

Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

www.gracelemars.org

Sunday Worship 9:00am

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



April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster, Prague, Czech Republic

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Rev. Paul Flo-South Sioux City Hispanic Ministry

Nathan Nelson-Seminary Student

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠
Divine Service III with Communion
April 18th, 2021

Ringling of the Bells & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #475 “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*”

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation and Responses p. 184

In the name of the Father and of the ✠Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our
sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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

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.

✠Those Serving Next Week April 25th, 2021✠

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp

Ushers: Mark Heimgartner and Jacob Heimgartner

Reader: Lynn Buss

Trustee: Darrell Kleihauer

Music: Ruth Alexander

Acolyte: Jacob and Isaac Beller

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

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 Prisoners” – (1978) An elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

Worship Service 10:30am – Rev. Neil Wehmas of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ida Grove, IA, delivers the message “By This We Know Love” based on John 3:16. Additional information is available on the web site: 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

Confession and Absolution (left side) p. 184-185

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 189

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from 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.

Amen.

First Lesson Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name

by faith in his name has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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People: Thanks be to God!

Alleluia Verse *Sung*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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Reader: Lynn Buss

Trustee: Andy Jahn

Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp

Acolyte: Zach Shade and Sidney Shade

HOLY COMMUNION If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You, Pastor Geitz.

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 Learning to trust In God to help you get through life and for help in times of trouble.

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THE CHOSEN Have you heard of the Christian TV series “The Chosen”? If you are interested in watching it, we will be showing it in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays starting April 20th at 1:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Lois or Lola.

Benediction p. 201
Amen, Amen, Amen

Closing Hymn #949 *“Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”*

1 Heav’nly hosts in ceaseless worship
“Holy, holy, holy” cry;
“He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High.”
Praise and honor, pow’r and glory,
Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

2 All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Savior’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow’r and glory,
Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures
And to everlasting days!

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✠News & Notes for April 18th, 2021✠

✠This Week at Grace Lutheran✠

Sun, April 18: Worship at 9:00am w/HC
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm
Mon, April 19: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Wed, April 21: Confirmation and Grace Kids 6:00pm
Thur April 22: Bible Study 7:00am
Sun, April 25: Worship at 9:00am w/HC
Confirmation Sunday 9:00am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith-Nicene Creed p. 191

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. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #490 *“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”*

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ
recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my
confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given. I
shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living, Pure
in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving. All I need
God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This
shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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Sermon "The Lock is Broken!" Luke 24:36-49

Prayer of the Church p. 193

The Lord's Prayer p. 196 (Spoken)

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 p. 197

Pax Domini p. 197

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution p. 199

Distribution Hymns: 474, 483, 480

Blessing of Communicants p. 199

Amen.

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer p. 200-201

**O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And his mercy endureth forever**

Let us pray.

Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus p. 201

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.