

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunrise

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE

VICTORY

THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Grace Lutheran Church
April 16, 2017



PRESERVICE


This Joyful Eastertide (Dutch 17th Century)
Arranged by Lee Dengler

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Setting by Anne Krentz Organ


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #149



All 1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
All 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
Men 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
All 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Women 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head.
All 6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo, our sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; Where the vic - to - ry, O grave?
Made like him, like him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
God has now ful - filled his Word; Praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

Please stand

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;

C: be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

M: Almighty God, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by our thoughts, words, and actions.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: We flee to your infinite mercy and grace for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: In thanksgiving for all your goodness to us, help us to amend our sinful lives and to faithfully serve you.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us. For his sake he forgives all our sins. Glory be to his name.

C: **Amen.**

M: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 15:22

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

M: For as in Adam all die,

C: **so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia.**

Please be seated

SOLO

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb
Christian Worship #159

*Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom
Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.*

*You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.*

*Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears.
Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

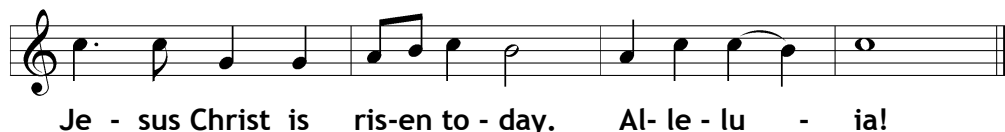
In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day

you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PSALM 30

The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in singing the Refrains and verse 7.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Sing to the LORD, you / saints of his;*
praise his / holy name.
2. For his anger lasts only a / moment,*
but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
3. weeping may remain / for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the / morning.
4. To you, O / LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for / mercy:
5. "Hear, O LORD, and be merci- / ful to me;
O LORD, / be my help."
6. You turned my wailing into / dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be /
silent.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

4. To you, O / LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for / mercy:

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself,

separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking

he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go

instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMN

He’s Risen, He’s Risen Christian Worship #143

All Men 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
Women 3. But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose;
All 4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
All 5. Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, of 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 the 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.
Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

SERMON

“God Gives Us the Victory”

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been

clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *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 fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass along. Thank You!



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (Tanzanian)
Arranged by Valerie A. Floeter

Please stand

PRAYER

- M:** O God of peace, who has reconciled the world to himself in Christ and redeemed us from the empty way of life handed down to us from Adam, not with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, we thank and praise you for displaying your power to forgive by the glorious resurrection of your Son.
- C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57).**
- M:** Through your Holy Spirit give us the radiant joy of that first Easter. Fill our hearts with its announcement and precious promise of life and forgiveness. Make us glad in these heavenly tidings: that he who was delivered over to death for our sins has been raised to life for our justification; that because he lives, we too shall live; that neither death nor life, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C:** **Death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:54).**
- M:** Yet on this day of highest joy and comfort, we remember those who are in pain, O Lord. Heal those who are sick, console those who are mourning, and give strength to those who are in despair. Give them the joy of knowing that their earthly sorrows are overwhelmed by the heavenly joys that await them.
- C:** **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).**
- M:** For your Church we pray, O Lord. Grant that everywhere it may have faithful shepherds who are not ashamed of the gospel which is the power of salvation. Grant that all believers through the world this day may find the fullness of your grace and peace in the Easter message. Help us all to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life.
- C:** **Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20).**
- M:** Now to you, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

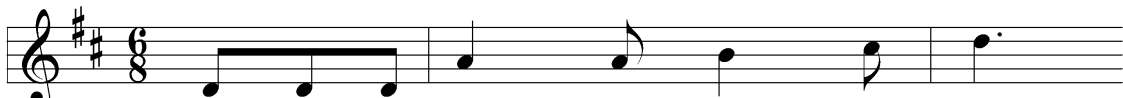
LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

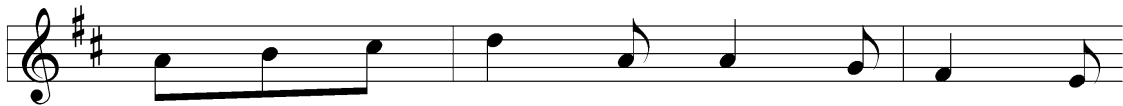
Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom *Christian Worship Supplement #722*



Soloist 1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom;
Soloist 2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high
All 3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled!



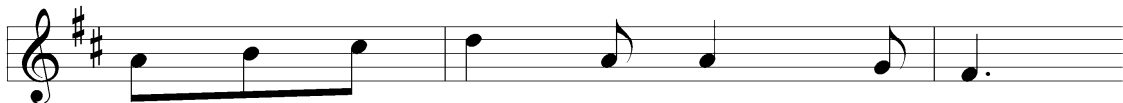
Sun, re - veal an emp - ty tomb
As the Lamb of God to die;
Trum - pets, sound through - out the world!



Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
Cry - ing and sighs give way to sing - ing;



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows,
Lives a - gain—our foes de - feat - ed!
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing!



Life un - e - clipped by doubt and dread:
Where is your sting, O death and grave?
Let there be - gin the ju - bi - lee—



Christ has ris - en from the dead!
Christ has shown his strength to save!
Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won *Christian Worship #145*



1. Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap - pall me.
2. Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is giv - en.
3. Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from him shall sev - er,
5. Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate to life im - mor - tal;



Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will re - call me.
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heav - en.
Pure in heart and act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing.
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for - ev - er.
This shall calm my trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



Bright - er scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
All I need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
God will be a sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: "Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

POSTLUDE

*And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered!*

See What a Morning
*By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Arranged by Mary McDonald*

Our Easter Celebration continues with Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. When you arrive to the breakfast, **please find a seat and a server will bring breakfast to you.**

The Easter Concert will be in the church at 9:00 AM, followed by our Easter Festival Worship at 10:00 AM.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie
Soloist Nicole Peterson
Ushers Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton
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Easter Lilies

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

Nani Witter—In memory of husband, John, and son, Joel Witter.

Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In memory of our parents.

Lois & Vic Thornton—In memory of family.

Dorothy Lietha—In memory of loved ones.

Nancy Miles—In thanks to God for his grace and overflowing blessings.

Jeanette O'Donald—In thanks to God for all my blessings.

Lauri Colton—In memory of friends and family who have gone before.

Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of parents.

Bob & Audrey Nessinger—In loving memory of Dick Street and Linda Nessinger.

Marsha Hoffman—In loving memory of John & Esther Hoffman and Bob & Marge Good.

Dottie Kaiser—In loving memory of parents and loved ones.

Jean & Ron Husemann—In thanks to God for his blessings that never end.

AJ Richter

Amy Rudd

Dwight Shafer



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

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.

You're invited to worship with us at any of our four sites:

Grace-Tucson

830 N. 1st Ave in Tucson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Tucson is:

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

Grace-Benson

451 W. Duane St. in Benson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Benson is:

7:30 AM Worship Service

Grace-Sahuarita

17675 S. La Cañada Dr. in Sahuarita.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Sahuarita is:

7:45 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship Service

Grace-Vail

We worship in Esmond Station School at
9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship Service

NO Bible Studies This Week at Grace-Tucson

There will be no Bible Studies this week. The Women's Thursday *Key Bible Words* Bible study will resume on April 27 and the Wednesday *Church History* Bible Study will resume on May 3.

New GIG begins April 19!

If you're interested in learning the basics of the Bible or have an interest in possibly becoming a member of Grace, the Grow In Grace class is the class for you! Pastor Koehler will be teaching this series of classes beginning this Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. The class will meet in the church office conference room. You can let pastor know of your interest in the class or ask him any questions about it. Just catch him at church, call the church office (623-6633) or email him (RevRGK3@GraceLutheranSAZ.org). If you have an interest in the class but cannot meet on Wednesday evenings, please let him or one of the other pastors know.

ALA Golf Classic April 29

The 24th Annual ALA Golf Classic is coming up on Saturday, April 29 at Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix. This is a fundraiser for the Arizona Lutheran Academy Athletic Department. The 4-person scramble tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. The cost is \$85 for an individual golfer or \$320 for a foursome. Visit www.ALACoyotes.org for more information or to register for this event!



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

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Apr 16-Apr 23

TUCSON

Today

Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard).....7:00a
Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall).....8:00a
Easter Concert (in the Church).....9:00a
Easter Festival Worship (in the Church).....10:00a

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

Monday

NO Handbell Practice
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Outdoor Easter Festival Worship.....9:00a
Easter Breakfast.....10:00a

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Sunday

Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*9:00a
Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

BENSON

Today

Easter Festival Worship.....8:00a
Easter Breakfast.....9:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion7:30a

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies.....
NEW! Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room ..6:30p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study.....

Saturday

Shepherd of the Hills Women's Mini Conference..... 7:30a
Church Council Meeting..... 8:00a

Sunday

Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Easter is Everything* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Easter Breakfast 9:00a
Easter Festival Worship..... 10:00a

Monday

NO Bible Study.....

Saturday

Family Devotion Night at the Riekes..... 6:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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Grace Church Picnic (All Sites)—May 6

Grace-Sahuarita will be hosting the all-site Church Picnic on Saturday, May 6 at noon (Address: 17675 South La Cañada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). Great food, great fellowship, and activities for both kids and adults! It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our other sites and meet your fellow members. **Members are asked to bring a side dish.** The main dish will be provided. There will be a dessert contest this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you have any questions, please contact Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.

Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is on Sunday, May 7. Two eighth graders (Jacob Miller and Brandon Walshaw) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house hosted by the Miller family from 3:00-5:00 PM that afternoon (May 7) in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Divine Calls

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Rieke was informed that Palos Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, Illinois had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Palos Lutheran and one to Grace. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Illinois or to decline the Call and to continue serving in southern Arizona.

Pastor Rieke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone at 343-9881 or by email at RevCMR@GraceLutheranSAZ.org. He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Pastor Kassulke, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, has declined the call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota. He will continue to serve in his role as an associate pastor at Grace in Tucson. He would like to thank all those who shared their thoughts with him during the deliberation and who prayed for him and his family. Please continue to pray that God would bless the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted!

Youth Cross Fitness Camp at Grace-Sahuarita

Beginning June 1 through July 13, Grace-Sahuarita will host a Youth Cross Fitness Camp (ages 6-13) every Thursday from 10 AM-2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita. Each week the youth will learn life skills about gardening, cooking, fitness, strengthening and healthy choices. God's Word will be connected to all of these life skills. There will be weekly challenges that the youth can take home to share with their families. There is no charge for this program and lunch will be provided. The camp is limited to 50 youth. You may register by email to Pastor Heiman at revrah@gracelutheransaz.org.

Save the Date!

June 19-23: Vacation Bible School at Grace-Tucson from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (church body), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.