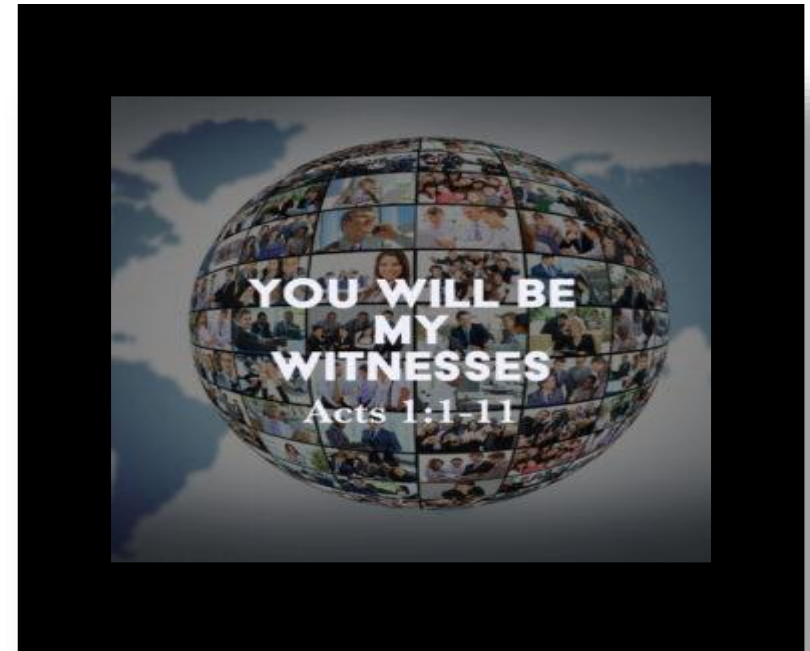


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**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Holy Communion**  
**April 7th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**



If you would like a visit from Pastor Fred, to share a prayer concern, or have any questions about today's service please contact the church office.

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#### **Scripture Readings for: Service of the Word, April 14th, 2024**

Reading:	Acts 3:1-10
Gospel:	Mark 6:53-56

#### **Guiding Principles**

**Jesus is Lord**  
**We Welcome Everyone**  
**We Value God's Creation**  
**We Are Open to the Power of God**  
**We share God's love**  
**Through Worship and Service**  
**We Offer Forgiveness for All**

Holy Communion  
April 7th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope that you will find a welcoming community and Christ-centered worship.

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

This week, we hear about where Jesus is sending his disciples as witnesses: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Jesus is going to give them the power.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

**We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.**

Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

**We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.**

How will you share God's love with the world?

**By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.**

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

**Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell someone off, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have**

**taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us.**

**Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and**

**strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life.

C: **This is the good news which is for us, and for everyone we will meet in the days to come. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.**

**GATHERING SONG: ELW 392 - ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

**GREETING (ELW p. 175)**

**THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW PG. 148)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME, SONG AND PRAYER: ELW 857 - LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-14**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come

upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



#### **GOSPEL: MARK 6:7-13**

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and

anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **ACTIVITY: PLACES OF CALL**

#### **SERMON PRAYER**

#### **SERMON: YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 800 - SPIRIT OF GOD DESCEND UPON MY HEART**

#### **CREED (ELW p. 180)**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Let us pray for the needs of the church and the world to God who raised Jesus to new life.*

Send your Spirit upon the church, and especially its leaders; that they may lead us in boldly proclaiming the kingdom of God present in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit upon creation, and especially resting fields; that the coming harvest be abundant that all the world may be fed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit upon our leaders, and especially on executives like our Prime Minister, Premier, and Mayors; that their decisions be guided by compassion and care for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit upon the marginalized, especially poor and needy; that our communities work to ensure that everyone's basic needs are met. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your spirit upon the sick, *especially*, Nels, Ray, Samantha, Kay, Jon, Erven, Hilda, Gerda, Holly, Wendy, Jordie, Martha, Frieda, Linda, Frank, Ryan, Brendan, Selma, Ervan, Gordon, and Rene) that your will of healing and wholeness be at work in their lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for these friends and members of our church: Reg, Louise, Clayton, Tim, Linda, and Doug. Send your Spirit upon this congregation; that we may be an example of love, grace, and service in our neighboring communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit upon us and use the example of the saints to keep us firm in our faith, especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Trevor Marshall, Ed Karlo, Raymond Woitt, Elsie Feldberg, Lena Boss and Lore Pohl. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power



of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation Jesus has won for us. **Amen.**

#### **OFFERING: ELW 689: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

##### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Our kind Heavenly Father, we rejoice in your faithfulness! As you promised, your glorious Spirit inspires a new way of life through the church of Jesus Christ. We trust that as we continue to devote ourselves to prayer, you will strengthen our congregation in mission outreach. Direct all our gifts and offerings for the purposes of your kingdom, O God. We pray through Christ, who ascended on high to your eternal throne in the heavens.

**Amen.**

##### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

##### **PREFACE (ELW p. 181)**

##### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 152)**

##### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE IV pg. 133**

##### **LORD'S PRAYER (sung left side ELW p. 154)**

##### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

##### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

##### **LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 154)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace.



#### **SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

##### **ELW 510: WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH**

##### **CB 164 THERE IS A REDEEMER**

##### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**



Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

##### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide your people to fulfill Jesus' mission for them. We thank you for the church we read about in Acts, and the amazing things that it did. Help our church to be more like the early church. Help us and our families to be more bold and faithful. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

##### **BLESSING**

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.  
**Amen.**

##### **SENDING SONG: ELW 671 - SHINE JESUS SHINE**

##### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are empowered by the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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We ask you to pray each week for these Members and Friends of Grace who live in Senior's Home Residences. They are in **Peace Hills Lodge:**

Margaret Forth, Irene Torgerson, Tillie Podloski, Brian Schultz, Clayton Murphy, Clara Meyer, Esther Dahms, Rene Faille and Esther Kaiser; in **Luther Manor:** Jeanette Martinoff, Helen Hein;

in **Seasons (Wetaskiwin):** Dorothy Burghardt, Erven & Norma Heinz, Rene Thompson, Roxann Buskas, in **Sagebrush:** Erna Dux, Martha Miller, Frieda Minchau, Loraine Lowen; in **Long Term Care:** Gordon Stuart, Nels Buskas; in **Good Shepherd:** Gerda Kiel; **Daysland Hospital:** Joan Woitt; in **Camrose Bethany Meadows:** Hilda Karlo; in **Seasons (Camrose):** Ervan & Selma Stobbe



### Build Your House Upon A Rock



Christian Yoga Retreat (Mulhurst Camp)  
April 12 – 14, 2024

Cost  
\$250

Register On-line:

<https://barbaralritter.ca/classes/retreat/>

See Bulletin for Further Details

**We are looking for someone that would be willing to teach Sunday School on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The materials for lesson and craft will be available to pick up this Sunday in the church office.**



We will be having Sunday School on the second Sunday of the month including up to May 12, 2024.

We will continue to need volunteers for April 14 & May 12. Please let either Pastor Fred, Dorothy Schmidt, or Joyce Schneider know that you are willing to volunteer.



*Spring Ladies Retreat (put on by the Catholic Church) – Saturday, April 13, 2024. See the bulletin board for further details.*

### **We will be having a “Healing Service” on April 14, 2024.**

The service of healing seeks to widen our understanding of God's goodness, care, and concern and to offer comfort through prayer and the laying on of hands. Every human being needs healing in some dimension of life, whether it be physical, emotional, spiritual, or relational. With the rite of healing, we do not seek to replace the gifts of God through the scientific and medical community, nor do we promise a cure. Instead, we seek to convey God's love and care for all who suffer and celebrate the presence of Christ through the Christian community. God cares about you. We join in offering comfort and support through your struggles. You are in God's loving and capable hands.



We are still looking for people to fill non-executive council positions. Please contact

Vivian to discuss this possibility. Ph. (780)352-1246

We have found one person that has stepped up to the plate and for that we are very grateful for but we could use at least one more person to learn **how to run the sound on a rotation basis for Sunday morning services.** Either men or women can volunteer to learn this. We are down to 2 regulars and we are going to tire these people out. Who would be willing to learn and help out? **Training will be provided.** Let's get this filled. Please reach out to the office – Dorothy ASAP.



### Today's Worship Participants:

<b>Pastor</b>	Fred Schneider
<b>Accompanist</b>	Colleen McGinnis
<b>Lector</b>	Deb Hill
<b>Usher</b>	Bert Horvey
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Jack Jensen
<b>Projector</b>	Brent Metzker
<b>Counters</b>	Monica Minchau
	Janet Forth
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Annie Woitt
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Betty Grayson
	Denice Monaghan
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Dan Gusdal/Judy Gusdal
	Marlene Thompson

### THIS WEEK AT GRACE: April 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<b>Today:</b>	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Coffee
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Night
	7:00 p.m.	Policy Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Out
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Education meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	4:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Catholic Spring Ladies Retreat
	1:00 p.m.	Graveside Service
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Service of the Word/Healing Service/Sunday School</b>
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

### Next Week's April 14th, 2024 – Worship Participants:

<b>Pastor</b>	Fred Schneider
<b>Accompanist</b>	Tammy Kennedy
<b>Lector</b>	Colleen McGinnis
<b>Usher</b>	Vivian Holtby
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Larry Coroluick
<b>Projector</b>	Susan Woitt
<b>Counters</b>	Chrissy Williams
	Connie Jensen
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Vivian Holtby

## Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Jesus Keeps You Strong

Be friends with Jesus.

Help the child find her way to Jesus.  
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