



April 8 & 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

Please follow the outline of worship you find in this bulletin. We will use the Gathering Rite "I Was Glad" on the handout card. Congregation sings the REFRAIN as indicated.

We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymn: #153, #480, #481, #485

Easter Beginning: John 20: selected verses

P: Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were..."

C: *I will not believe.*"

P: Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side..."

C: *Stop doubting and believe.*"

P: Jesus told him. "Because you have seen me, you have believed."

C: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*"

Hymn #153: "Alleluia! Jesus Lives!"

Gathering Rite for Worship: "I was Glad" (see handout card)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we marvel at all that is yours in this world. You have redeemed us through the work of your son our risen Savior, and you give us rule over all things on earth. We are managers of your countless blessings. Raise our hearts in joy over our salvation and give us wisdom and reverence as we use your resources. Bless our management of life, home, and every blessing from your hand, through Jesus Christ our Lord...**Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness,

that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Psalm 24 (page 42 in Supplement)

Second Reading: Colossians 1:19-23

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Hymn #480: "Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Hymn #481: "O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"

Today's Sermon Theme: (Based on Psalm 24)

"Easter Says We Rise to Worship!"

(Next week's readings: 1Kings 17:7-16, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Luke 18:18-25)

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Apostles Creed (See projection or pages 19 in hymnal)

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Hymn #485: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson and Monday pianist, Darci Matzke.

The altar flowers today are from Bernice Kukral in loving memory of her husband James

This week's schedule, God willing....

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen BC 9:20am/ Adult BC 9:20 & 6:30pm -see below

MLHS & Jr. Lancer Band Concert @ MLHS 2:00pm

Mon: Pastor's Conference in Morrison / Worship 6:30 pm

Tue: Catechism Class 5:30pm / JLOG Staff Meeting 6:00pm

Wed: Pastor preaches @ Bethany 8:00am / Harborview 10:30 am / Staff Mtg 8:45am

Adult Bible Study 1:30pm & 6:30pm - see below

Thu: Grace Circle Meeting 2:00pm / Council Meeting 6:00pm

Fri: Grade School Music Festival @ MLHS 4:00 - 9:00pm

Sat: Academic & Art Fair @ MLHS / LLC Concert @ Trinity Liberty 3pm

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen BC 9:20am / Adult BC 9:20am & 6:30pm

LLC Concert @ Bethany 3:00pm

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Easter Lilies: If you donated a plant and would like one, please feel free to take one from the altar today after worship. Please put the round plastic tray on the counter in the kitchen.

Easter Adult Bible Study Series "Joyful Generosity": In this study we consider our blessed calling to "grow in the grace of giving". Today's lesson is "Being 'single-minded' in our giving". **Every member is encouraged to attend.**

Shoreline Circuit of Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring a special presentation by Pastor Roger Neumann "Partnering for the Gospel : The Good News in Ukraine" on **Sat, April 14th from 8:30 - Noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church.** Everyone is welcome! Donations for LWMS and the Ukraine Lutheran Church are appreciated. For more information please see the display table in the fellowship hall by the bulletin boards.

Felician Village is hosting a free life planning event, "It's Never Too Early To Plan For Tomorrow", on Mon, April 16 at 2:00pm. A team of experts from will provide information about transitioning from home to a life plan community, help you navigate choices & answer questions. To register call 684-7171 ext 402 or email fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org. See poster for more details.

First German & Thrivent Financial bring you a Salty Earth Pictures movie "The Open Door", Sun, Apr 22 @ 2pm at the Capitol Civic Centre. This movie is a story of faith, hope and love in today's' world of conflict. The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome & encouraged to bring a friend. Please call FG with any questions at 684-0101.



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**"He Lives... We Live...
We Live to Give"**

Week #1:

"Easter Says We Rise to Worship"

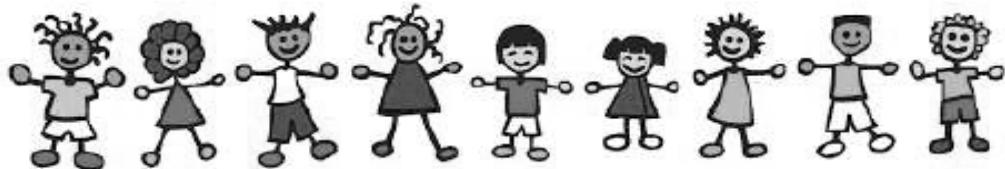
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**Jesus' Lambs of Grace
invites the members of Grace
to join them for their first
"Grace Church Day"
on Wednesday, April 25th
from 8:15-9:15am
in the fellowship hall.**

This day is an opportunity for our JLOG Preschool children and our Grace Church Family to spend some fun time together, to bridge the gap between generations and to thank Grace members for their support.

Please join our JLOG children for a morning snack, some fun activities, and some silly songs!

**There is a sheet on the Information table for you to register.
Please sign up by April 22 so we know how many to plan for!**



Introducing our Easter Bible Study Series:

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**“Every member
worship
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Bible study!”**

***Wed: 1:30 & 6:30pm &
Sun: 9:20am & 6:30pm***

This study will help us to understand why we Christians are happy to return the blessings God has given us to do his kingdom work.

Weekly Topics:

1. Being 'single-minded' in our giving
2. Giving from a joyful & generous heart
3. Being confident and involved in our ministry
4. Being thankful when special opportunities to give arise
5. Recognizing the blessings of God's grace in giving

This course is intended for ALL members of Grace.