

# Reflections on Repentance Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope

April 20, 2025



Easter Sunday

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We are delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services, and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bold letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used only by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**Today's Readings and Theme:** On this most sacred day, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. United by grace, through faith in our risen Lord, we rejoice in the triumph of the resurrection, fully confident in our own resurrection from the dead.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

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 the 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, be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** MORNING PRAISE (*MATINS*) – CW, p.45



Alleluia! He is Risen!

**Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!**

**\*\*PLEASE STAND\*\***

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**MORNING HYMN:**

**#157**

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
 Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



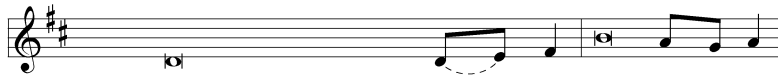
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



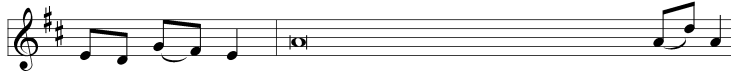
M: (Easter) The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.

### OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

### VENITE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



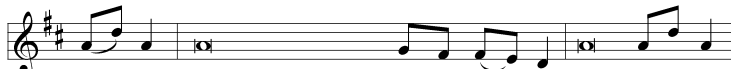
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



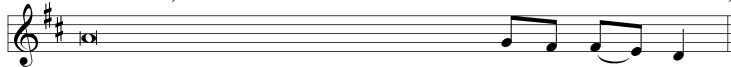
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Let us pray.

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

**Amen**

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**FIRST LESSON**

**EXODUS 15: 1 - 11**

*The song of Moses and the Israelites foreshadows our song of joy on this day. The evil foe sought to pull us back into the slavery of sin. Yet, the hand of the Lord has saved His people. Just as He rescued the Israelites through the waters of the Red Sea, so He has rescued us from sin and death through water and the Word.*

***Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord. They said: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior. The Lord is his name. He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea. His elite officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters covered them. They sank down to the depths like a stone. Lord, your right hand is glorious in power.***

***Lord, your right hand has shattered the enemy. In your great majesty you overthrew those who opposed you. You sent out your burning anger. It consumed them like stubble. At the blast from your nostrils the waters piled up. The flowing waters stood up like a dam. The deep waters became solid in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, "I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the plunder. I will do whatever I want with them. I will draw my sword, and my hand will destroy them." But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Lord, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in praise, working wonders?***

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 16**

*Refrain*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*

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*Refrain*

Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;\*”  
apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.\*

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*Refrain*

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life,\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1 – 11**

*The message of the Gospel- Christ crucified for our sins and raised to life for our justification- is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. Let there be no doubt: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Not just in our minds and hearts; he has risen in the flesh. Paul appeals to eyewitnesses who were still alive and recounted what they had seen.*

***Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.***

***After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God’s church. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn’t my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.***

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

GOSPEL

LUKE 24: 1 – 12

*With the women, we traveled alongside Jesus through his Passion and witnessed his burial in the tomb. Yet, the final journey to the tomb doesn't signify the end of death. Instead, it signifies the end for death. What a transformation! Peter was undoubtedly perplexed, questioning what had transpired. Do not seek the living among the dead. Death has been vanquished in victory; Christ has risen just as he proclaimed!*

***On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.***

***The men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" Then they remembered his words.***

***When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.***

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**#156**

**AWAKE MY HEART WITH GLADNESS**



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has

**SERMON TEXT**

**LUKE 24: 1 – 12**

**SERMON:**

**REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION HOPE**

*\*\*Please Stand\*\**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE:

### I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

#152

Vs 1–5



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.  
Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

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**OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you have fulfilled your promises through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**Thanks be to God! You grant us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**



In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**Drive out all doubt and gloom so that we can rejoice in your glorious triumph.**

Let us lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to intercede for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of His power. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne and singing the song of victory:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

Make us instruments of your peace as we share the good news of hope and new life with those around us. Guide us in utilizing all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**Risen Lord, live in us so that we may live for you.**

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick and strengthen the faith of those who are suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special Prayers and Intercessions*

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

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

**HYMN:**

**#162**

**HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD**

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -

rows bro - ken lie, De-stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
 Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
 Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742-1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, alt.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608, alt.

### PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that we may neither fall into sin nor encounter any kind of danger today; and in all that we do, guide us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

#### Amen

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C: A - men.

#153

### CLOSING HYMN:

ALLELUIA! JESUS LIVES

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the  
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed  
 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and  
 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -

liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death  
 ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,  
 fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here  
 ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,  
  
 Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner  
 Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -  
 Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er  
 Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at  
  
 to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
 his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
 Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and is the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born sinful and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, thereby adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins forgiven for everyone and credited with His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work through the Word and Baptism receive the benefits of faith.
- The day is approaching when Jesus will condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and return to take all believers to heaven. In His coming, He will destroy the present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – We will not hold our morning Bible Study on Easter; however, we will resume on April 27. We will continue our study of Luke’s gospel.

**Installation:** Rev. Chris Goelzer will be installed at Grace Lutheran Church in Portland at 4 pm on Sunday, April 27.

**Pastor Out of Town:** Pastor Emmons will be attending the West Coast Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, from April 27 to May 2. For emergencies, please reach out to Elder Gene Baldwin at 541-610-9978.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We will resume on April 27. We plan to return to Luther’s Catechism as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Our Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume on May 13 at 6 pm at Pastor Emmons’ home, located at 4927 SW Yew Pl, or you can join us on Zoom. We will focus on reaching out and sharing the gospel with our neighbors.

**Annual Congregational/Voters Meeting:** Our church will gather on May 4 for a congregational meeting. This informative event is open to all confirmed members and aims to provide a platform for discussion and input before the Voters’ Meeting—voting members include all our confirmed men over 18. The Voters’ Meeting will be held on May 18; we currently have 18 voting members and need a quorum of 12 to conduct business.

**Vicar Call Day:** The Bethany Lutheran College Chapel will stream the live feed of the Candidate and Vicar calls at 2 pm (EST) on May 7. The link to the website is: <https://chapel.blc.edu>

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