

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*Misericordias Domini*

**April 18, 2021**



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

**Altar Flowers** would have been sponsored this morning by  
*Lynda Olson celebrating her daughter - Leslie's birthday!*

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### WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Catechism Class – <i>online</i>	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
	Choir	7:00 p.m.

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### Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Lamentations 3:22-33 † 1 Peter 2:11-20 † John 16:16-22

Sermon: Pastor Maggard

## Psalm Tone A



### Introit

Psalm 33:1, 18-20

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- |  
luia.

**Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\***

**Praise befits the | upright.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear Him,\*

on those who hope in His | steadfast love,

**that He may deliver their | soul from death\***

**and keep them alive in | famine.**

Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

He is our help | and our shield.

### Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into

their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the Shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

### Epistle

**1 Peter 2:21-25**

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### Verse

Luke 24:35b; John 10:14

**Alleluia.** [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of the bread. **Alleluia.** I am the good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. **Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

**John 10:11-16**

[Jesus said]<sup>11</sup> I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays

down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one Shepherd.

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## Announcements

- ➔ The church and office will be closed on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, due to SCE doing some scheduled maintenance in the Community Garden and our Overflow Parking Lot. The power will be turned off in the area. Kim will still be available through the Church's email – [gracelutheranrialto@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheranrialto@gmail.com)
- ➔ IF you would like **to renew or start to receive** *The Lutheran Witness* magazine please sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$15.96 for the year.

## Daily Devotions

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm
April 18	Exodus 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49	119:49-56
April 19	Exodus 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17	80:1-7
April 20	Exodus 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35	86:11-17
April 21	Exodus 34:29-35:21	Luke 7:36-50	84:1-4
April 22	Exodus 38:21- 39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21	119:145- 152
April 23	Exodus 39:32-40:16	Luke 8:22-39	107:23-32
April 24	Exodus 40:17-38	Luke 8:40-56	41:1-3, 11-13

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Blessed are those who dwell in Your house,  
ever singing Your praise!

*Selah*

Psalm 84:4

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## Serving Today

Pianist	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Elder	<i>Richard Franzen</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Ron Pickinpaugh</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Kathy Holm, Maletta Miller</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Diane Kline, Mike Miller</i>

## Prayer Requests

*Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Gloria Reinschmidt, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.*

*Prayers requested this week for: Anthony and Tamara Mahomes, A.J. and family; Allan and Barbara Dellinger.*

*We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Hannah and Mike Villasenor and their unborn daughter; Tamara Mahomes' friend- Vivian's son – Grant; Caitlyn Del Rio's best friend's family – especially, Azmoon; Carla Del Rio's friend – Maria; Don Sidoti's Uncle Douglas, Aunt Marge and family; Justin and Tiffany Izzo and their unborn son; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and Jackson; Pastor Eric, Kawaii and Pastor Eric's dad – Jack; Kevin and Laura Mitchell; Randy and Gail York; Jim and Diane Kline; Kim Pickinpaugh's mother – Joan; Carla Del Rio's mom, Darlene and family and unspoken prayers.*

*We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.*

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