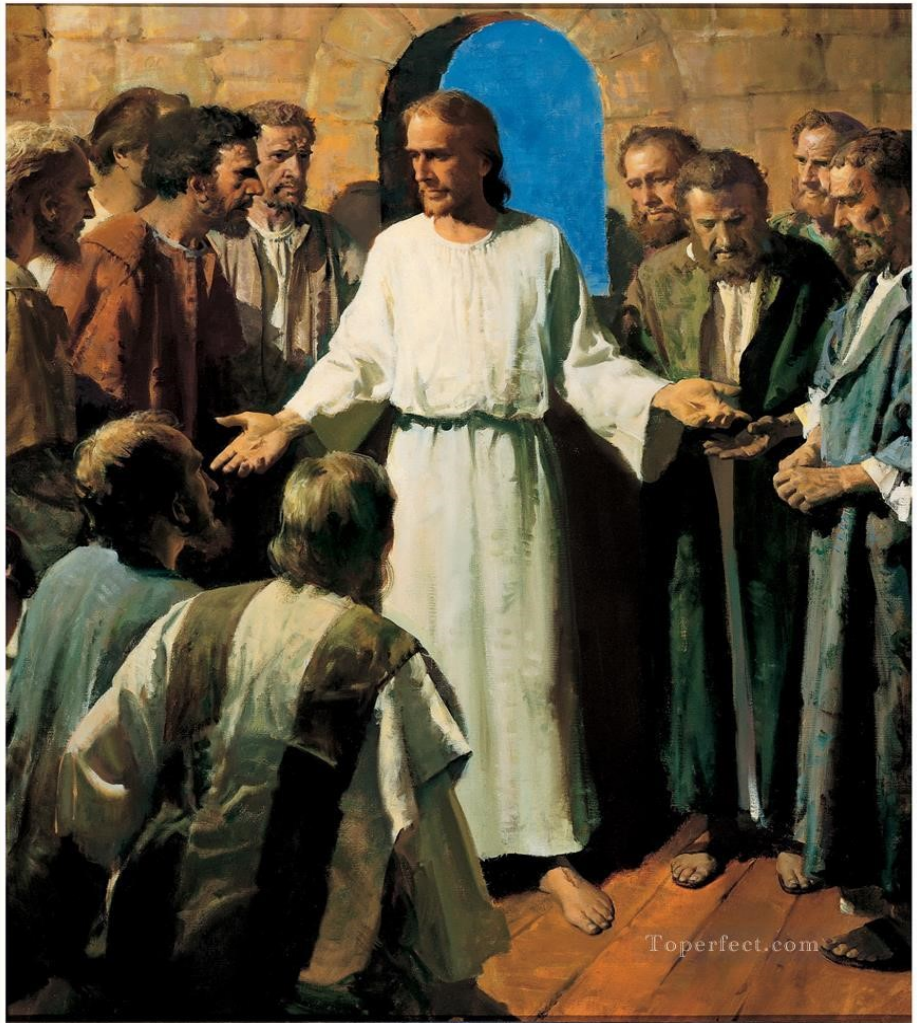


# Third Sunday of Easter

*Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.*

## Contemporary WORSHIP



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April 14, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

Luke 24: 36b-48

## **Worship Introduction**

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

## **Gathering Songs**

## ***Resurrecting***

### **Verse 1**

The head that once was crowned with  
thorns  
Is crowned with glory now  
The Savior knelt to wash our feet  
Now at his feet we bow

### **Verse 2**

The one who wore our sin and shame  
Now robed in majesty  
The radiance of perfect love  
Now shines for all to see

### **Chorus**

Your name  
Your name  
Is victory  
All praise  
Will rise  
To Christ our king  
Your name  
Your name  
Is victory  
All praise  
Will rise  
To Christ our king

### **Verse 3**

The fear that held us now gives way  
To him who is our peace  
His final breath upon the cross  
Is now alive in me **(Chorus)**

### **Bridge**

By your spirit I will rise  
From the ashes of defeat  
The resurrected king  
Is resurrecting me  
In your name I come alive  
To declare your victory  
The resurrected king  
Is resurrecting me

### **Verse 4**

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain  
Was borrowed for three days  
His body there would not remain  
Our God has robbed the grave  
Our God has robbed the grave **(Chorus)**

## ***King Of Heaven***

### **Verse 1**

Jesus let Your kingdom come here  
Let Your will be done here in us  
Jesus there is no one greater  
You alone are Savior show the world Your  
love

### **Chorus**

King of heaven come down  
King of heaven come now  
Let Your glory reign shining like the day  
King of heaven come  
King of heaven rise up  
Who can stand against us  
You are strong to save in Your mighty  
name  
King of heaven come

### **Verse 2**

We are children of Your mercy  
Rescued for Your glory  
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You  
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high

### **Repeat Chorus**

### **Bridge**

King of heaven come  
King of heaven come  
King of heaven come  
Oh King of heaven come

### **Repeat Chorus**

### **\*We Gather to Worship**

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**C: We are called to be Easter people!**

L: Darkness cannot claim us!

**C: Fear cannot bind us!**

L: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!**

### **Welcome, Announcements, God and Me Moments, Greeting each other**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

L: Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name,

**C: Amen.**

**\*Song**

***Glory And Honor***

**Verse 1**

We are the servants of the only King  
He is worthy  
Given dominion over ev'rything  
He is worthy  
We will declare it with one voice  
We will stand up and make a holy noise  
And make a holy noise

**Chorus**

Glory and honor glory and power  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb  
Glory and honor glory forever  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb

**Verse 2**

We offer Him a sacrificial praise  
He is worthy  
No one among us is above His grace  
He is worthy  
We will declare it with one voice  
He has become the reason we rejoice  
The reason we rejoice

**Chorus**

Glory and honor glory and power  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb  
Glory and honor glory forever  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb

**Bridge**

Glory honor and power  
Be to the Lamb of God forever and ever  
Glory honor and power  
Be to the Lamb forever

**Verse 3**

The Son of Heaven who would die for us  
He is worthy  
Eternal Word of God alive in us  
He is worthy  
We will declare it with one voice  
We will declare that we have made our  
choice  
And make a holy noise

**Chorus**

Glory and honor glory and power  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb  
Glory and honor glory forever  
Glory and honor unto the Lamb

## New Testament Lesson 1 John 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## \*Gospel Lesson Luke 24: 36b-48

<sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things."

## Young People's Message

Message

Pr. Rosalina Rivera

## **Song**

## ***Do It Again***

### **Verse 1**

Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet

### **Chorus**

Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet

## **Time of Offering**

### **Offering Response Song**

*Instrumental*

### **Prayer of thanks for our offering**

L: Use these offerings Oh, Lord for the building up of your kingdom now and forever. In  
Your name we prayer.

**C: Amen.**

### **Verse 2**

I know the night won't last  
Your word will come to pass  
My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough  
Keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again

### **END WITH CHORUS**

**\*Song**

***Oh How Good It Is***

**Verse 1**

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us

**Chorus**

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people

**Verse 2**

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit

**End w chorus**



### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**C: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.**

**For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:  
things visible and invisible,**

**whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;  
all things have been created through him and for him.**

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**And he is the head of the body, the church;**

**he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,**

**whether on earth or in heaven,**

**by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

### **\*Prayers of the Community and Our World**

**L: Gathered together in the spirit, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and all  
in need. Lord in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **\*Confession**

**L: Gracious God,**

**C: you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't  
understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and  
yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith;  
but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up,  
Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to  
see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to  
help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us!  
Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. Amen.**



**\*Words of Assurance**

L: Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen!  
Doubts are erased. Rejoice your sins are forgiven. God's love is poured upon you,  
now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\*Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

C: 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## Communion Song

### Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh I need You

### Chorus

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water on my skin.

### \*Communion Blessing

P: ... strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

### \*Sending

## Holy Water

### Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You  
Oh God I need You

### CHORUS AGAIN

### Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change

### REPEAT BRIDGE

### END WITH CHORUS



**\*Sending Song**

***The River is Here***

Down the mountain the river flows  
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields  
The river is rushing and the river is here.

**Chorus**

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
And we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teeming with life  
And all who touch it can be revived.  
And those who linger on this river's shore  
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

***(Chorus)***

Up to the Mountain we love to go  
To find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run,  
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

***(Chorus)***

## First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

## Psalm: Psalm 4

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender <sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- <sup>1</sup> or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek <sup>1</sup> after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders <sup>1</sup> for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me <sup>1</sup> when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and <sup>1</sup> do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- <sup>1</sup> on your bed. R**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed <sup>1</sup> sacrifices,  
and put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us <sup>1</sup> any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon <sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
more than when grain and <sup>1</sup> wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie <sup>1</sup> down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me <sup>1</sup> rest secure. R**

## Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Commonwealth Oak Ridge: Joan, June

The Groves: Judy

Homebound: Sy

**If you have a minute** — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living. They've been isolated from family and friends for months, and are struggling with loneliness.

**Special Concerns:** Marianne J, Mary Ann D, Pam W, Becky B, James, Valerie H, Sarah, Caryl T, Annie, Judy, June, Priscilla, Kris, Pr. Steve.

**Friends and Family:** David E, William H, Richard F, Wally, Toni, Claire, Grace, Bob, Colette, Christy, Bernice, Kristin and Micah, Steve and Linda, Jennifer, Elizabeth, James, Gloria, Pat, Joan, Alan and Bonnie, Zoe and family, Pr Larry R.

**Missionaries:** David and Alicia, and all members of Grace Church.

**Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners:** Pastor Karen, her sister Ms. Beatriz and son Diego.

**Military Service:** Brady, Thomas, Wade, Cody, Al, Jared, Richard.

**For privacy reasons, we have removed last names. If you need the last name of a person on this list please contact the office.**

*Altar Flowers on April 14*

*Altar flowers were given to the Glory of  
God by Marianne and Steve Johnson.*

# For The Young At Heart

## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 24: 36-48

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GHOST	FRIGHTENED	FLESH	FEET	DEAD
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## This Week at Grace

### **Monday, April 15**

6:30pm Council Meeting Room 101

### **Tuesday, April 16**

9:00-11:00am ESOL Conversation Room 101

9:30-11:30am ESOL Class-Beginners Room 210

6:00- 8:00pm ESOL Class-Beginners Room 210

6:00-9:00pm Boating Safety Class Room 101

7:00pm Stephen Ministry FH

### **Wednesday, April 17**

9:30am Staff Meeting Office

9:30- 11:30am ESOL Class- Beginners Room 210

5:45pm Ringspiration Sanctuary

6:00-8:00pm ESOL- Intermediate Room 210

7:00-8:00pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary

### **Thursday, April 18**

9:00-11:00am ESOL Conversation Room 101

9:30-11:30am ESOL Class-Beginners Room 210

10:00- Noon Blanket Workshop FH

6:00-9:00pm Boating Safety Class Room 101

### **Friday, April 19**

8:30am Russian Class Online

9:30-11:00am ESOL Class: Advanced Room 101

10:00am Food Pantry Drive-thru

5:00pm Prayer Time Invitation

### **Saturday, April 20**

2:00pm Grace Photographers Room 107

### **Sunday, April 21**

9:00am Contemporary Worship Sanctuary

10:00am Adult Sunday School Room 101

10:05am Sunday School JL, Room 254

11:15am Traditional Worship Sanctuary

## Grace's Vision Statement

Grace Lutheran is a Christian church dedicated to  
proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to a diverse community  
by loving our neighbors as ourselves,  
developing vibrant ministries to meet current and emerging needs,  
and helping people know Jesus.

### Serving Today

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**Worship Leader:** Mike Lorenz

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