

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 14, 2024

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Alexandre Guilmant

Opening Hymn Come, Let Us Eat #491

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



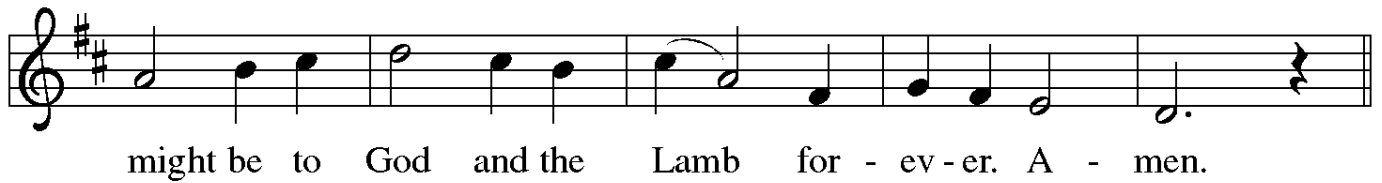
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



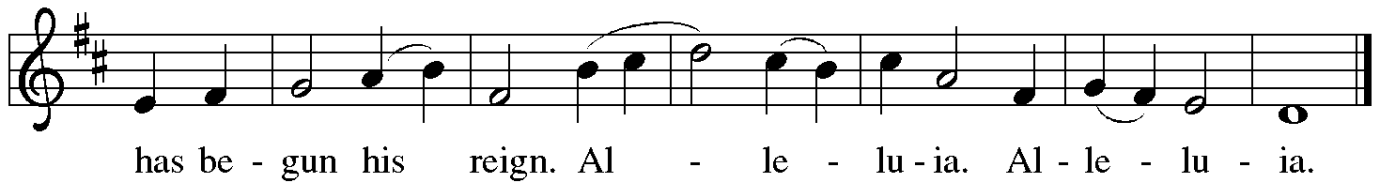
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message & Noisy Offering

The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 3

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death. The LESSON:

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *It is Well with My Soul* *Lloyd Larson*
When peace like a river, attendeth my way When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul

The Second Reading is from 1 John, chapter 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 24 Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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Apostles' Creed

**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 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 the Church

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Partita on Duke Street: Carillon

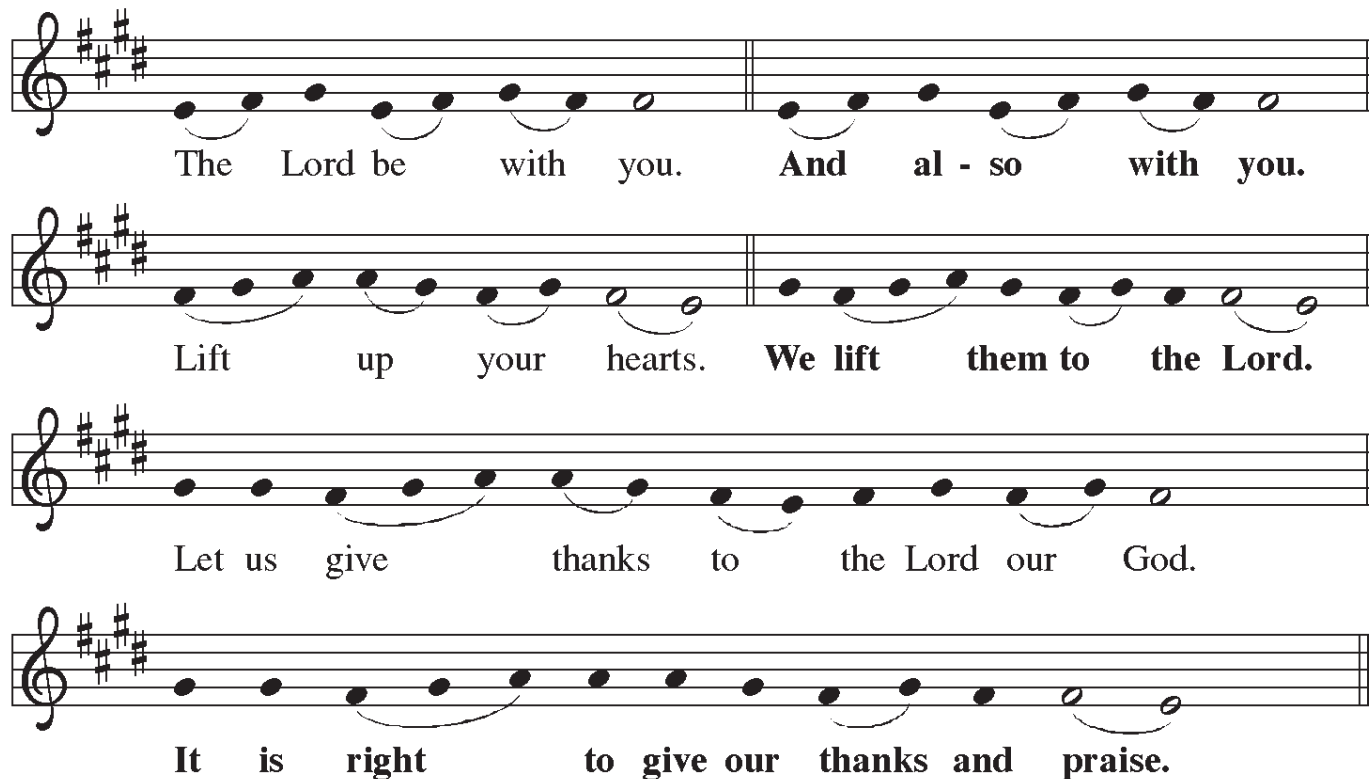
Charles Callahan

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

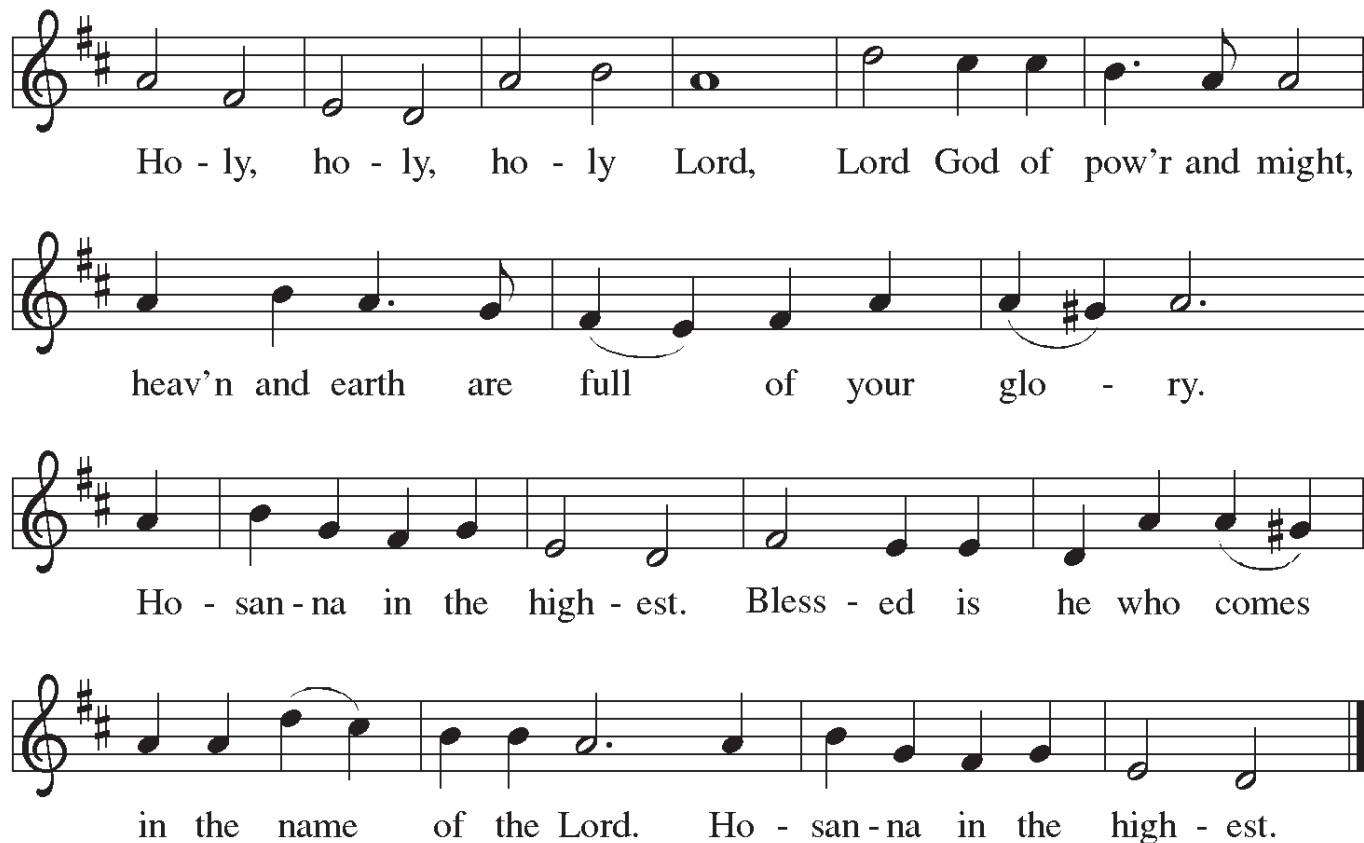
Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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.

Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

Alexandre Guilmant

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Assisting Minister: Arthur Grothe

Reader: Roger Pomplun

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (14th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Tax Day

TUESDAY

Stepping On – 10am
Prayer Group – 11am
Strong Bodies – 1pm
Church Council – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

ADRC, Healthy Living with
Diabetes – 10am
Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (21th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC

Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

- April 21
- May 5
- May 19

Family Choir

The family choir will be rehearsing and singing during the worship service on the following dates:

- Rehearsal: April 14 & 28
- Sing: May 12 & 19 (Music Sunday)

Elaine Mann Organ Presentation

The Education, Youth and Family Ministry would like to invite you to a presentation given by Elaine Mann on The Historic Organs of Sweden. This will be on Sunday, April 21st, right after the 10:00 a.m. church service in the Parable Chapel.

Noisy Offering

Time to Spring into action by bringing your coins for the Noisy Offering on April 14. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward Food For The Poor.

Food For The Poor is grounded deeply in faith and aided by the generosity of donors and friends like you. Food for the Poor is able to feed millions of hungry children and families in primarily 17 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.





The American Guild of Organists, Chippewa Valley Chapter

Presents the 20th Annual

**MARIANNA SCOTT
SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024
2 pm**

First Congregational Church, Eau Claire

**Performers to include the 2023 Scholarship Recipients plus
AGO members Lynn Emmons, Elaine Mann, Gary Steffenhagen, Judy Lies, Alana
Laufmann, Donald Patterson, and guest Ryan Poquette**



Freewill offering to benefit the scholarship fund



Foot & Nail Clinic

Grace Lutheran will be hosting the Foot & Nail clinic this April 22 through 26. The event is free but appointments are required. You can sign up for appointments starting April 8 by calling the UW Continuing Education department at 715-836-3636.

Memorials

Easter Lilies: Bob & Ruth Kein gave in memory of their parents. Pete & Sue Lokken gave in memory of Al & Julie Lokken and Pam and Bob Lokken-Oman.

Ron Huse gave in memory of Deloris Huse.

Barb Radke and Wayne & Robyn Ross gave in memory of Mary Samuelson.

An anonymous donation was made in honor of Peter Reid to ELCA World Hunger.

Nancy Engebretson, Jim & Bev Page, Anita & Dale Reid, Tammy Tannler, Marjorie Tyler, and Ken & Lynne Ziehr gave in memory of Doug Radke.

Ken & Lynne Ziehr have in honor of Margaret Hunstad's birthday.

The Elizabeth Circle and Jackie & John Krumenauer gave in memory of Norma Peltier.

Elizabeth Baribeau gave in memory of Jane Panzer Syverson.

2ND ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY AT LUTHERAN CEMETERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 PM
OMAHA STREET

In February 1880 the city of Eau Claire deeded land on Omaha St in Eau Claire to the Norwegian, Scandinavian, and German Church Societies. Since then the Norwegian and Scandinavian Churches have joined together to form the Lutheran Cemetery. Currently, the cemetery is owned by Spirit, Grace, and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the cemetery on April 21. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, wire cutters, a wheel barrow and any other outdoor cleaning items you can think of. We will meet at the shed in the back of the cemetery, down at the west end.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. What a wonderful way to honor our past members and a great way to keep our cemetery clean. Hope to see you there!

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713