

# Grace Lutheran Church

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**“Unless I see  
the mark of the nails  
in his hands...  
I will not believe.”**

John 20:25, NRSV

**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 19, 2009

8:15 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.*

## Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Prelude

**“Entrée”**

Theodore Dubois

*From 10 Pieces for Organ*

*(Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation)*

*stand*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we fear, we doubt, we do not trust you; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.**

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 + Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, 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.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

### **GATHERING**

Hymn

**"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

**#367**

## Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.  
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.  
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.  
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.  
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men, a - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to  
*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*sit.*

### First Reading

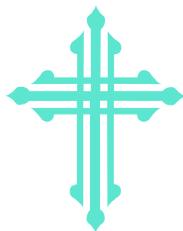
**Acts 4:32–35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

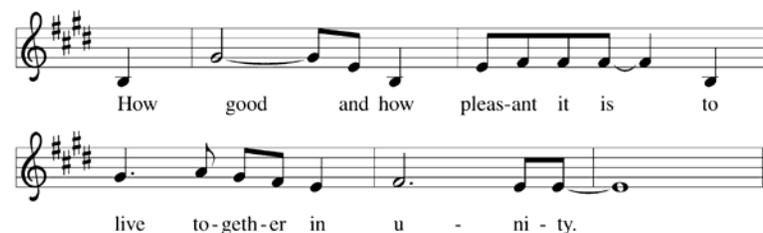
Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## Second Sunday of Easter B



Psalm 133:1

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### Psalm 133

**R** <sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas-<sup>1</sup>ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth-<sup>1</sup>er in unity!  
<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-<sup>1</sup>on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down upon the collar<sup>1</sup> of his robe. R**  
<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the<sup>1</sup> hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:  
life for-<sup>1</sup>evermore. **R**

Anthem

**“Hallelujah! What a Savior’s Love”**

Youth Bells

arr. Tammy Waldrop

### Second Reading

**1 John 1:1—2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ’s death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God’s light.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life

that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

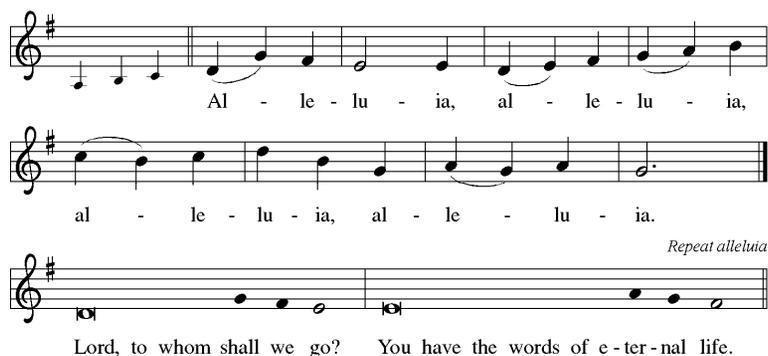
My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**John 20:19–31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Stand*

Hymn of the Day **"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"**

#386

Verses 1, 5-9

The 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,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly 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,\*  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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.**

**The Prayers**

P: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

*sit*

The Offering

**“Communion”**

Theodore Dubois

*From 10 Pieces for Organ*

*stand*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### 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**

### Invitation to Communion

P: This is the feast of victory for our God!

*sit*

### Communion Song

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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: #494, #496

**Communion** – We welcome to the Lord’s table all baptized to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose-colored glass from the inner ring of the tray. Communion bread is gluten free.

*stand*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Good Shepherd, lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal to bring joy and fulfillment to others. Guide us on paths of justice. Teach us to live for you as servants to one another. Enfold us in your abiding love. We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sending Hymn      **“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**      #364

Postlude      **“Nun Lasst Uns Gott Dem Herren”**      F.W. Zachau

Parents, we welcome children in the worship service. If children become restless, or begin crying, we encourage you to take children to the nursery or to the Gathering Hall where the service is broadcast. Worship is an important time for all people to listen, to pray, and to sing.

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of my wife, Madalyn and our daughter, Beth, by Jerry Dockum.

**People celebrating birthdays this week include:** Cathleen Claycomb, Evan Schroeder, Jennifer Rehder, Kristina Galle, Robert Jensen, Donald Peterson, Christine Martinson, Eric Nelson, Amber Anderson, Amber Heller, Charla Preston, and Amy Wonderlin.

**Education Opportunities**

**Adult Forum** meets in Grace Hall 1 each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. **Today**, come view the movie, “The Life of Apostle Paul”, by the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45 – 10:15 a.m., in Grace Hall II. They are studying the Book of 1 Samuel. Pastor Cline leads this class.

**A New Member's Class** will begin next Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you are interested in joining Grace, please contact the church office at 276-6873.

**A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper Room each Sunday. The Stephen Ministers this Sunday are Kate Schaller and Jan Gross.

**Quarters placed in the offering plate today**, and every third Sunday are given to the Food Pantry.

**Youth Choirs will be begin rehearsals once again this week.** Chapel Chimers will be at 5:30 p.m. and Youth Choir at 6:00 p.m.

**Do you want to help our congregation grow?** Do you find yourself scared to death when you hear the words “evangelism” or “witness”? Do you shy away from opportunities to tell others about Jesus? If you answered “yes” to these questions that means you are thoroughly Lutheran. **It also means that you’ll want to join us in the Adult Forum on April 26 and May 3** for a relaxed and fun discussion led by Pr. Doug Johnson. We’ll take the mystery out of the task of evangelism, learn some simple ways that we can each be better prepared for this important ministry of the church, and imagine some ways that Grace Lutheran as a congregation can be an effective witness to the world around us. Please join us – this may be just the thing the Spirit has been nudging you to do!

**SUNDAY, April 19**

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion  
 9:15 a.m. - Coffee  
 9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass  
 9:30 a.m. - Companion Congregation Mtg. in Conference room  
 10:45 a.m. - Worship  
 10:45 p.m. - Esperanza Holy Communion  
 12:00 p.m. - El Puente Mtg. in Grace Hall I

**MONDAY, April 20**

5:00 p.m. - TOPS  
 6:00 -10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Stephen's Supervision  
 7:00 p.m. - Property Committee  
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Last "Crazy Talk" in Gathering Hall

**TUESDAY, April 21**

8:30 a.m. - Prayer Service  
 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. - TOPS  
 6:00 p.m. - Brass  
 6:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Octangle

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

9:00 a.m. - Willing Workers  
 5:30 p.m. - Book Discussion  
 5:30 -6:00 p.m. - Chapel Chimers  
 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Youth Bells  
 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Youth Choir  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Grace Bells  
 7:45-8:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, April 23**

9:00 a.m. - Quilters  
 9:30 a.m. - Martha Circle  
 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting  
 6:00-7:45 p.m. - Cub Scouts  
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Lay Ministry Team

**SATURDAY, April 25**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Celebration in Grace Hall I & II  
 7:00 p.m. - Esperanza Bible Study

**SUNDAY, April 26**

8:15 a.m. - Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Coffee  
 9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Education Hour/Brass  
 9:30 a.m. - New Member Class in Conference Room  
 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion  
 10:45 a.m. - Esperanza Worship

**Good morning and welcome to Grace!**

Visitors and members are asked to sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please sign the guest book at the Welcome Center.

Pastor - David Cline  
 Esperanza Pastors - Lorraine and José Luis Avendaño  
 Visitation Pastor - Michael Herchberger  
 Director of Music - Rich Dewein  
 Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson  
 Grace Kids' Care Director - Heather Nelson  
 Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes  
 Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza  
 Receptionist - Diana Johnson  
 Publications Editor - Lori Fry  
 Lector - LaRue Buihner  
 Liturgist - Matt Jordahl  
 Acolytes - Jessie Rissman/Bailey Woodruff  
 Ushers - Dave Gronert/Bruce Bergman/Mike Heid/Len Ringgenberg  
 Communion Assistants - Larry & Janice Nordeen  
 Counters - Darlene Stuckle/Tammy Hagerty

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**Garage Sale, Bake Sale,  
Plant Sale Pick up,  
Annual and Perennial Plant Sale,  
Breakfast and Lunch**  
Saturday, May 9  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Grace Hall and the parking lot

The High School youth and families are hosting this sale to raise money for the National Youth Gathering and summer trips.

You can contribute by coming to the sale or by donating items.

**Anyone can donate:**

**Garage Sale Items:** Books, tools, furniture, exercise equipment, toys, clothes, housewares, etc....in good shape. Please bring donations to Grace from Tuesday, 5/5 – Friday, 5/8. Questions: Lori Fry 967-0736 or [lori.fry@mchsi.com](mailto:lori.fry@mchsi.com)

**Baked Items for Bake Sale:** Please bring items to Grace Hall by 8 pm on Friday, 5/8 or by 7:30 am on 5/9. Questions can be directed to Lori Fry, also.

**Perennial Plants:** Perennial donations may be made Saturday morning, preferably between 7 and 8 a.m. Please donate potted plants and provide the following information: Name of plant, sun or shade requirement, and flower color. Questions: Carla Peterman 278-6679 or [mcp79@hotmail.com](mailto:mcp79@hotmail.com)

