

HE LIVES **to restore my hope**

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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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 - *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS for parents with SMALL CHILDREN.***
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THE SERVICE: p. 188, Setting 3

OPENING HYMN: #452 – The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o’er, the battle done;
now is the victor’s triumph won;
now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia!**

**The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head: Alleluia!**

**He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!**

**By your deep wounds, O risen King,
come set us free from death's sharp sting,
that we may live and ever sing: Alleluia!**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Please stand.

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

CONFESSION: p. 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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

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 God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: He restores my hope through the preaching of law and gospel. Acts 2:14a, 32-41 ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:... ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”” ³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus

Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116B:..... *Psalter*, p. 609

Refrain

I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Tone

I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
The LORD is gracious and / righteous;
when I was brought low, he / saved me. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good-/ ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal-/ vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
Precious in the sight / of the LORD
is the death of his faithful / servants.

**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**

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SECOND READING: He restores my hope so I live by faith. 1 Peter 1:17-21 ¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 24:32



Refrain



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

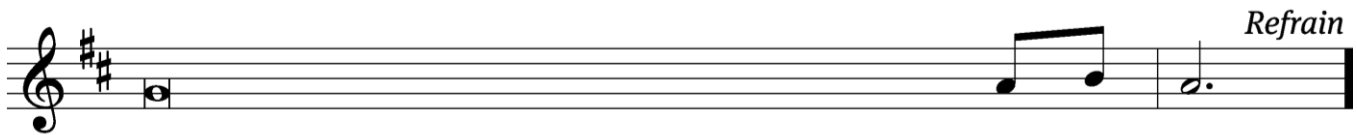


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Were not our hearts burning with - in us



while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scrip - tures to us?

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GOSPEL: He restores my hope like he restored the hope of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Luke 24:13-35 ¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened

and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #459 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

**Christ the Lord is ris’n again;
Christ has broken death’s strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high:
Hallelujah!**

**He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today. We too sing for joy and say:
Hallelujah!**

**He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Hallelujah!**

**He whose path no records tell has descended into hell;
he the strong man armed has bound
and in highest heav’n is crowned.
Hallelujah!**

**He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Hallelujah!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!**

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SERMON: Luke 24:13-35

ARE THEY LEAVING JESUS?

1. The signs are telling us they are done with Jesus.
2. Only the Scriptures can turn them around.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

SERMON HYMN: #512 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of our God who from his altar call;
extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall;
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

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Please stand.

PRAYER & THE 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.**

BLESSING:

Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN: #455 – Alleluia! Jesus Lives

**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! Let all rejoice; praise him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his Church below.**

**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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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 125; 10:30 AM – 102
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 106; 10:30 AM – 80
Judges Bible Class: 65 Children: 2 Tue. *The Chosen* Class: 14
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM: Sam & Owen Jacobson
Organist: Jeff Wegner

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Adrienne Siffring
Sandra Lederer
Karen Sanchez
Kulhanek child

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; New Member Welcome & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

MON - Handbell Practice, 6:15 PM; Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
TUE - Newsletter Assembly, 9:00 AM; *The Chosen* Bible class, 2:00 PM
FRI - School early release, 11:30 AM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

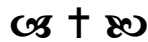
1. *Forward in Christ* and April Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for April 29th will be captained by Jerry & Dianna Rovey with Dean & Emily Rovey; Todd & Kim Rovey; Rocky & Kelli Wilson; and Pat Rovey.



DIVINE CALL RETURNED...Our 5th & 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Kim Buchholz has returned the call to Divine Savior Academy in Texas. She will continue to serve as a teacher here at Grace.



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 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.



NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY will be Tuesday, April 25th at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help.



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 Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301.



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 ALPHA). 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 it on or before Father's Day (June 18th).




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.



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.



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GRACE SCHOOL PLAY...A Walk in the Woods written by Debbie Metzler and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO will depict the tales of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and Hansel and Gretel all blended into one delightful play while staying true to the original stories. Goldilocks, who is 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 Little 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 meet the Woodsman (who also happens to be Hansel and Gretel's father) and the zany Wolf (the same canine who plagues the Three Little Pigs). Performances will include a **dress rehearsal on Friday, May 19th at 1:30 PM** and a **performance Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 PM**. Both will take place in the fellowship hall.

