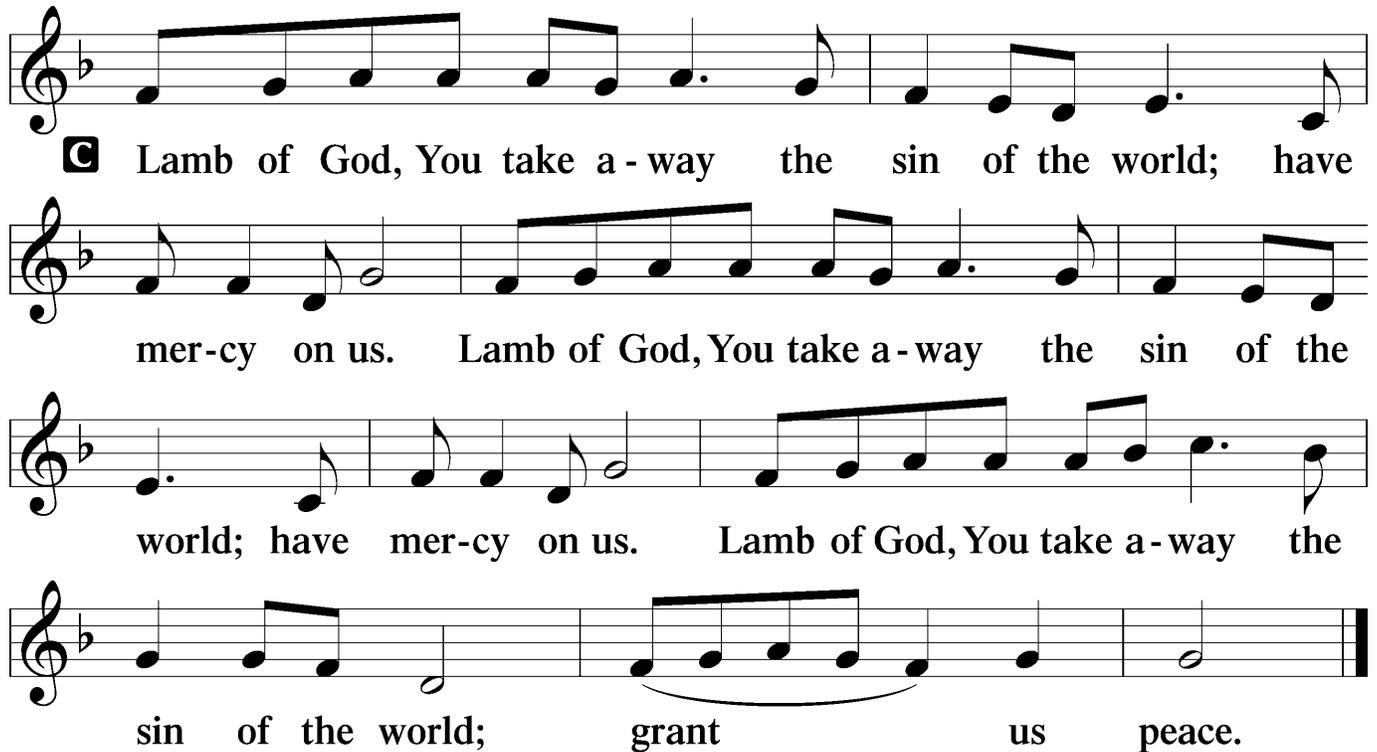
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Hymn 467

**Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.**

**The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.**

**This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me has won.**

**Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.**

**The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.**

**Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.**

**He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 633

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you." 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.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" *Hymn 487*
(sts. 1, 2 & 5)

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.**

**Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Communion Deacons	Krista Bernthal, Bill McComb
The Lector	Jan Struck
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher/Celebrant	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Liturgist	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Instrumentalist/Kidz Choir Director	Sarah Duffy
The Vocalists	Wynn Bonner, Vicar Michael Duffy, Peggy Jo Griffin, Leah Welter
The Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
The Elder on Duty	Jennifer Smith
The Communion Deacons	Ron Booth, Jerry Carter, Lou Marinelli
The Lectors	Steve Nierman, Angie Nierman
The Robing Leader	Julia King
The Crucifer	Mina Ullrich
The Acolyte	Lauren King
The Welcome Team Greeter	Sally Anderson
At the Welcome Center	Judy Hinsch
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker

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