

# Easter Festival Worship

*Alleluia*

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
April 20, 2014



*After subdued worship during the season of Lent, which focused on our Savior's suffering and death, our Easter morning worship is full of "Alleluia's" once again. "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord!"*

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia**

**Easter Bells**  
*Handbell Choir*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**Jesus Is Alive**

*Jesus is alive, shout hosanna!*

*Here comes Jesus, rising up in glory, Hosanna to the King!*

*He's alive, let's tell the world the story, Hosanna to the King!*

## **WELCOME**

## **HYMN**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**  
*Christian Worship #152 st. 1-2, 5, 7-8*

*Please stand*

## **EASTER LITANY AND CONFESSION**

**Minster:** Christ is risen!

**Cong:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**M:** Christ is alive and victorious over death!

**C:** Alleluia to our living Lord!

**M:** Christ has won the battle over evil and has reunited us with God.

**C:** Alleluia to our saving Lord!

**M:** Christ is present with us and proclaiming peace and joy.

**C:** Alleluia to our loving Lord!

**M:** Christ is in power forever, and ruling now in glory and grace.

**C:** Alleluia to our reigning Lord!

**ALL:** AMEN!

**M:** We are reminded of the need for our victorious Savior as we confess our sins:

**All:** Dearest Jesus, we humbly bow before you today confessing our many sins of thought, words and actions. We have not and do not always live as your people. Forgive us as we place whole-hearted trust in your death on the cross and on your glorious resurrection victory.

**M:** Having confessed our sins and professed our trust in Christ, we can be sure of God's forgiveness. It is with great joy that I can announce that you are indeed a forgiven child of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In view of God's love and mercy, go and live as a child of the resurrection.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit to be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **WORSHIP CHOIR**

## **For Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*What a wonderful sunrise; what a glorious morn.  
What a time for rejoicing, for Christ, from death, is reborn.  
Our Savior now is arisen, is risen up from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven, just like the prophets have said.  
Sing alleluia, alleluia, for He is risen today.  
Sing alleluia, alleluia, for the stone is rolled away.  
And, Christ the Lord is now living, just as the angel did say.  
Sing alleluia, alleluia, for Jesus Christ is risen today!  
Christ the Lord is immortal. Christ the Lord we adore.  
Christ the Lord is triumphant forever and evermore.  
This day of resurrection, as morning comes from the night,  
Is death to life eternal as darkness now becomes light.*

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah 2:2-9**

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

*The congregation may join in as indicated.*

**Choir:**

*Come and see the morning light dancing over the grave.  
Come and hear the angel's words. The stone's been rolled away.  
Come and search the empty tomb. Death can bind us no more.  
Come and sing the song of life. We serve a risen Lord.*

*Come see the place, come feel the power, come touch the wounds in His hands.  
The voice of compassion calls you and me, calls us to come and see!*

*Come and feel the winds of hope, sweeping over the land.  
Go and tell this dying world that Jesus lives again! Jesus lives again!*

**Cong:** Lives a - gain our glo - rious King. — Al - le - lu - ia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

Dy - ing once He all doth save. Al - le - lu - ia!

Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

**Choir:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### HYMN

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**  
*Christian Worship #154*

*Please stand*

## **EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Please be seated*

### **HYMN**

### **O Sons and Daughters of the King**

*Christian Worship #165*

*All st. 1, Women st. 2, Men st. 3, All st. 8-9*



### **SERMON**

### **Matthew 28:1-10**

### **Look with Joy into the Garden of Glory!**

### **HYMN**

### **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*Christian Worship #157*

*Please stand*

## **EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Martin Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated*

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO THE RISEN LORD**

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

***Please include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it to those worshipping with you. We appreciate having you worship with us on Easter morning. Thank you!***

## **OFFERTORY**

**In Christ Alone**

*Organ: Tina Christianson*

*Piano: Melissa Newbrey*

*Please stand*

## **EASTER PRAYER**

**M:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C:** **Christ is risen!**

**M:** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C:** **He is risen indeed!**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C:** **Alleluia!**

**M:** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C:** **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C:** **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**M:** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**C:** **You are risen!**



M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: **Alleluia!**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **He is risen!**

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer.*

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of God and of the Lamb.

C: **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **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. 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**

M: May the news of Christ's resurrection fill you with joy and hope until the day of your resurrection to eternal life.

C: **Amen!**

*Please be seated*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HYMN**

**The Day of Resurrection**  
*Christian Worship #166*

*We wish you a blessed Easter Day! If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join us for worship each week throughout the year. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet found near the doors as you leave. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our church and invite you to speak with one of the pastors if you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace.*

*Those Assisting in Easter Worship*

<i>Worship Leader</i>		<i>Pastor Sam Clemons</i>
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## TODAY

**OUR MISSION AT GRACE** is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

**WE WELCOME** all who are visiting with us on this joyful Easter morning! Please join us again. We look forward to sharing the joy of our Risen Savior with you throughout the year! If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you worship with us regularly.

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### Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Our regular Sunday schedule here at Grace-University is:

- 7:45 AM Worship Service
- 8:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Teen and Adult Bible Studies
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

You are also invited to our second site, Grace-Vail.  
We currently worship in Cottonwood Elementary School  
at 9950 E. Rees Loop in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

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### Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who have beautified our Easter worship by providing lilies:

Jean & Ron Husemann  
John & Lauri Colton—In memory of their fathers.  
Jeanette O'Donald—In memory of her husband.  
Audrey Street—In memory of Richard Street, husband and father.  
Sally Littau—In loving memory of her parents.  
Greg & Karen Grorud—In loving memory of August & Dorothy Lehet and Al, Joan and Allen Grorud.  
Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In loving memory of their parents.  
Nani Witter—In loving memory of her father, John, and son, Joel Witter.  
Norma Stevens—In memory of her mother, Vieno Huber.  
Emily Rudd—In thanks to God.  
Dottie Kaiser—In loving memory of Jerry Wachsmann.  
Linda Morris—In loving memory of Brian Morris.  
Jason & Jen Watson—In thanks to God for his grace and blessings.  
Sue Sargent—In loving memory of Channing Sargent & Elizabeth LaFrier  
Reinette Van den Berg—In loving memory of her parents, Paul & Babs.  
Tony & Shirley Zanotti—In loving memory of their parents.  
Barb Ciprane—In thanks to God for her mother, Josephine Lestardo, and for God's amazing grace.



*For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!*



**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study  
and activities at both  
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



## This Week at Grace • Apr 20-Apr 27

\*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

### TODAY EASTER

Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard).....7:00a  
Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall).....8:00a  
**Grace-Vail Easter Breakfast at Cottonwood Elem.** .....9:00a  
Easter Concert (in the Church).....9:00a  
Festival Worship (in the Church)..... 10:00a  
**Grace-Vail Festival Worship at Cottonwood Elem.**..... 10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or WELS  
TCM Bible Study on Easter Sunday.**

### Monday

English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p  
**NO** Bible Study at Vail Golf Club .....

### Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Farleys..... 9:30-11:30a  
Saguaro Circuit Meeting at SOTH..... 1:00p  
Handbell Practice.....5:00p  
Church Council Meeting.....6:15p  
English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University.....6:30p  
**NO** Midweek Wednesday Bible Studies .....

### Thursday

**NO** Women's Bible Study .....

**NO** Worship Choir .....

### Sunday

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....

Children's Sunday School .....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class .....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):

- *John Sebold from Arizona Lutheran Academy* .....9:00a
- *Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only* .....9:00a

**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary** .....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** .....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Faith* .....7:00p

Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)!

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## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Acts 10:34a, 36, 39-43  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

John 20:19-31  
*No Doubt About It!*

## Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is Sunday, May 4. Four eighth graders (Lucas Guenther, Jon Miller, Caleb Prigge and Dustin Pauley) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service.

The Grace congregation is invited to an open house hosted by the confirmand families from 4:00-7:00 PM that afternoon (May 4) in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. It will be catered by El Molinito. **Please RSVP to Teri Guenther (235-1177) by April 28 if you plan to attend so enough food can be ordered.**

## Financial Peace University

A new Financial Peace University class will begin this Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM at Grace-University. For more information and to register visit the Grace website ([www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/fpu](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/fpu)).

## Book Now Available

In April 2012, WELS member Scott Barefoot was here at Grace and presented on "Leaving the Gay Lifestyle." He and Pastor Richard Starr have co-authored a book on the subject of homosexuality called "Forgive Us Our sins—Homosexuality In the Light of God's Truth." The book is now available through Northwestern Publishing House ([www.online.nph.net](http://www.online.nph.net)). A portion of each book sale will go to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Student Assistance Fund.

## On-Going Apache Clothing Drive & Christian Fellowship Field Trip

When we really need something, we go to the store and buy it, right? A good example would be clothing. But what if we became unemployed and couldn't afford to do that? The state of Arizona has an unemployment rate around 7.3%. On the Apache Indian Reservation that jumps to 80-85%! Christian friends, our fellow believers there need our on-going help with our clothing drive. If you have gently used or new clothing you would like to donate, please contact Russ Weir.

The chances are pretty good that each of us has at one time or another "missed the boat," that is, failed to take advantage of a favorable opportunity. Well, such an opportunity is pending, so make plans to come to the loading ramp! It's an audio/visual art and cultural tour to Oaxaca (wah ha cah), Mexico on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM. The boat "embarks" from Crizmac at 1642 N. Alvernon to Oaxaca. The owner of this art and cultural market place will conduct her tour, which is sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group. **Please contact Russ or Sandy Weir (795-0062) ASAP if you plan on attending.**

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

## Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, April 22** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Farley's house (1089 E Madera Grove Ln, 85629) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on April 29 at Purple Heart Park, 10050 E Rita Rd, 85747.)

