

## **Grace Lutheran Church – 4.11.21**

*Our Mission: "Grace Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community called to gather, grow, and give together in Grace.*

**P:** This is the day the Lord has made.

**C:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of salvation.

**P:** 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.**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\dagger$  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.**

**Gathering Hymn**

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**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

**C:** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray. God of hope, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our hearts and our minds the life we share with Christ, and help us to grow into the fullness of your love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel According to Luke

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<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these

things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord

## **Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell**

### **Hymn of the Day**

#### **APOSTLE'S 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 to the dead. 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 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Lord in Your Mercy.

**C:** Hear our Prayer.

**The Offering** – If you are able to continue to support the church financially during this difficult time, we would be grateful. Options for electronic giving are on our website ([gracelutheran1.org](http://gracelutheran1.org)). If you need help using the online giving tools please contact Pastor Andy ([pastor@gracelutheran1.org](mailto:pastor@gracelutheran1.org)). Another option is to mail your offering directly to the church.

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray. Risen One,

**as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Inspire us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

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**Holy Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**P:** Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**P:** Now may God live in you, name you his child, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

**P:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*catholic means universal/all Christians