



The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025  
9:30 AM

# Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

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**Welcome friends in Christ!** We're grateful for your presence here in worship today.

If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the entryway.

- Children are welcome to utilize the open space in the back for quiet play during worship.
- Feel free to remain seated at any time during the service.

## **GATHER:**

We gather as people of God, a family of faith.

*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles. We'll see the early church continue the mission of Christ: proclaiming good news to the poor, release to the captive, recovery of sight to the blind, and setting the oppressed free.*

**Centering Music:**        *Use this opportunity to center yourself before worship.*

## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 118)**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good!

**God's mercy endures forever!**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord this has been done; it is marvelous in our eyes!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

**God's mercy endures forever!**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

# That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie:

## Setting 3

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# Canticle: Now the Feast

## Setting 3



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



## Prayer of the Day

O God of life,

**you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **GROW:**

We grow as we are fed by the Word and nourished at the Lord's table.

### **First Reading: Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by an exiled Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed are those who have not seen

**And yet have come to believe.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> 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.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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. The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Andrew Hoffman  
Development Director  
Neighbors, Inc.**

## Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

*¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó**Refrain/Estrillo*

*¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó*  
*Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.*



*de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.*  
*Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.*



*1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un*  
*1 Run, faith - ful wom-en, to the grave-side. Mar - vel, the*  
*2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep-ing; Christ stands be -*  
*3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning; sud - den - ly*  
*4 Thom-as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -*



*án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -*  
*stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is*  
*fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -*  
*Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound-ed*  
*lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry*

*Refrain/Estrillo*

*ta - do."* *Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.*  
*ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.*  
*ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."*  
*Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."*  
*Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."*

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Music: SANTO DOMINGO, Luis Bojos, b. 1937

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## **Confession of Faith**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Inspire our partner congregation in Magulilwa, Tanzania to live your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially those we name before you now... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering**

*AGLC gives in the style of our Tanzanian partners. You may place any gift in the basket as you come forward for communion. If you don't have a physical gift to share, you are encouraged to dip your hand in the basket as a reminder that God uses you to do God's work in the world.*

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## Offering Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.  
 Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may  
 live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

This is the day that in joy and delight  
We join with all the angels of heaven and all creatures on earth  
To sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,  
All holy and mighty and glorious God.  
For Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.  
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea  
And with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.  
Now every night is as bright as day,  
And that light is Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.  
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,  
You washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.  
The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,  
For Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Sung Words of Institution

*Verses 1 & 2: Pastor, Verse 3: All*





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## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church practices open communion. Whether you are a member of AGLC or not, you are invited to the table that is set by Christ for you.*

*Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.*

## Distribution

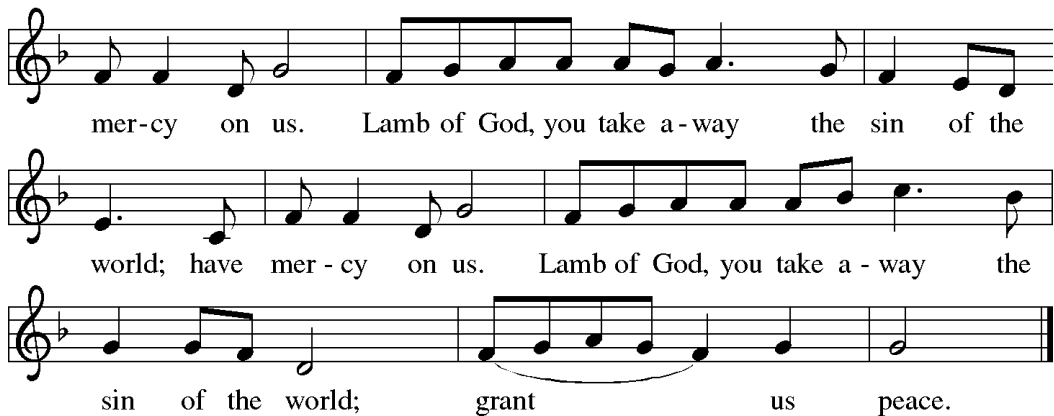
**P:** The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The wine used in worship is alcohol-free. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

## Communion Songs: Lamb of God

## Setting 3





**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**  
**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**  
**The Peace of the Lord**

**ELW 378**  
**ACS 933**  
**ELW 646**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Living One,  
**in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders,**  
**sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.**  
**Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **GO:**

We go into the world, sent by God, to serve all people in the name of Jesus.

### **Benediction**

The triune God,  
 who was, who is, and who is to come,  
 Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
 light your way with resurrection dawn,  
 now and always.  
**Amen.**



## The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Postlude**