

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Luke 24:36b-48

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

11:15 a.m.

Welcome in the name of Jesus!



We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you.

We are on a spiritual journey together. Although we have all traveled different roads, God has met each of us on the way. Jesus has accepted us as we are and we strive to do so with one another – thankful for the past, excited about the present and expectant of a wonderful future as the Holy Spirit guides us to be the people of God.

We welcome and involve all people in the life of the family of faith no matter what their journeys so that they may experience the grace we have received from Jesus Christ. We celebrate our life together in worship, prayer, study of scripture, service and fellowship. If you are looking for a Christian community of diversity that will love you, proclaim the good news of God's unconditional love, offer a place to use your spiritual gifts to the glory of God, and grow with you in God's love through service to the local community and world, we invite you to experience the gospel with those who believe that Grace makes a world of difference.

Service Information

This bulletin contains the complete order of service.

Altar Flowers on April 14

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

**Please stand as you are able.*

Announcements/ Welcome

We will share a moment of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

ELW Hymn 383



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

p: The congregation sings the refrain and the choir sings the verses

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

P:

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be you.

C: And also with you.

P: ...our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[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?¹³ 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

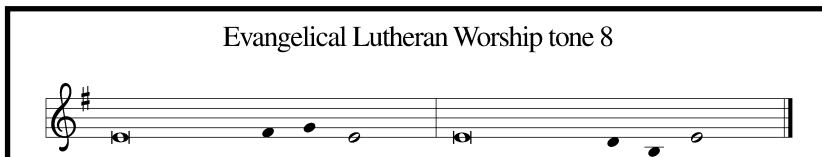
¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 4

The organist will play an introduction for the psalm refrain. The choir will sing it once, then the congregation is invited to sing it the second time.



A: 
The LORD does won - ders for the faith - ful.

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender [|] of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and [|] hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- [|] or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek [|] after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders [|] for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me [|] when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and [|] do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- [|] on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed [|] sacrifices,
and put your trust [|] in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us [|] any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon [|] us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness [|] in my heart,
more than when grain and [|] wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie [|] down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me [|] rest secure. R**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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.

²Beloved, 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.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 8 pg. 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹Look 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.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ 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,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Rosalina Rivera



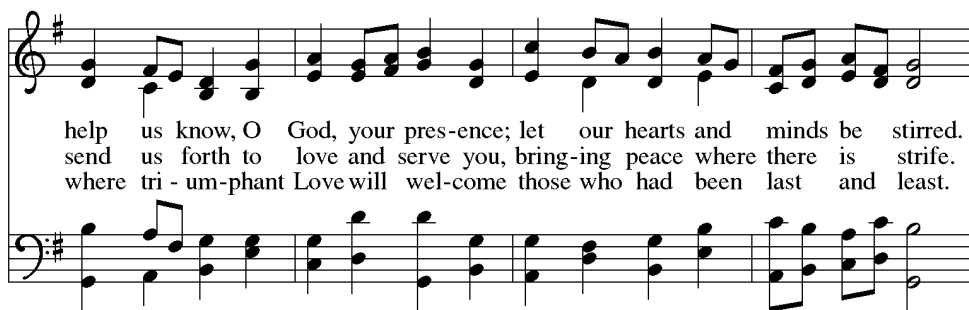
*Hymn of the Day

As we gather at your table

ELW Hymn 522



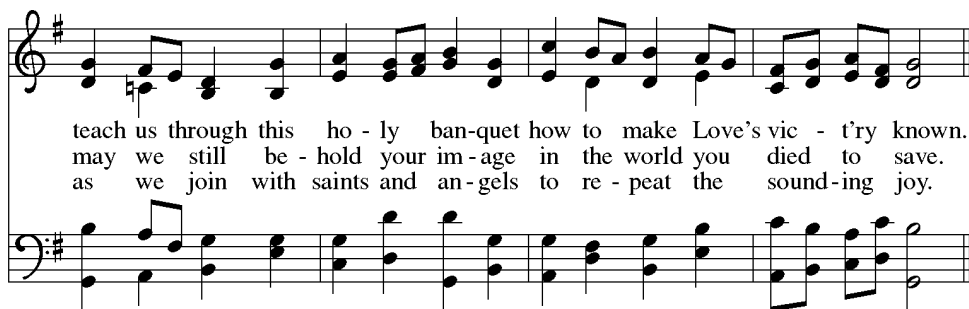
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

***Nicene Creed**

**C: 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession

A: God of Grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: ... through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Music

He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord

by Jennings

*Offering Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW pg. 190

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

*Offering Prayer

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

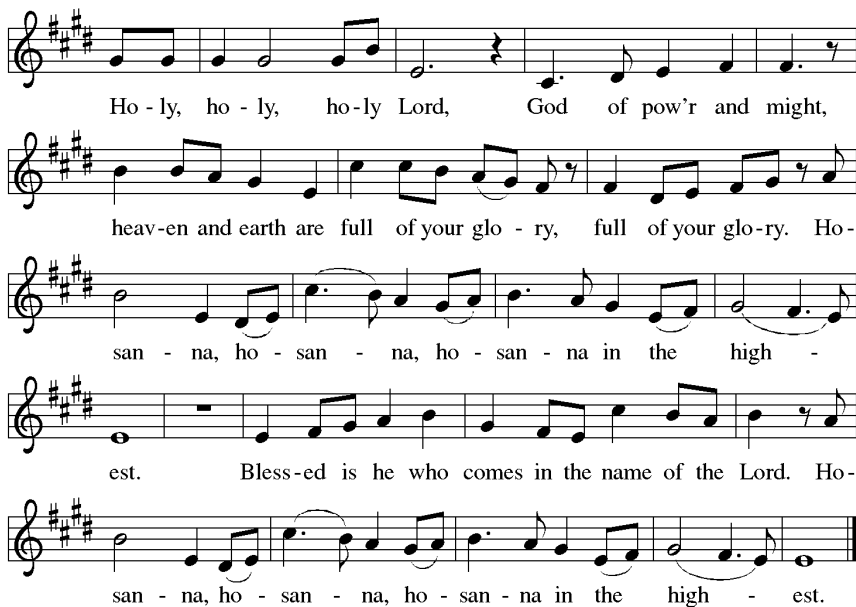
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting 8 pg. 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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.

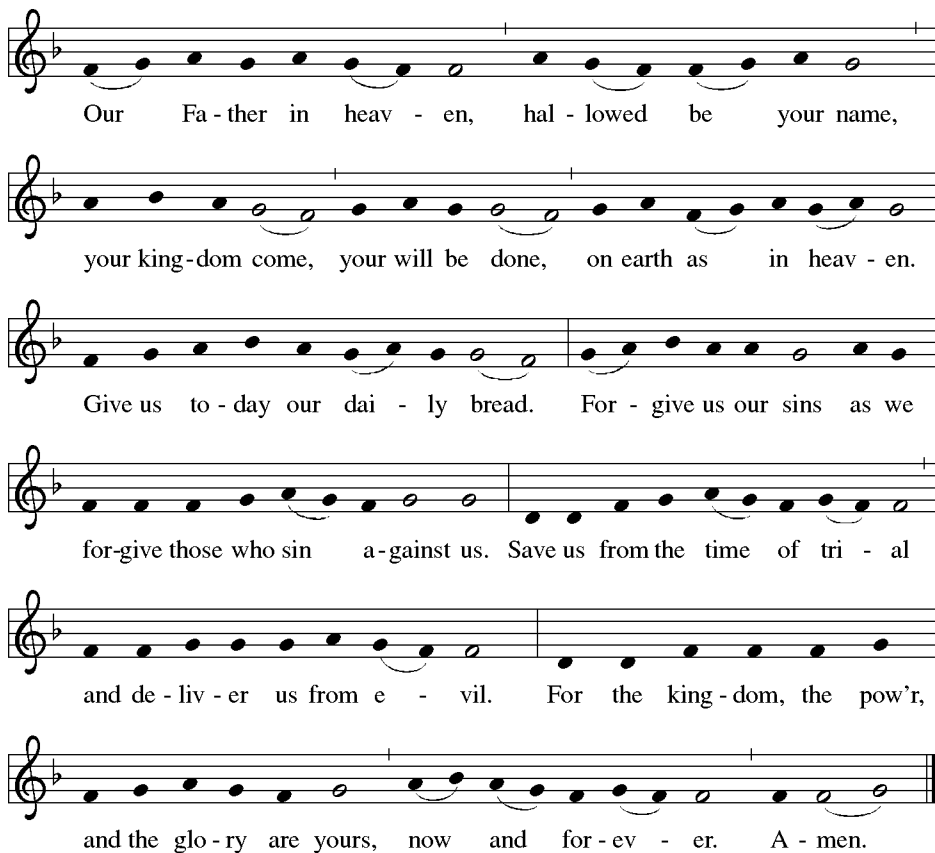
*Thanksgiving At The Table

* Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the words Jesus taught us

C:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

We will commune beginning with those people on the right side of the sanctuary, facing the altar. When the last person in the row in front of you has vacated their pew, please follow behind them. Once the right side has communed, the left side begins and communes as noted above. All are welcome to receive the bread and the cup, or if you prefer, a pre-packaged communion cup is available to pick up on the front pew as you come through the line to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 8 pg. 191

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, Lamb of God.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

***Communion Blessing**

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

C: **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

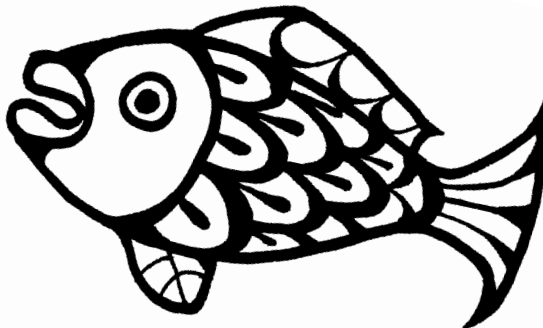
***Blessing**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**



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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

*Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Commonwealth Oak Ridge: Joan, June

The Groves: Judy J

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 Wms, Becky B, Valerie H, James, Sarah, Caryl T, Annie, Judy, June, Priscilla, Kris, Pr. Steve.

Friends and Family: Eric D, David E, William H, 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.

Missionaries: David and Alicia Brondos, 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.

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 Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and
Inspire others to seek Jesus and
Experience God's grace in their lives.

Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding Pastor: Rev. Rosalina Rivera

Reader: Vicki Quraishi

Liturgist: Barbara Sparks

Young People's Message: Gayla Cutler

Offering Stewards: Donna Hoglund, Carol Donath

Altar Guild: Pam Asher, Gloria Caton

Flower Guild: Ruth Smiley

Ushers: David Olsen

Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at www.graceoakridge.org.

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