



He lives to take me from death to life

THE FESTIVAL OF EASTER

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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
 - *Check our website at www.graceglendale.org for more information.*
 - *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.*
 - *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*
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Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

(repeated three times)

Greet the person nearest you with: "Christ is risen!"

Response: "He is risen indeed, alleluia!"

HYMN: #438 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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OPENING SENTENCES: (*Isaiah 25:6-9*)

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces;

he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

HYMN: #938 – This Is the Feast

Refrain



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

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



1 3 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: *v. 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



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

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The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: God punished Jesus and like Jonah brought him forth on the third day. Jonah 2:2-9²He said: “In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ ⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. ⁷“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. ⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

God’s word assures us that Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

ADULT CHOIR: The Risen Lamb

SECOND LESSON: Christ died for me; Christ lives for me. 1
Corinthians 15:1-11 ¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle,

because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: Jesus died and lives; now we can live.

Matthew 28:1-10 ¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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HYMN OF THE DAY: #466 – Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. (Refrain)**

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare,
only the grave cloths are lying there." (Refrain)**

**"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
he has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done,
even the battle with sin is won." (Refrain)**

**Christ has arisen; he sets us free;
alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)**

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SERMON TEXT: John 20:11-19

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried

him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. ¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

HIS FINAL STEPS: His *First* Steps Led Outside the Tomb

Please remain seated.

EASTER PRAYER:

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as

your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added.

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.
Amen.

Offerings of Love to Our Lord

Please fill out the “Welcome to Easter Worship” insert in your bulletin at this time.

HYMN: #443 – Awake, My Heart, With Gladness (stanzas 1-4)

**Awake, my heart, with gladness—see what today is done!
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made
when to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.**

**The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb;
but lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory
he who is strong to save has triumphed o’er the grave.**

**This is a sight that gladdens—what peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take
the hope which God’s own Son in love for me has won.**

**Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior dear.
My Lord will leave me never; with him I need not fear.
He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.**

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Please stand.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER

He is risen! Rejoice! Death can no longer appall us. Lord Jesus, help us find peace in the wounds that still mark your hands. You have completed our salvation. May we also find hope in those wounds, for they belong to you, our living Lord. Our hands will grow silent and still in death, but you will call us from our graves. Then we will raise our hands in joy as glorified citizens of heaven. Praise to you who died on the cross but rose again victorious over sin, death, and hell.

Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #455 – Alleluia! Jesus Lives (stanzas 1 & 4)

**Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy house of death forth the conqueror has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally;
joined to him, your living head, where he is, you too shall be;
you with him at his right hand victor over death shall stand.**

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THANK YOU to the following people for sharing their musical talents:
Aaron Huxtable, Jocelyn Grams, Scott Gillespie, & Brett Hermanson
(trumpet); Emma Groth (euphonium); Mallory Hermanson (tenor
sax); Pat Walker (tuba); and Alex Groth (timpani).



Public Exam attendance: 47

Palm Sunday attendance: 8:00 – 146; 10:30 – 205

Tues. *The Chosen* Bible class: 13

Senior ushers - 8:00: Dylan Wall & Jon Floerke

10:30: John Sullivan & Owen Beilke

Organist: Michael Wilde

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring

Sandra Lederer

Karen Sanchez

Kulhanek child

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Breakfast, 7:00-10:15 AM; Easter
Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM

MON - Church offices closed; **NO** School

TUE - School resumes, 8:00 AM; All Meeting Night, 7:00 PM

THU - School Board, 6:30 PM

SAT - K-2 Track Meet @ ALA; Spelling Bee @ ALA

SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible class &
Sunday School, 9:30 AM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April Bible-reading/activity calendars are in the narthex and south entrance of the church.
2. Thanks to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for April 15th will be captained by Alan Borchardt with Michael & Sharon Bellis; Kristy Grippo; Gigi Ong; Rod, Donna, & Nicole Rademacher; and Michelle Richardson.
3. Lilies & altar flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service.
4. Thank you to those who helped set up yesterday for our Sunrise service and all those who donated food and helped serve and clean up for the breakfast this morning.



CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED on **Easter Monday, April 10th** but will be open at the usual hours from Tuesday, April 11th to Friday, April 16th. There will be **NO** Tuesday afternoon Bible class or Wednesday evening Bible class.



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM (CPGP)

...Martin Luther College's program to help students pay tuition will match contributions from a congregation up to **\$1,325 per student**. This is available for Abbey Mueller (Junior), Joshua Kallies (Sophomore), and Rachel Groth (Freshman). You may scan the QR code below or donate at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQDX/home>. If you already are set up with VANCO for online donations you can log in on the main page. Click on the **'Offer Support'** button, enter the amount of your donation, either Now or the Date that you would like the amount to come from your account (before June 26th), and then Add to Basket. If you participate by check, please make it payable to **"Grace Ev. Lutheran Church"** and write **"CPGP"** on the memo line. You may mail or hand deliver your check to: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 5600 W Palmaire Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301.

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DIVINE CALL RETURNED...Our principal, Mr. Joel Walker has returned his Divine Call from Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, South Dakota. He will continue to serve as principal here at Grace.

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED...Our 5th & 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Kim Buchholz has received a Divine Call to teach science at Divine Savior Academy in Sienna Plantation, Texas. Please keep her and her husband in your prayers as she reviews how her God-given talents can best be used to serve the Lord.



ADULT BREAKFAST & COFFEE (ABC)...Please join us for breakfast on Wednesday, April 19th at 8:30 AM at Brothers Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Avenue in Peoria. To sign up by phone, text, or email, or to receive more information contact: Pat Walker, cell #480-717-0131 or email him at patwalker1950@gmail.com.



CHURCH CAMPOUT DATES...Mark your calendars now for a church campout which will be held from July 21–23, 2023 at Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim. You will be treated to good food, good fellowship, and cool(er) weather. Watch for the sign-up sheet! If you have questions, see Chris Kallies or Alex Janosek.



ALA DRAMA PERFORMANCES...This April, ALA students and directors will perform the hilarious, one-of-a-kind fractured fairy tale, *Haphazardly Ever After* by Jeff Fluharty. This play will provide entertainment for all ages! The performances take place in the ALA gymnasium on Friday, April 28, 7:00 PM; Saturday, April 29, 7:00 PM; & Sunday, April 30, 3:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the door.



ALA 29th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC...You are invited to the ALA Golf Classic on April 29, 2023, at the beautiful Legacy Resort. God continues to bless the event as we raise the bar for fun and fundraising! We raised over \$20,000 each of the last two years in support of our ALA athletic department. These donations help us purchase capital items that enhance the overall athletic experience for our student-athletes. There are also opportunities for sponsorships for businesses and individuals. We are grateful for our golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who all make this an amazing event. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/golf for more information.

ACSTO TAX CREDITS...If you file taxes with the State of Arizona using Form 140 on page 2, locate the line that says “Balance of Tax”. If the number is above zero you can help students with tuition at our WELS schools and get a dollar-for-dollar credit from the state. Contact Joel Walker, Monica Assaker, or Debbie Petersen for help.



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION...If you have a child (or know someone who has a child) that will be turning 3-years-old or 4-years-old, stop by our school and talk with Mrs. Tech for information about what our preschool can offer you. Call Mrs. Tech at 623-937-2010, ext. 319 for more details.



DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE! Scan this image using your phone’s QR code reader! Contact Debbie at ext. 322 if you have any questions or need help with setting this up. Automatic or one-time deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the graceglendale.org site with the “Click Here to Donate Online” button. A phone app is also available for donations: install Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Search organizations for Grace Ev Lutheran Church. *Please use checking or savings account information rather than a credit or debit card to save the processing fees.*



FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

Week ending 4/2/2023: **YTD 7/1/2021 through 4/2/2023:**

Weekly Need:	22,500.00	YTD Need:	735,800.00
Weekly Actual:	17,284.05	YTD Actual:	662,132.99
Weekly +/-:	-5,215.95	YTD +/-:	-73,667.01



EASTER ALTAR BOUQUETS were donated by...

- Robert & Sarah Modrow in memory of David Franklin Modrow.
- Keith Feldt in memory of his grandparents Al & Elaine Poole and father, Daniel Feldt.
- Brenda Hepper in memory of loved ones, friends, and family.

- Shawna Tech in memory of her brother, David Weber.
- Ruth Lincoln in thanksgiving for friends & family.
- Alice Thiesfeldt in celebration of her daughter, Melina's birthday.

LILIES & POTTED FLOWERS were placed on the altar by...

Gwen Jefferyin memory of her son, Harry
 Debbie Schulz in memory of loved ones
 Pat Koch..... in memory of Lyle Koch & Jon Guenther
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 Maria Ortiz.....in memory of Emigdio & Ramona Rodriguez
 Sarah Ortiz in memory of Victoria, Ramon, & Ramon Ruiz, Jr.
 Melina Thiesfeldtin memory of her father, Lance Thiesfeldt
 Veneva Lincoln..... in memory of Edwin, Fern, Eileen, & Leora Lincoln



***You may
 pick up
 your potted plant
 from the altar area
 after the 10:30 service.***