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On this Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! And you are each warmly welcomed to worship him. Blessings upon you!

Virtual Service Gathering

Prelude

Chris Lehne, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Pause)

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Chorus: (x4)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see You, I want to see You

***To see You high and lifted up; Shining in the light of Your glory;
Lord, pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing.
Holy, Holy, Holy.***

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Psalm

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia.
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Response

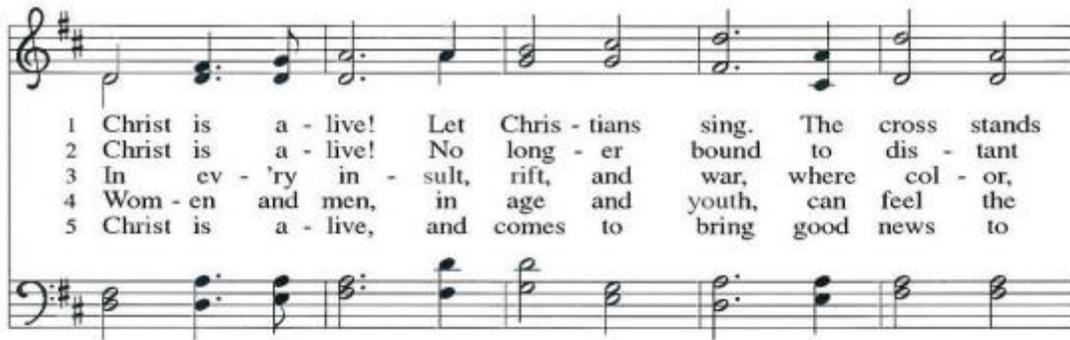
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“In Our Midst”

“Jesus came and stood among them” -John 20:19



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

*Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition, please respond with "Lord, Hear our prayer"

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving

Offering

It is a blessing to have you listening or watching with us this morning. Offerings are given as an act of worship for those who consider Grace Lutheran or Providence Valley Lutheran their home congregation. Visitors should not feel obligated to give an offering for our ministry. During this time of uncertainty, our congregations still rely on the gracious giving of our members. Grace Lutheran has options to give online via our website, gracedawson.org under the Online Giving tab or you can download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Give +" in your App Store and set up your account! As a reminder to Thrivent Financial members, please direct your Choice Dollars to Grace or Providence by March 31, 2020. Donations for Grace or Providence can be brought to the

Grace Church Office at anytime. Offerings can also be mailed to:

Grace Lutheran Church PO Box 549 Dawson, MN 56232

Providence Valley Lutheran Church 2495 120th Street Dawson, MN 56232

Contact the office for help with any of these options.

*Offertory Hymn

"Mighty to Save"

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me, Everyone needs forgiveness,

Kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

He is mighty to save. Forever,

Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures.

Fill my life again, I give my life to follow,

Everything I believe in, Now I surrender.

(Chorus)

Shine your light And let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory Of the risen King, Jesus.

Shine your light And let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory Of the risen King

(Chorus)

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

Sending

*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song

"Thine is the Glory"

Hymn № 376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - quers,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Chris Lehne, Organist

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This Week at Grace

Sunday, April 19–

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

Monday, April 20–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Tuesday, April 21–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

Wednesday, April 22–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

3:30 Jr. High Confirmation Zoom Meeting

Thursday, April 23–

Happy Anniversary to Ellsworth & Clarice Olson!

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Friday, April 24–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Saturday, April 25–

Sunday, April 26–

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

Announcements

All events scheduled at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches have been postponed and/or cancelled until further notice. Please stay safe and healthy!

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Ellsworth & Clarice Olson this Thursday, April 23rd on their 65th Wedding Anniversary!

Ring of the Bells

In unity with other churches across the state, we will be ringing the church bells each day at noon through July 4. This new tradition has been started by a group called City of Bells “in the spirit of unity and shared humanity during the pandemic.” For more information about City of Bells and the united bell ringing across Minnesota and hopefully eventually the nation, visit their website www.cityofbells.com. They are also available to be followed on Facebook.

Directory Photos

The directory photo date of April 29th has been postponed. We have been in contact with Lifetouch and will be rescheduling this day, and possibly an additional date in the fall. We will let everyone know details as soon as we can.

Upcoming Scheduled Events

- The WELCA Spring Gathering originally scheduled for this week, April 21st has been cancelled.
- The Youth Mission Trip Pie Auction Fundraiser has been cancelled.
- The Youth Gathering Sub Sandwich Fundraiser has been postponed.
- 4th Grade First Communion Classes have been postponed.
- The Spring Congregational Meeting (scheduled for April 26) has been postponed.
- The Youth Mission Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation this summer has been cancelled.
- Vacation Bible School has been postponed.

Confirmation Classes

Keep an eye on your emails and the Grace LYO Facebook page for the Zoom Links for confirmation class meetings on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 each week.

Sunday School

Visit the “Grace & Providence Sunday School Lessons” Facebook page for weekly lessons to keep teaching our children about our faith.

Worship Opportunities

Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Video of each worship will also be available on both the Grace and Providence websites. Bulletins will be available for download on the congregational websites, and also for pick up in the main entry of the church. Please contact the office if you would like a bulletin delivered to you.

Also, visit the new “Grace & Providence Faith Connection” Facebook page throughout the week for devotions, prayers and other ideas to keep the faith in this time of uncertainty.

Student Meal Pickup

Student Meal pickup will take place at our East Entrance from 11:00-12:00 M-F. Pick up will be lunch and the next day's breakfast. These meals are for all children birth-18 years. To sign up, see the school website (www.dawsonboyschools.org) or contact the school office at 320-769-2955.

Food Shelf

Dawson Area Food Shelf will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. We have extra safety measures in place. Please read signs as you come in.

Giving Made Easy!

Grace Lutheran Church has options to give online! On our website, gracedawson.org, simply click on the “Give Online” tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for “Give +” in your App Store and set up your account!

Effortless Giving!

There are also options for you to give without having to open your pocketbook! When shopping online at amazon, simply go to “Amazon Smiles” and add Grace Lutheran Church-Dawson MN as your charity! Thrivent Financial members, direct your Choice Dollars to Grace by March 31 of the following year! Thrivent Choice Dollars are your share of Thrivent’s charitable funding. A portion of all your premiums and contract values grow your amount of Choice Dollars, and you can direct them to Grace Lutheran Church of Dawson, MN by logging on to your online account and choosing the “Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars” link under the “My Thrivent” tab. Also under this tab you will find the link for “Thrivent Action Teams” where you can apply for up to two (2) free \$250 grants from Thrivent per calendar year for your favorite charity events! Contact the office for projects needing grants or for help with any of these options.

*There are volunteers available to run errands/bring meals to those who do not feel safe leaving their homes right now. Please contact the church office if you need assistance.

* We open our hearts to those who will be financially impacted during this time. There are resources available. We have volunteers ready to make meals and bring donations. Please contact the church office. We are praying for you and your families’ continued safety and well-being.

*With that being said, we, as a church, will also continue to rely on the gracious giving of our members. Your offerings can be given online: gracedawson.org or by mail: PO Box 549, Dawson MN. We ask that you don't bring your offering to the office if you are not feeling well.

We can't thank you all enough for your kindness and understanding through all of this. We have witnessed many of you opening your hearts and truly loving your neighbors. It is a blessing to see so many of you living the Gospel in your daily lives. We will continue to keep you updated as we know more.

Synod Assembly

The Southwest Minnesota Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has released its Synod Assembly information! This year’s assembly will be held Friday, June 12th-Saturday, June 13th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter with the theme “God is near you NOW.” To help represent our congregation along with Pastor Kendall and Intern Pastor JoHanna, contact the office!