

HE LIVES: To Give Me Proof and Peace

EASTER 2
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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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THE SERVICE:..... p. 154, Setting 1

OPENING HYMN: #464 – I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

Please stand.

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

CONFESSION:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against
you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my
whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your
punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have
mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD:.....#938 – This Is the Feast

Refrain

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5, followed by a half note G5. The third staff continues with quarter notes F#5, E5, D5, and C5, followed by a half note C5. The lyrics are: '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: v. 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 - to - ry for our God.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Through the eyes of the eleven apostles, God gives his church the gift of proof and peace. Acts 2:14a, 22–32 ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:...²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan

and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR: (8:00)..... Go Ye Therefore

SECOND READING: Trials prove the genuineness of faith, resulting in peace. 1 Peter 1:3–9 ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

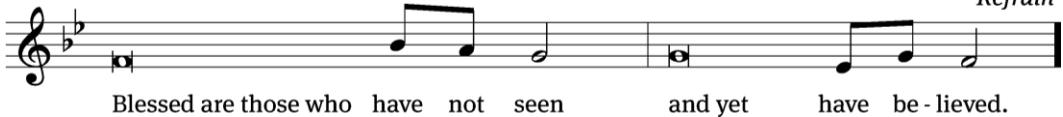
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 20:29



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: Jesus gave the proof that led to peace for Thomas. John 20:19–31

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!”²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #456 – O Sons and Daughters of the King (*stanzas 1-4*)

SERMON:.....John 20:24-29

A MESSAGE FOR DOUBTERS

Please stand.

NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!

Remember to mark if you are communing.

Please stand.

PREFACE:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:..... p. 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n 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,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: p. 168

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: p. 168

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: p. 168

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD: p. 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

Please be seated.

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

*For **COMMUNION**, please come at the direction of the ushers.
Please receive the **wafer in the palm** of your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #456 – O Sons and Daughters of the King (*stanzas 5-9*)

Please stand.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING: p. 170

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #800 – How Firm a Foundation (*stanzas 1, 4-5*)

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Maundy Thursday attendance: 4:00 – 135 7:00 – 97

Maundy Thursday Communion: 4:00 – 105 7:00 – 86

Good Friday Morning attendance: 4:00 – 295; Tenebrae attendance: 7:00 – 170

Easter Worship attendance: 6:00 AM – 226; 8:00 AM – 297; 10:30 AM – 147
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke & Nicholas Lincoln
10:30 AM: AJ McDunn & Todd Rovey
Pianist: Stacey Hill

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring
Sandra Lederer
Karen Sanchez
Kulhanek child

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
MON - Handbell Practice, 6:15 PM; Boy Pioneers, 6:30 PM; Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
TUE - *The Chosen* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Church Council, 6:30 PM
WED - ABC @ Brothers, 8:30 AM
SAT - Super Saturday #4, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and April Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for April 22nd will be captained by E. John Fredrich with Jo Beadle; Dawn Brown; Eleora Fredrich; Alex Janosek; Eileen Sullivan; and Jeff Wegner.



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.



SUPER SATURDAY #4...April 22nd is the final class for this Super Saturday series. The class will begin promptly at 9:00 AM, so please be on time. Call or email Alice at secretary@graceglendale.org or (623) 937-2010, ext. 301 to let her know whether or not you plan to attend. If you need childcare, please include the number and ages of your children.



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.



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.



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 go online to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQDX/home> to donate. 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. **(\$1260 Received as of 4/10/2023)**



ALPHA BABY BOTTLE DRIVE...As in past years, you will have the opportunity to support our local Chapter of Christian Life Resources by filling a baby bottle with cash, coins, or a check (made payable to APHA). Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) assists the women of our community by providing practical assistance to mothers of young children and alternatives to abortion while sharing the Word of God. In addition to the spiritual needs of these ladies, APRC fills their physical needs by providing practical assistance including diapers, formula, and baby clothes. Monies collected will be used to support this ministry. Pick up a bottle from the fellowship hall on Mother's Day (May 14th) and return is on or before Father's Day (June 18th)

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

Week ending 4/9/2023:		YTD 7/1/2023 through 4/9/2023:	
Weekly Need:	21,000.00	YTD Need:	756,800.00
Weekly Actual:	23,786.50	YTD Actual:	685,919.49
Weekly +/-:	+2,786.50	YTD +/-:	-70,880.51

Here are the tales of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Red Riding Hood, the Three Pigs, and Hansel and Gretel, all blended into one delightful play while staying true to the original stories. Goldilocks, forest-savvy from having to survive in the woods without a family, is on the run from the Three Bears but takes time to help Red Riding Hood, who is leery of her stepmother's motivation in sending her out into the woods at dusk with a basket full of food and a bright red cloak. Along the way, they are saved by the Woodsman (who also happens to be Hansel and Gretel's father) and from the zany Wolf (the same canine who plagues the Three Pigs). We will do a dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon and a performance Saturday at 1:00.

