



May 1, 2022 –Third Sunday of Easter

As We Gather

Where can God be found? Often in this world there are people who seek to “find God” in their own searching, in their own way, and by their own definitions of who God is—sometimes winding up further away from truth and faithfulness. Where can God be found? We give thanks He is right here as we gather as His people around His Word and Sacrament. But let us not forget that He also comes to us in the ordinary activities of our daily lives. May His Spirit give us the faith to believe and the eyes to recognize our risen Redeemer and Savior as He comes to us in our daily routines.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 478 “The Day of Resurrection”

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

People: **To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Pastor: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

People: **Be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 30:1–5, 8, 10–12*

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

All: **Almighty God, we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have searched for You where You never promise to be and have failed to recognize You as You come to us today as our risen Redeemer. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have been reluctant to be Your witnesses and to do Your will. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, God has heard our confession, and because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has answered with Good News and revealed Himself as our Savior—our risen Redeemer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest” (Words and music in the hymnal--LSB page 204)

- 1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**
- 2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

New Testament Reading – Acts 9:1-22 (*The account of Saul’s conversion.*)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” ¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again.

He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading – Revelation 5:8-14 (*John's vision of the Scroll and the Lamb.*)

⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – John 21:1-19 (*Jesus again appears to the disciples and reinstates Peter.*)

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered,

“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. “Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: LSB 485 “Long Before the World Is Waking”

Sermon: John 21:1-19 “An Extraordinary Lord Comes to Us in Our Ordinary Routines”

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

All: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.

Prayers of the Church

Hymn: LSB 488 “He is Arisen! Glorious Word”

The Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord’s Supper is God’s gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ’s body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord’s Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God’s forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up 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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;

Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. You have graciously given us the gift of faith and endowed us with the gifts of the Spirit, deigning to allow us to carry forward Your Son's ministry. Grant that we remain strong in faith as we approach the Table of the Lord and receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which come to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"
LSB 463 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Nunc Dimittis—Song of Simeon (*Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

1. **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
2. **All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 922 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of May 1, 2022

**Church
News**

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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PRAY FOR: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Trinity, Sarcoxie - vacancy

New Prayer Requests:

Complete Prayer List

Ellie Armstrong – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
Betty Gordon - (Health and healing)
Janice Powell - (Cousin of Bernie Thomas – health and healing from heart procedure)
Emily Pulikal– (Joanne Michel’s niece – peace and comfort for at-risk pregnancy)
Betty Marsh – (Health and healing from a broken hip)
Kay Johnson – (Health and healing from a blood clot)
Judy Lehde – (Health and healing from knee surgery)
Peggy Lilienkamp – (health and healing after gall bladder surgery)
Finley Wilson – (Troy Wilson’s son – health and healing from ear issues)
Erica Wilson – (Troy Wilson’s ex-wife – health and healing)
Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle’s nephew – protection on his military deployment)
Mahlon Stine – (Joe Lynn’s grandson - health and healing)
Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
 Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)
 Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)
 Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)
 Michael Lampe – (Pastor’s son – health and healing)
 Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)
 Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
 Mary Ramm – (Relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
 Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
 Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
 Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)
 Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)
 Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)
 Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	May 1st	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Plus 1 – 9:30 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service with Communion – 10:00 am
Wednesday	May 4th	Pastor in the Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	May 5th	Pastor in the Office
Sunday	May 8th	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Financial Ministry Team – 9:30 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am



Birthdays: Joe Lynn-May 3; Diane Heisner-May 4
Anniversaries: None

Free Will Offering - “Food for the Poor” - will be taken today, Sunday, May 1st. Pastor uses this money for those in need as the occasion arises.

New Church Directory: Please check in the conference room that we have your current information correct for the new directory. If you want a new picture, please let Charlie know.

Graduates: We will honoring graduates in June. Please let Charlie know by May 29th of your graduates names so we can include them.

Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: May – “Shower Us With Supplies”

New school supplies such as pencils, pens, binders, expo markers, sticky notes, glue sticks, markers, crayons, highlighters, backpacks and folders. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information.



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May

GREETERS

- 01 - Dennis & Sue Doss**
- 08 - Micki Gettman & Glenda Enlow
- 15 - Bill & Joanne Michel
- 22 - Bob & Rachel Sanford
- 29 - Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS

- 01 - Bill Michel**
- 08 –Dennis Doss
- 15 - Don Wolf
- 22 - David Lampe
- 29 – Charlie Chambers

Grace Lutheran T-shirt (let Pam have your order)

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