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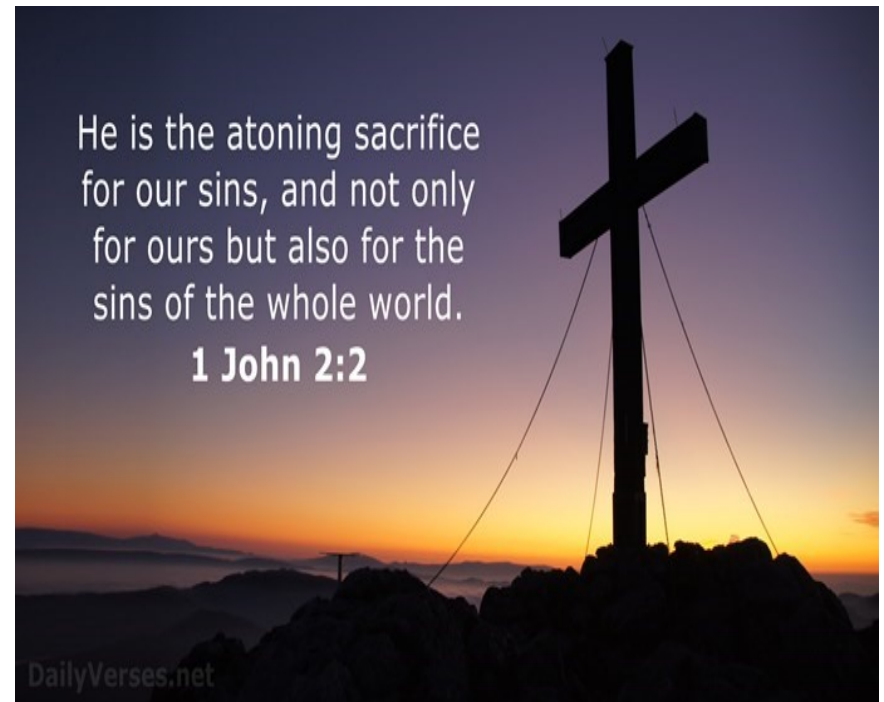
**Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS**

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

[www.gracelemars.org](http://www.gracelemars.org)

**Sunday Worship 9:00am**

**Sunday School (Sept-May) & Adult Bible Study  
10:15am**



**April 11, 2021**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

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**Missionaries:**

Pastor Carl and Chen His Li Hanson, Asia Region  
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Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver, Taiwan and Asia Region  
Rev. Paul Flo-South Sioux City Hispanic Ministry  
Nathan Nelson-Seminary Student

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠  
Service of Prayer and Preaching  
April 11, 2021

**Ringing of the Bells & Greeting**

**Opening Hymn** #457 “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*”

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our  
loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly  
king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to  
redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have  
procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the  
angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love;  
Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**Opening Sentences and Common Response** p. 260

This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents of the wicked.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord  
**Teach me Your paths.**

Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**Your Word is truth.**

**CHRISTIAN NEEDS** is collecting the following items–  
Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup , Small bags of instant potatoes,  
Small boxes of rice, Bar of soap

**TRIMMING HELP** The trustee’s are looking for volunteers this  
mowing season. If interested contact the church office 546-5516  
with days you can help.

**GRADUATION** If you are a graduating high school senior or  
graduating from college and would like to be recognized please  
provide your information to the box outside the church office.

**LWML** All ladies of the church are invited to a fellowship  
gathering @1:30pm on April 14th with a bible study led by  
Pastor. Join us for fellowship, personal growth, and surprises.

**✠Those Serving Next Week April 18th, 2021✠**

**Elders:** Tony Heisterkamp

**Ushers:** Mark Heimgartner and Jacob Heimgartner

**Reader:** Lynn Buss

**Trustee:** Andy Jahn

**Music:** Jennifer Heisterkamp

**Acolyte:** Zach Shade and Sidney Shade

representative, Joni Kellen at 712-541-5074. Your support is appreciated.

**CAMP OKOBOJI** We are currently recruiting for our Summer Staff needs. Are you looking for a summer job or know someone who is committed to serving others and glorifying God?? We are seeking to hire up to 21 hard-working, committed young adults to serve campers and guests. Responsibilities at Camp Okoboji range from program assistance, housekeeping, dining hall, lifeguarding (training will be provided), and general maintenance. In addition, we are currently looking for part-time office assistance. Primary responsibilities would be working with camper registrations and Camp Okoboji's software/database systems. Inquiries may be directed to Kellie Jones, Camp Director at (712) 337-3325 or [kellie.campokoboji.org](http://kellie.campokoboji.org).

**CAMP OKOBOJI** Sharing opportunities to assist with Laundry soap, bleach, Shower curtain liners, Queen mattress pads, 2 seat bike trailer for children, Stand-alone Pickle Ball net, Kayaks, aluminum canoes and/or Stand-up Paddle Boards, Thrivent Action Team Cards (check with Kellie Jones for guidance on recommended usages).

**MAIN STREET LIVING** Next weeks This is the Life 10:00am- "The Main Event" - (1972) A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.

Worship Service 10:30am- Rev. Brett Witmer of Bethel Lutheran Church in Sutherland, IA, delivers the message "Peace to You" based on Luke 24:36-49. Additional information is available on the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**SUPPORTING ON MAIN STREET** If you would like to help support the weekly broadcast of On Main Street by Lutheran Hour Ministries, you can send a check to:  
Main Street Living  
3204 S. Lakeport Street,  
Sioux City, IA 51106

**LWML MITES** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, LWML will be collecting Mites. These donations support missions worldwide.

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**The name of the Lord is to be praised.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Canticle** p.261-262

**The Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation. With joy will you draw water  
from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give  
thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds  
among the people, proclaim that His name is exalted." The Lord  
God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.  
Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be  
made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O  
inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of  
Israel. The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has  
become my salvation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be forever. Amen. The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has become my salvation.**

**First Lesson** Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Sermon**

**Second Lesson** 1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too

may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Lesson** John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence

Elders Meeting 7:00pm  
**Wed, April 14:** LWML Meeting 1:30pm  
Confirmation and Grace Kids 6:00pm  
**Thur April 15:** Bible Study 7:00am  
Social Ministry Meeting 6:30pm  
**Sun, April 18:** Worship at 9:00am  
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

**✦Those Serving Us This Week✦**

**Elders:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Ushers:** Mark Heimgartner and Jacob Heimgartner  
**Reader** Lynn Buss  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Trustee:** Bryan Heeren  
**Acolyte:** Joaquin H & Holton B

**VISITORS** If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give during the offerings. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We just desire that you give to God out of what He has blessed you with.  
Pastor

**PRAYERS** Darlene Norell and the Family of Bernice Lehrman

**DON'T HAVE CASH TODAY?** You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. It's free to download.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS** We are going to encourage you to support local business in the coming weeks. This week we ask that you help support Brown's Century Theater.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** did you know you can choose to have your Thriver Choice dollars directed to support Grace Lutheran's Ministry? Feel free to contact our

## **Blessing and Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

## **◆News & Notes for April 11th, 2021◆**

### **◆This Week at Grace Lutheran◆**

**Sun, April 11:** **Worship at 9:00am**

Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am

Trustee Meeting 11:15am

Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

**Mon, April 12:** Bible Study at 9:30 am

of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsory p. 263**

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## **The Ten Commandments**

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Sermon Hymn #469 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!” Saints on earth and angels say; Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love’s redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head. Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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**Sermon** "Touched by God!" 1 John 1:1-2:2

**Responsive Prayer** p. 265

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

(Special Prayers)

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Collect of the Day** p. 265

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Collect of the Word** p. 265

Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Luther's Morning Prayer** p. 266

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**The New Testament Canticle** p. 266

**Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia. Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**