

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



*Grace Lutheran Church
Auburn, Michigan
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

Welcome to Our Guests

We give thanks to our risen Lord and Savior that you're with us to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord won for us by His suffering, dying, and third-day rising! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, personal spiritual struggles, understanding of our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. Pastor is available to speak with you before the service in the narthex (entrance at the rear of the sanctuary), or you can contact him on his cell phone at 607-972-5792. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. The peace of Christ be with you!

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper

We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who partake of the Lord's Supper. If anyone eats and drinks our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily (that is, not believing what this meal is and the benefits it gives), they eat and drink to their great spiritual harm. Therefore, we kindly ask that any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold to a belief different from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) would not commune today.

Those who confess oneness in doctrine with us and are members of this congregation or a sister congregation of the LC-MS are welcome to commune. If you are communing, an usher will invite you from your pew to approach the rail. Pastor will then welcome you to the Lord's Table and you can either kneel or continue standing. You will be offered a cup that holds the Body of Christ. Take the cup and consume the Lord's Body. An elder will follow to pour the Lord's Blood into that same cup. If you are not communing but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms at the rail. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or an elder before the service. Thank you!

Sermon Summary

Confirmation Sunday 2024! Molly B., Molly D., Shael, Andrew, Vada, and Libby will stand before the congregation and confess the Faith! They will do so in the Name of Jesus! The Name that's unstoppable, unshakable, and unsurpassable! The Name that marks their heads and hearts! The Name that they will bear with joy all the days of their lives! The Name that binds us together forever! The Name that alone saves which Peter in the First Reading makes crystal clear! *"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved!"* [Acts 4:12] We will let Peter preach to these confirmands—and really to all of us—this Name that packs the power of the resurrection, the power to deliver from Sin and Death, the power that forms, informs, and transforms us to love as He loves us! The Lord bless these confirmands as they confess the Faith in the Name of Jesus today, tomorrow, and forevermore!

Divine Service 1 - LSB 151



Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

LSB 473

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 23; Refrain: 23:1

Refrain

The Lord is my shep - herd,
I shall not be in want.

Tone

The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

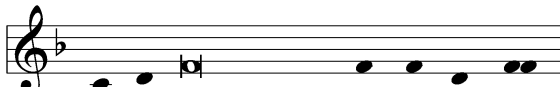
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Kyrie

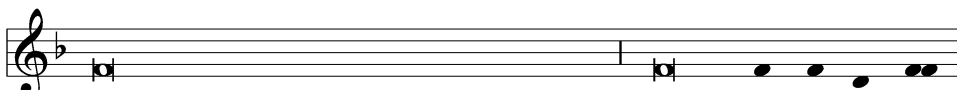
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



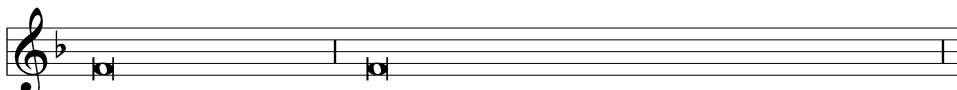
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



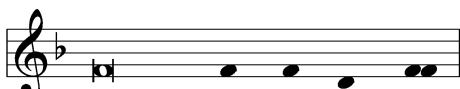
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



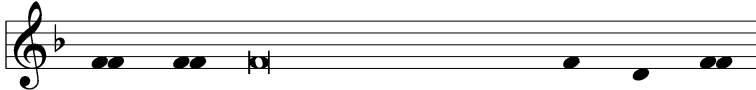
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Anthem

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb - John Payne

The text of the anthem may be found at LSB 740.

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 952

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Romans 6:9

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; *
death no longer has dominion | over him.

Refrain

John 10:14

I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my | own know me.


Refrain

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Cling Tightly to the Word of God

Service Note: The choir will sing Stanza One.



Choir - 1. Cling tight - ly to the Word of God and Christ's dis -
2. Re - call in faith the pre - cious gift of your bap -
3. For just as God raised up his Son from death by
4. Be strong! Stand firm! Come, walk the path that saints be -
5. Know that his bo - dy and his blood will feed your
6. Now fix your eyes on Je - sus Christ; "Come, fol - low



ci - ple be, for then, be - lov - ed, you will know the
tis - mal day, when you were joined to Je - sus' death that
his great might, so too, in Christ, we now may live as
fore you trod, with read - y feet to bring good news of
hun - gry soul like man - na in life's wil - der - ness, un -
me," says he. "De - ny your - self, take up your cross; come



truth that sets you free, the truth that sets you free.
washed your sins a - way, that washed your sins a - way.
chil - dren of the light, as chil - dren of the light.
Christ, the peace of God, of Christ, the peace of God.
til you reach your goal, un - til you reach your goal.
lose your life for me, come, lose your life for me."

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation

LSB 272

The catechumens:

Molly Adrienne Beethe *Psalm 90:14*
Andrew Michael Dominowski *Hebrews 4:16*
Molly Annmarie Dominowski *Zephaniah 3:17*
Vada Mary Netkowski *Psalm 4:7-8*
Libby Alice Paveglio *John 16:33*
Shael Tage Smith *Psalm 121:1-2*

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Please sign the Record of Fellowship.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



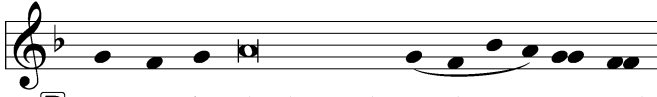
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

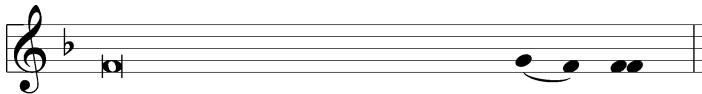
Lord's Prayer

- G 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 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.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

Distribution Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487

Distribution Hymn: Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735

Stand

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

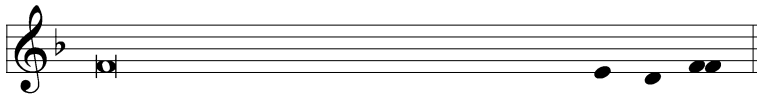
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn to Depart: Built on the Rock

LSB 645

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For The Week of Sunday, Apr 14

Attendance: Sunday 131, Wednesday 21

Week: YTD:

Tithes needed: \$9,380 \$140,700

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Serving in God's House Today

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Grace Lutheran Church Boiler Fund

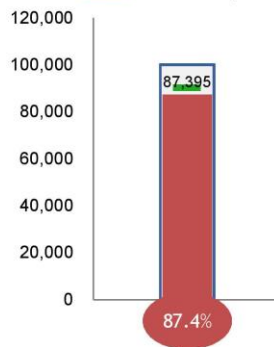
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Molly Adrienne Beethe

Parents: Nathan & Crissy Beethe

"Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." — Psalm 90:14

What this verse means to me is that we always have God's steadfast love from the morning to the evening and in the night, so we have no reason to be angry or not rejoice in the Lord for all our days. When it says 'Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love' it means to me that in the morning He satisfies us so we can be satisfied as soon as possible so we will not be upset or grumpy. When the verse says 'that we may rejoice and be glad all our days' it is stating that God always wants us to be contented and happy so that we can praise Him all of our days. All in all, it means that God always is with us and helps us through every trial morning and evening.



Andrew Michael Dominowski

Parents: Mike & Colett Dominowski

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." — Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews 4:16 reminds people of the privilege they have in praising God with confidence. This verse encourages people to approach God's throne of grace in times of need, letting them know that they will receive mercy and find grace to help them in their time of need. This is a true and strong relationship between God and followers, where they can find happiness, strength, and inner peace. The gift of mercy and grace gives God's compassion and willingness to give support to those who seek Him. It also helps the idea of prayer, connecting with God, and receiving His divine mercy. Hebrews 4:16 serves as a source of encouragement and comfort for followers of Christ, reminding them of God's unfailing love and His compassion to assist them on every occasion. There is truly no problem too big or small for God.



Molly Annmarie Dominowski

Parents: Mike & Colett Dominowski

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." — Zephaniah 3:17

My verse makes me feel safe. These words make me feel loved. I know I can trust Him as He keeps His promises, which gives me comfort. God's love is endless and a beautiful gift, that I don't have to earn. My verse tells me I don't have to worry, because He is always there for me, no matter what I do. The best part of His love is that it's for everyone!



Vada Mary Netkowski

Parents: Paul & Amanda Netkowski

"You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." — Psalm 4:7-8

This verse means I can always take comfort in knowing that God will watch over me always. I know that God alone has put joy in my heart. As long as I keep Him in my heart I don't need to worry. He will watch over me and keep me safe. I will be at peace.



Libby Alice Paveglio

Parents: Adam & Jill Paveglio

[Jesus said:] "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

John 16:33 I relate to a lot. I know Jesus hears me. Even when I'm anxious or stressed. I've struggled in the past years to find peace and light. When I've wanted to give up, I think to myself, "God has a plan." I've overcome a lot of obstacles including switching schools and finding who I am. With all my pain and suffering, I remember Jesus sacrificed Himself for everyone including me. When I think of God I see my Savior. He's been growing more into my heart. I can't wait to grow in faith and step into God's plan for me.

Shael Tage Smith

Parents: Edward Jr. & Kristin Smith

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." — Psalm 121:1-2

This Bible verse means that whenever I am at a time of doubt, I am never alone, and that I can always ask the Lord for help. And that when I need help from the Lord, He will always answer my prayers. The answer to my prayers may not be what I want them to be or when I want them to be answered, but there will always be a lesson learned from it. When I am in a situation where I do not know what to do, I know I can always stop and pray, and the Lord will help me and guide me through it. In the next few years of my life, and in high school, there will be a lot of situations and times where I feel alone and lost, and I can always remember to stop and pray and talk to God and He will answer me and help me when I need the most.



Church Notices

Easter People Encourage(d)

1 John 3:16-24! That's the chunk of 1 John that will be our focus in Sunday morning Bible study! John spells it out plainly as to what pleases the Lord! Let's gather together and be encouraged by John to live our lives in and through the power of the resurrection!

Today in Sunday School...

Today in Sunday School we'll study 70. The Ten Lepers (Luke 17). Jesus for us: Jesus cured us of the leprosy of sin and so we give thanks to Him! Words to Remember: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!* (Psalm 107:1)

White for Easter Joy!

The paraments (the cloth coverings on the altar, pulpit, and lectern) in the sanctuary are white during the Easter season! Luther explained the theological significance of the color white in his seal (itself a confession of faith), as follows: "The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12)."

All New Black and Blue

Today we talk about how Christ has quenched our thirst with His death delivered to us in our baptism.



Encouraging Everyone

In our thoughts and prayers this week is Gene DeFord. If you would like to send a card or note, the address is: 821 Cambridge St #285, Midland 48642.

Welcoming Women!

Join the Women's Bible Study this Wednesday at 6 p.m. as we continue to look at some well-known (and also less-known) women of the Old Testament. This week we'll be looking at Rahab! Come and be encouraged as we look at these role models of the faith!

LWML Prayer Day / Spring Rally Saturday April 27

Grace Sisters will be participating in the LWML Prayer Day at St. Paul Sanford on April 27. It's fun to socialize, worship and pray with other Lutheran women of our area. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration (\$5) at 8:30, including lunch. Our Gifts from the Heart will be given to the Open Door (Midland) and Midland Community Action. See the flyer on the bulletin board for information. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058 or crosslwml@gmail.com no later than April 19.

Mighty Mites

LWML Michigan District is closing its 2022-2024 biennium on April 30. We are just \$12,000 shy of achieving our biennial mission grant goal of \$386,000! We are encouraging all Mite donations to be received by April 23 to get them to the District treasurer. You can give your change (in your Mite box or baggie) or donation to Debi Stieve. You may also drop your Mites at the church during office hours Monday or Tuesday. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Take A Seat

Dear GLC family; with the newly-updated chairs in the chapel and sanctuary, we no longer need the old ones. The old chairs are currently stacked against the wall in the gym and anyone is free to take them until they are all gone. -Grace Trustees

Large Print Sunday

Grace is celebrating Large Print Sunday on April 28. Our Large Print work center has been open for 9 years! We give thanks to our volunteers who make Bibles for the visually impaired, and especially to our congregation for prayers and financial support for the past 9 years. God has blessed us with His Word, and we love sharing it across the globe! There will be a freewill door offering to provide additional support to our Large Print work center.



LBW

Benefit Dinner – Jacob Aiden @ Grace Lutheran, Auburn

Jacob is the son of Sarah & Chris Earle and grandson of Dale and Cheri Fish. He was born 16 weeks prematurely 11 years ago with many special needs which require daily nursing care. Jacob has outgrown his car seat, and at 86 lbs is too big to be lifted in and out of a car. This benefit is for the purpose of helping to purchase a transport van with a lift to be able wheel Jacob right into a vehicle to transport him and have a quality of life outside of his bed/home. This benefit will be held at Grace's gym on Sunday April 28 from 12-4 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks and desserts will be served. Adult and takeout meals are as follows: Adults: \$15, Children: \$10, and children under 5: Free. There will be a Silent Auction accompanying the dinner. If you would like to help with serving, providing baked goods for dessert or any other contribution, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058. We hope to see you there!

Save The Date!

Dear Grace Family, on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m., Deaconess Tirzah Krey will be presenting on the work that our Lord is doing in Latin America! Deaconess Tirzah serves as a deaconess and nurse with the LCMS in the Dominican Republic as Regional Human Care Coordinator for Latin American & the Caribbean. Hope you can come! You can find out more about Deaconess Tirzah at lcms.org/Tirzah.Krey. Also, a fun Grace connection: Tirzah is a deaconess classmate and close friend of Deaconess Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores!



Grace Your Closet Update

Thank you for your support of Grace Your Closet. As the garage sale season approaches, we want to make you aware that we cannot accept clothing that is left over from garage sales. We simply don't have enough room for all of those clothes. Currently our biggest need is for clean, gently used clothes for children/babies and young adults (male and female). As a reminder we do not accept toys, household items or linens/bedding. Thank you again for your support.

Voters Meeting Elections May 5

The 2nd Quarter Voters meeting will be held on May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the narthex. Elections of Officers & Boards will be included on the Agenda. All adult Grace members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Minutes from the last Voters Meeting held on February 18, are available on the Ushers' Desk in the narthex. The list of positions open for election and candidates for those positions are shown below. (Positions and officers not listed below are not open for election this year.)

2024 Office Candidates

- President: Paul Varner (Incumbent)
- Vice-President: Kye Sugden (Incumbent)
- General Accounts Treasurer: Pete Fredrich (Incumbent)
- Board Of Elders: Greg Braman (Incumbent); Bob Krystosek (Incumbent); Phil Frank (Incumbent); Kim Herbolsheimer (Incumbent); Ryan Doan; Taylor Dietz
- Board of Evangelism/Stewardship: Jane Volders; Karla Weiss (Incumbent); Mary Williams
- Board of Property: Kye Sugden (Incumbent); Craig Harrison (Incumbent)
- Board of Finance: Steve VanTol (Incumbent); LeRoy Taglauer (Incumbent); Zach Smith (Alternate)
- Board of Christian Life: Chris Earle; Zach Smith; Teresa Yaeger (Incumbent); Becca Sugden (Incumbent); Michelle Smith

Auburn Treasure Hunt Days

Grace and the Auburn Lions are teaming up again to offer tables(s) to the members at Grace for the Auburn Treasure Hunt Days, May 16 and 17. The Grace gym will offer an area of about 10' x 15' to anyone wishing to sell their "Treasures" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those days. The community sales do occur on Saturday, but Grace has Grace Your Closet offered in the gym and all vendors must be out of the Grace gym by 6 p.m. on Friday. There is no cost for Grace members, however, there will be a couple of sales tables for people outside of the church who will be paying \$15. This is a fundraiser for the Auburn Williams Lions Club. All funds received are returned to the community and beyond to help those in need. "We Serve" is the Lion's motto. Please contact (text or call) Lion Deb VanTol at 989-430-1824 if you would like to participate.

Gift Planning with LCMS Foundation

"Gift Planning creates solutions for donors. A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. Blended families have become a reality in our culture. That blend requires some very careful planning to ensure inheritance distributions are appropriate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you visualize your distributions, keeping things as simple as possible, all the while responding to the challenges of your situation." Gift Planning Counselor Julie Burgess will present a gift planning workshop at Grace in the library on Sunday, May 19, after the fellowship brunch. Questions? Contact Teresa Yaeger (989-372-1779).

Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop

Sunday, May 19 / Grace Lutheran Church

- Review or begin your estate plans
- Wills vs Trusts
- POA's
- Best way to gift your assets to family and ministry
- Naming Guardians for kids

Julie Burgess
Gift Planning Counselor
Michigan District / CEF
LCMS Foundation



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Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

An Overview of Alzheimer's

Everyone is invited to an Overview of Alzheimer's on Monday, May 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Grace in the library. This presentation is free of charge. "Everyone is affected by Alzheimer's or other Dementias in one way or another. People either have some form of Dementia, know someone who has Dementia, or they are caring for someone with Dementia. Come and join Bonnie Fritz, LPN and learn more about Alzheimer's Disease.

Grace at Prayer for Easter 4

Invocation

*In the Name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

Verse of the Week: Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Easter 4	Psalm 45	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Monday	Psalm 119	Leviticus 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Psalm 25	Leviticus 10:1-20	Luke 9:37-62
Wednesday	Psalm 19	Leviticus 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
Thursday	Psalm 17	Leviticus 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
Friday	Psalm 119	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1-13
Saturday	Psalm 36	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36

*If you have any questions about the reading(s), email or text Pastor.

Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

That the Son became man in this manner, that He was conceived, without the cooperation of man, by the Holy Ghost, and was born of the pure, holy virgin Mary. Afterwards He suffered, died, was buried, descended to hell, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of God, will come to judge the quick and the dead, etc., as the Creed of the Apostles, as well as that of St. Athanasius, and the Catechism in common use for children, teach. [SA I.IV]

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Easter 4

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and their teachers; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors, musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries [especially Neuendorfs, Erbers, Milans, Roberts, and Jamielynn], and for all who serve.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sinfulness along with the sins they committed, and the sins committed against them and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.*

Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers This Week: *Iris Dominowski, Dennis (Fran Galke's nephew), Kathy Patron (Deaconess's mom), Herb Pfundt, Rosemary Bush, Doreen Hetzner, Linda Jean, Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, Patricia Raab, Ashlee Feinauer, Sam (Patrick Harrison's dad), Steve VanTol, Jan Klimaszewski, Brenda Gray, Elyse (Rosie Taglauer's great-granddaughter) as she recovers from a bone marrow transplant, John Beckert, Tom Wegener, Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt's daughter), Joyce (John Beckert's aunt), Lori Putt, two young women known to a member at GLC who are struggling with mental illness, and all those we name in our hearts.*

-Thanksgiving to God for the youth confirmed in the Faith this Sunday.

-Joy to the seminary students receiving their placements this week and to their families.

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.