



This Sunday

8:30am Lutheranism 101
(Duke Lutheran Center)

9:30am Fellowship Time

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

11:30am Taste of Grace
(Fellowship Hall)

11:30am Open House
(Grace House)

3pm Young Adults Group

5:30pm Duke Lutherans
Prayer Service & Dinner
(Duke Lutheran Center)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



David H. Brooks, Pastor

*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

TODAY'S VERSE:

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him.
Though you do not now see Him,
you believe in Him and rejoice with joy
that is inexpressible and filled with glory."

—1 Peter:1:8

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." -John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first time visitor, welcome! We're glad you're here!

We encourage you to review our Statement of Communion on page 14.

*If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with Pastor Brooks
or one of our ushers.*

*Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks
and tell us about yourself, or scan the QR code.
If you have any questions, you are invited to visit
our Welcome Center in the Narthex.*



*We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.*

INSIGHT INTO THE READINGS

Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in His name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen Him, you love Him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN – *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (LSB 467)*



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;

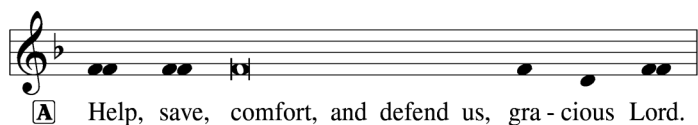
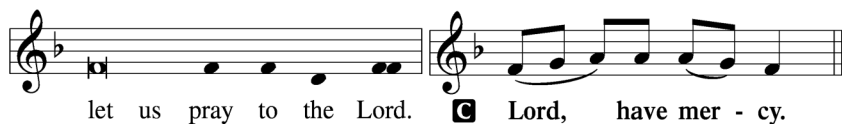
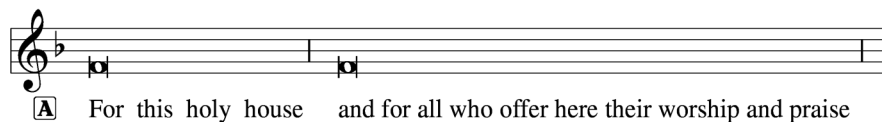
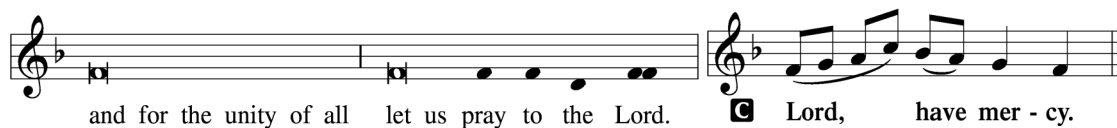
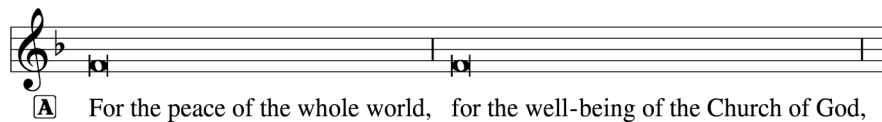
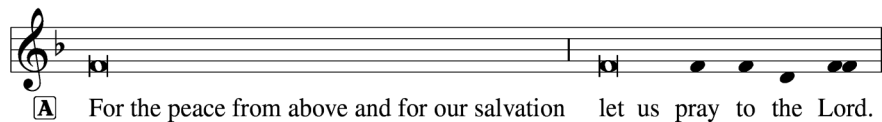


When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

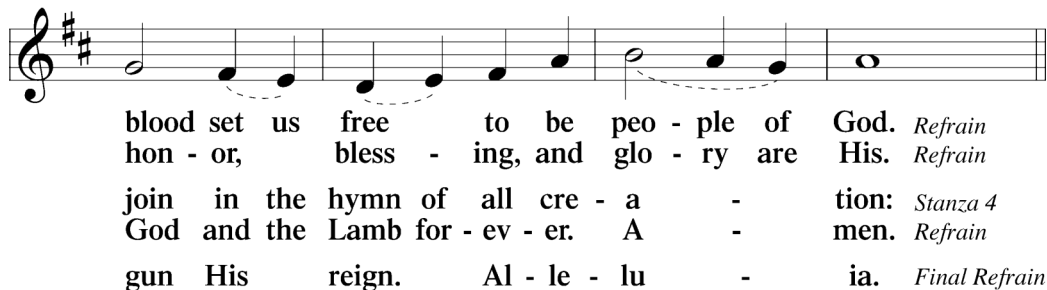
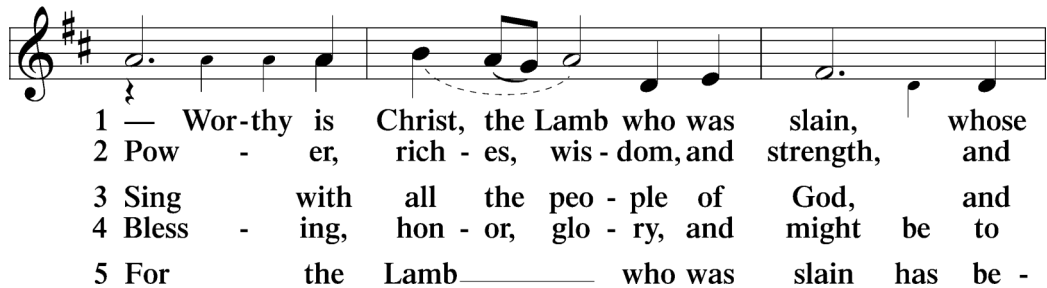
**5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.**

**6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.**

KYRIE



THIS IS THE FEAST



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . . Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:29–42 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 913)

The First Lesson is from the 5th Chapter of Acts.

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who

followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 — *Let All Praise the Name of the Lord*

Refrain:



1 Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise Him, praise Him in the heights.
Praise Him all you His angels.
Praise Him, praise Him all you His hosts.
Refrain.

2 Praise Him sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you shining stars.
Praise Him, praise Him you highest heavens,
And you waters above the heavens. **Refrain.**

3 Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars;
Beasts both wild and tame,
Creeping things and birds on the wing.
Refrain.

4 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all judges of the earth,
Young men and maidens as well,
The old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For His name alone is exalted. **Refrain.**

5 His splendor above earth and heaven.
He exalts the strength of His people.
Refrain.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–9 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 1014)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 1st Chapter of 1 Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been

grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 906)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the

mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them.

Although 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, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – *O Sons and Daughters of the King* (LSB 470)



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



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

**5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit,
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son
He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic † 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.**

† meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds: **P** Lord in Your mercy,

(The prayers conclude)

G Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands...

G Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it comes by. Whether you're visiting or a longtime member, this helps us care for one another and stay connected as a church family.

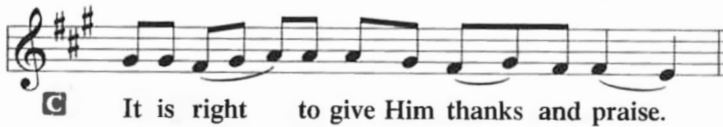
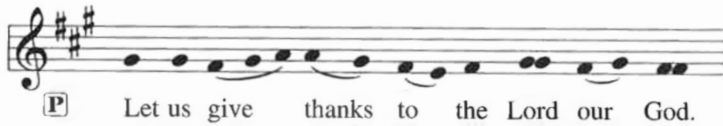
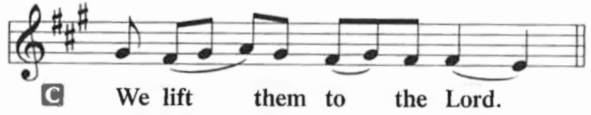
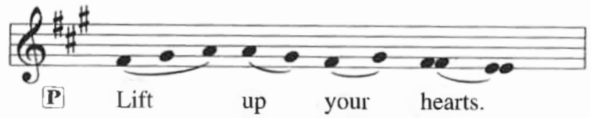
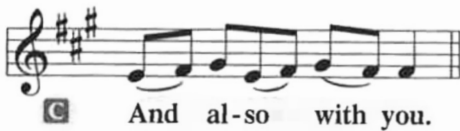
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (LSB 955)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

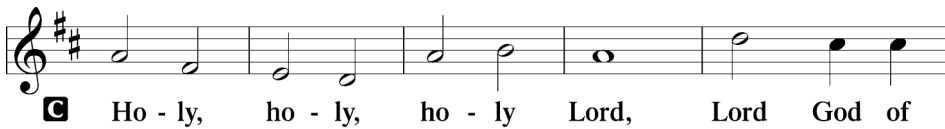
OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

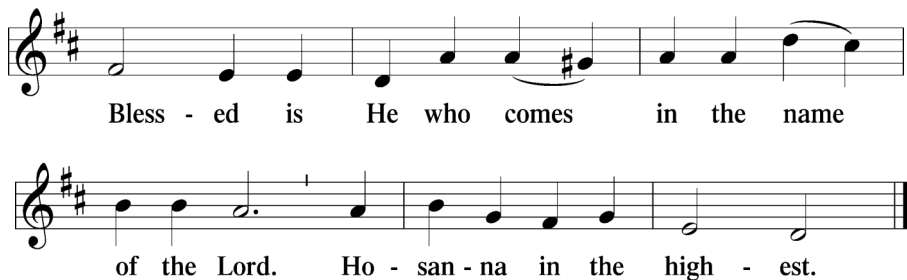
PREFACE



P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



(continues)



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P We give you thanks, gracious Father, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, Whom You sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim Your will. He is Your Word, inseparable from You. Through Him You created all things, and in Him You take delight. He is Your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He took on our nature and our lot, and was shown forth as Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary.

It is He, our Lord Jesus, Who fulfilled all Your will and won for You a holy people; He stretched out His hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust You.

It is He, our Lord Jesus, Who was handed over to a death He freely accepted in order to destroy death; Who went down into the land of bondage to break the bonds of the evil one and crush hell underfoot; and Who confound the darkness of sin with His glorious light, Who brought You glory and praise forevermore.

Send to us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord and His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood this day may receive the forgiveness of sins and live to Your praise and glory both now and forevermore.

C **Amen. Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. Alleluia!**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
...All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in Your holy Church, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom*

(LSB 481)



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
 2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
 3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through-



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
 God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
 out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
 Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
 Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be-



clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
 sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
 gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Give Me Jesus* (LSB 976)



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

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THANK THE LORD



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

P Almighty God, Who does all things well;
we praise You for this foretaste of the feast of victory
that You provide for Your people.
Let the gifts we have received from You this day—
the precious body and blood of Your Son—
be for us strength and hope until You call us forth from the tomb
to life with You.

C Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN — *He's Risen, He's Risen* (LSB 480)



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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DISMISSAL

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9).
So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** What is the Seventh Commandment?
- C** **You shall not steal.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING AT GRACE

- *Mondays at 11:30am* — Pastor's Brown Bag Bible Study
- *Wednesdays at 12pm* — Noon Prayer Service
- *Saturday, April 18* — Property Work Day (9:30am)
- *Sunday, April 19* — Grace Advisory Board Meeting (11:30am)
- *Wednesday, April 29* — Wednesdays at One (12:30pm Potluck, 1pm Session)
Ingrid Daubechies - "Reunited: The Ghissi Altarpiece"

*Visit our website at gracedurham.org/news for the full calendar of events
and a list of small groups and opportunities to get involved!*

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