

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4 & 5, 2014

JESUS IS OUR HOPE

"If Christ has not been raised," St. Paul wrote, "your faith is futile." But Paul continued: "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead." The living Jesus means everything to us. He is the source of every blessing in this life and in the life to come.

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain Christian Worship 142 Setting by Phil Magness

Stand.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ♣ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever.
 - O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.
- M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ₮ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.



Kyrie eleison means "Lord, have mercy" in Greek, the original language of the New Testament. It is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

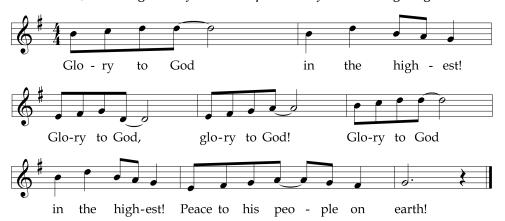
KYRIE

M: Lord Jesus, you forgive us all our sins . . . Lord Jesus, you feed us with the Word of Life . . . Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life . . .



GLORY TO GOD

The minister/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.



The minister/choir sings:

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Final Refrain



Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the highest" has been a Christian song of praise since the fourth century.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 24:10-21

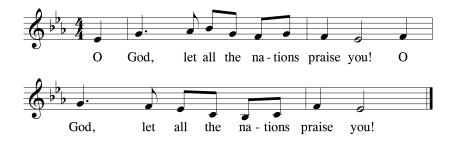
Paul held to the promise of the Old Testament: the resurrection.

Pew Bible page 1120



As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in our worship still today.

The minister/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.



The minister/choir sings the psalm.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.

Refrain

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; You guide the nations, the nations of the earth, you guide the nations on earth.

Refrain

Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

Refrain



1 Peter 1:17-21

Our hope is in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

The minister/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.



The minister/choir sings the verse.

Lord, come and make your Word plain to us: Come make our hearts burn with your love.

Refrain

Stand for the Gospel of the Day.

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus revives the hope of the Emmaus disciples. Pew Bible page 1060 We stand to hear the Gospel out of respect for the Savior.



Following the Gospel, the minister says:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Be seated.

ANTHEM

Dear Jesus, on Your Pilgrim Way

Words by Michael Schultz Music by Stephen Johnson

Dear Jesus, on your pilgrim way, Since evening's come, where will you stay? Come, make my heart your place of rest— I could not be more richly blest!

My dearest Friend, I'm most sincere — Accept the lodging offered here! You know that you will always be A guest so very dear to me.

The day is past; it quickly ends As light withdraws and night descends. And so, true Light, don't be inclined To leave this needy soul of mine!

Enlighten me to recognize
The narrow path to heaven's prize,
That I might not be led astray
When sin's dark pow'r would have its way!

And when I die, Lord Jesus, stay To make my death a glorious day! You know I need you desperately; I know you won't abandon me. SERMON 1 Peter 1:17-21

Turn Around with Jesus Redeemed . . . Resurrected . . . Reverent

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated.

OFFERING

Who are You Who Walk with Sorrow

John Carter



Grace Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your tablet or smart phone to be directed to Grace's giving page or visit *gracedowntown.org* and click on the "Giving" tab.

CONFIRMATION (10:30)



Please help us be a friendly church by signing the Friendship Register, a small black booklet located near the hymnals.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
- **M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- **M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- **M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- **M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Who are You Who Walk with Sorrow?

Words by Walter Stuempfle Setting by Thomas Keeseker





Stand.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C: Amen.

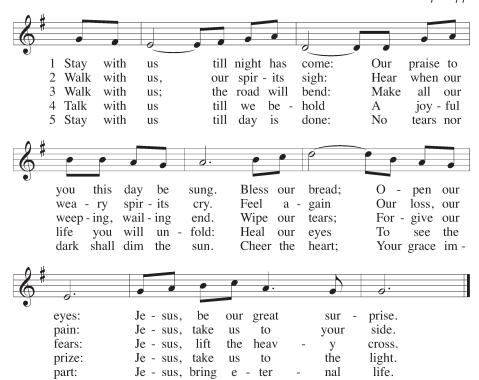
Remain standing for the hymn.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on the people, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27



CLOSING HYMN

Stay with Us *Christian Worship Supplement 780*



Allusions to Jesus'
Easter walk with the
Emmaus disciples
(Luke 24:13-35)
beautifully frame this
evening hymn of prayer.

Be seated.

POSTLUDE

Stay With Us *Kenneth T. Kosche*



Serving at Worship

Pastor James R. Huebner, preacher
Pastor Daniel S. Bondow, presiding minister (7:45 and 10:30)
Mark D. Davidson, piano
Kevin and Stacy Becker, Ezekiel and Stephanie Drews, vocalists
Troy Hergert, guitar
Eric Fricke, guitar
Kristin Otto, flute
Philip Berger, clarinet

Confirmations

Today at the 10:30 service, five young Grace members who have completed their course of instruction will profess their unity of faith with us. Samuel Barta, Blake Hassler, Kaitlyn Kieselhorst, Ava Malacara and Ethen Nass were instructed at Grace by their parents and Pastor Bondow, and will be confirmed this morning. McKenna Godager (St. John's, Wauwatosa) and Caden Luck (St. Lucas, Milwaukee) were already confirmed at the WELS churches where they attend school, and we publicly acknowledge them by affirmation today. May the fires of faith burn brightly in the hearts of all these followers of Jesus! God's grace be with you!

Worship Notes

Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of our faithful God by Art and Phyllis Gemer for their 60th wedding anniversary. The additional flowers today in front of the lectern are in honor of our confirmands, given in joy by their parents.

Grace Friends

9:00: Louie and Joan Crisostomo 10:30: Stacie Hojnacki 6:30: Jonathan Hansen

Ushers

Steve Dostal & Mike Grams, lead ushers 7:45: Christopher Dostal Art Gemer, Den

7:45: Christopher Dostal, Art Gemer, Dennis May, Matthew Strommen, Gerald Rieder

9:00: Jacob Straseske, Joe Gruszka, Richard Lehfeldt, Ernie Rosenthal

10:30: Del Gross, Albert Lehr, Landon Lehr, David Schwengel, Sam Barta

6:30: Neil Hepworth, James Schlevensky

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Welcome to Grace

God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection, he saves all lost sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time visitor or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again. Meanwhile, let us know on the form below how we may further help you.

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 7:45, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Church office: 414-271-3006

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Information

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- Growing in Grace
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Grace is affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

- New to Grace and have a question about the church or membership? How about a prayer request for a friend? Grace Friends are available after most services to answer your questions and to take private prayer requests.
- We ask all worshipers to help us be a friendly church by signing our Friendship Register, a small black book located near the hymnals.
- Please reserve the pews in the back of the church for families with small children.
- Restrooms are located in the gathering area north of the main church lobby.
- A staffed nursery is available from 8:45 10:15 a.m. during the 9:00 Sunday service
 and Bible Study for infants and children under four years old. The nursery area offers
 live video of the service and is equipped with chairs and changing tables. Parents
 may also calm a small child in a quiet room adjacent to the nursery.
- Large-print hymnals and hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.
- Grace Place Coffee Shop, serving a variety of coffee, espresso drinks, teas, and
 pastries, is located in the Grace Center, just west of the church—a short walk down
 Juneau Avenue. First-time worship visitors will receive a free drink by mentioning
 this announcement.
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