WELCOME

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To our visitors - We are glad you have joined us to share in the gifts of our gracious Lord as we worship Him together in spirit and truth by receiving His Word and Sacraments. We invite you to pick up information about Grace Lutheran at our welcome desk. If you have questions concerning the Christian faith or the Lutheran tradition, please let us know as our pastor would love to speak with you.

Children are welcome in our services. Grace is a church family and we believe like any family we learn by doing things together. Bulletins are available for children that coincide with the liturgical calendar and scripture readings. We encourage parents to guide their children throughout the service, helping them to the learn the language of the faith through the liturgy. A nursery with sound is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to the right just before the glass door to the courtyard.

Holy Communion - Our fellowship in the Lord's Supper follows the Lutheran tradition grounded in the teaching of Holy Scripture. As one baptized into the Name of our Triune God and confessing the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Supper for the forgiveness of sins you are warmly invited to join us around the table for Holy Communion. If you are not communing but wish to be blessed, then simply cross your arms at the rail and you will be blessed by the celebrant.

How to Give to Grace

- Weekly envelopes or those provided in the pews
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code at right
- Text the amount to 84321
- On the Grace Giving Page: grace sandiego.com



Please silence cell phones and mobile devices.

During the prelude, please be mindful of those preparing for worship.

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

EASTER 3

After more than a year of facing our collective mortality as a species, the promise of a physical resurrection is welcome news. Christian hope is not based on inoculation or herd immunity. It is not subject to the vicissitudes of variants or vaccines. Instead, we find hope and strength in the promise of our own physical resurrection. Furthermore, this promise invites us to live courageously. If the pandemic does not get us, something else will. This does not lead us to be cavalier, but rather confident in our risen King and fervent in love for one another.

Collect

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.

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Music Director Beth Schleusener

SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Connor Russert
Cantor Dennis Hooks
Usher Heath Russert

10:30 AM
Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Thomas Family
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Cantor Andrew Burke
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher Harold Nichols
Counter Renee Thompson

SERVING 4/25/21 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Leigh Ann Bozung
Crucifer Rachel Houts
Cantor Dennis Hooks
Usher Harold Nichols

10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Fullam Family
Crucifer Kariff Gomez
Cantor William Baker
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Usher Harold Nichols
Counter Renee Thompson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL today at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Topic: Predestination

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY this week at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. This weeks topic is atheism.

Join us for Coffee in the Courtyard - Sunday fellowship will continue in our courtyard in between the services. Please consider signing up to host a Sunday. It's easy and only takes about 15 minutes to either set-up, clean-up or bring a refreshment. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk as well as instructions on how to host. Thank you for helping.

LUTHERAN LIFE is a new magazine published by Concordia Publishing House and there are free copies of winter 2021 issue available in the hallway.

APRIL WITTENBERG WAY - Please pick up a copy and try to find the stained glass window or check out the article "Behind the Music" by Beth Schleusener, director of Parish Music.

Text from I Know that my Redeemer Liveth from the "Messiah" - I know that my Redeemer Liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH

Marie, Judy, Victoria, Christy, Walt, Joyce, Dave, Bill, Dennis, Steve, Holly & Orion and Molly & Grant

PRAYERS AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF A CHILD OF GOD

Jeremy & Jessika Belgau

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. James May (Kenya), Daniel Conrad (Central America), Rev. Dr. Ron & Mary Anne Rall (Papua New Guinea), Rev. Dr. John & Melinda Bombaro (Latvia)

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

William Baker, Andrew Burke, Tajy George, Jack George, Jr., Philip Hawthorne, Dylan Jensen, Jack Ogden, Josh Martin, Matthew Morgan, Gavin Robillard, Heath Russert, Linka Schleusener, and Holly Schmidt

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Lorna Winterstein, Joyce Rochester



Proclaiming the Good News of God's grace in Jesus Christ

April 18, 2021 **EASTER 3**

8:00 and 10:30 am