



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 31, 2019

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three
Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude: "Into My Heart"

Confession and Forgiveness

*The congregation **stands**. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence

We were silent **when we should have said something.**

Silence

We acted **when we knew better.**

Silence

We were still **when we know we should have moved.**

Silence

For the wrong we have done, **for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

People of God, look to the ✠ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

Amen.

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

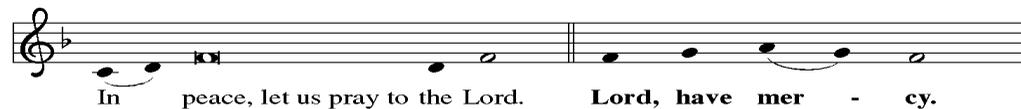
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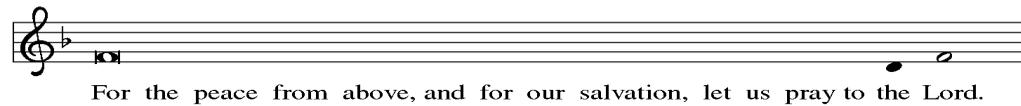
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

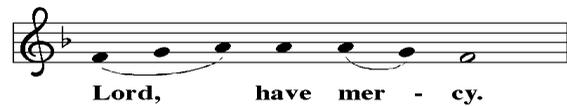
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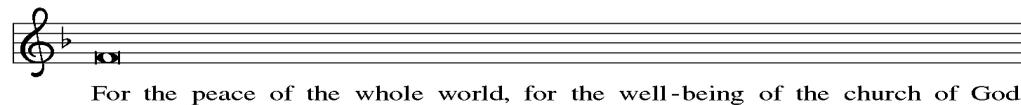
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



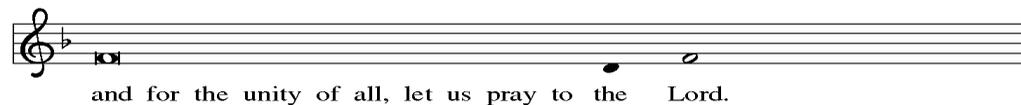
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



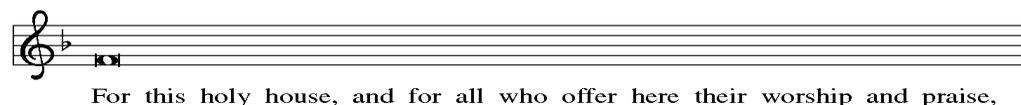
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



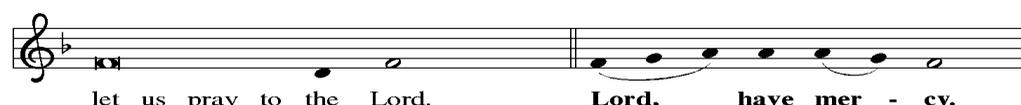
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



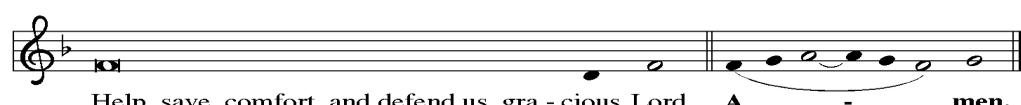
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Word

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua:

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 32 *(We read responsively)*

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

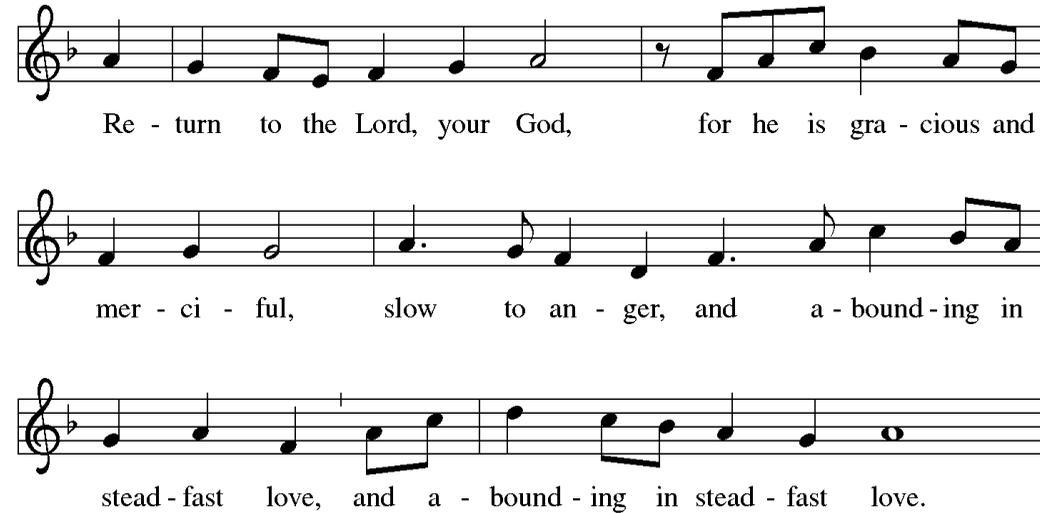
¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get

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up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

“Never Let Go Of Me”

Children of Grace

Following, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Lily Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: *“Our Father, We have Wandered”*

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Apostles' Creed:

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, 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

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

Anthem: "Prelude to the Dance"

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*The congregation **stands***

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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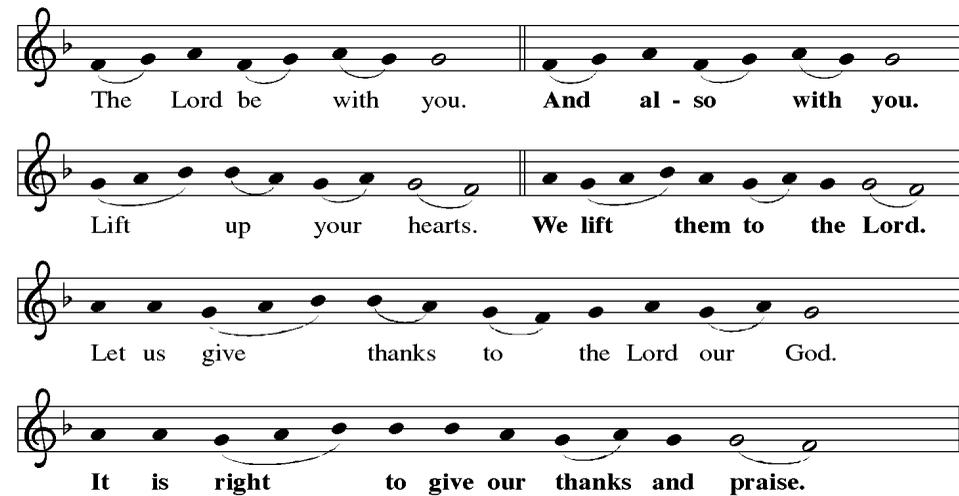
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

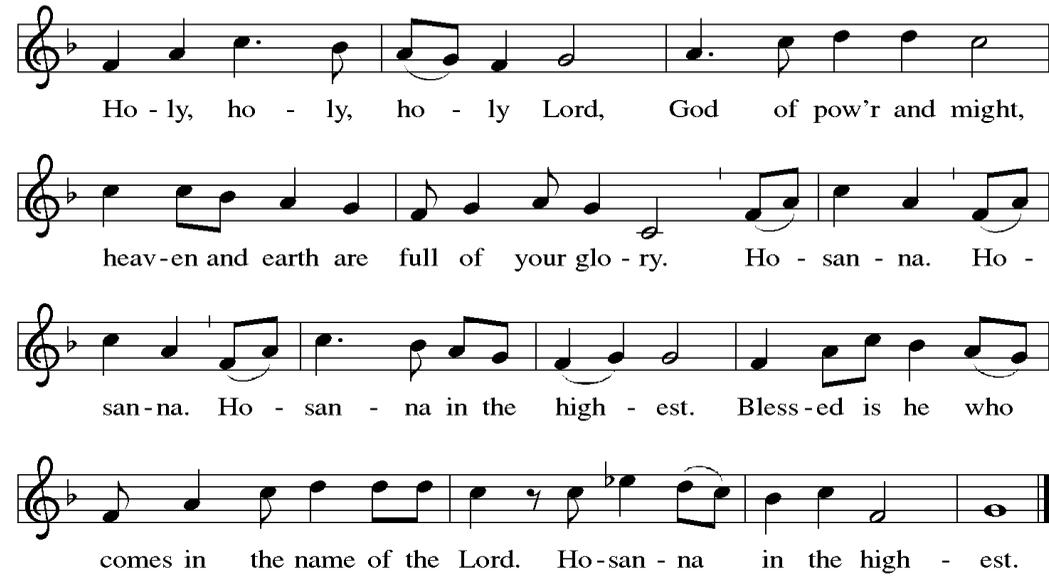
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The lyrics are in a simple, sans-serif font, and the music is in a simple, melodic style.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life; Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ has prepared the feast.
Come to the table where all are welcomed home.
Thanks be to God.

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

The Holy Communion

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship, The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: Holy Communion will be offered today by intinction. You will receive the bread into your hands; then dip the bread in the cup to receive the wine or grape juice. Return to your seat via the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....)

Communion Hymns:

Violin Piece

Guido Papini

"I Will Praise You, O Lord"

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation **stands**.*

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

Sending

Benediction

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

Hymn: *"My Life Flows On In Endless Song"*

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The congregation may be seated.

Postlude:

"Do Lord Remember Me"
"Jesus Loves Me"

**Children of Grace
Children of Grace**

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister:	Youth of Grace
Communion Assistants:	Youth of Grace
Ushers:	Youth of Grace and Bob Moyer, Fred Biggers, Jerry Kite,
Offering Stewards:	Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson
Acolyte:	Youth of Grace
Cup Gatherer:	Youth of Grace
Altar Guild:	Lisa and Glenn Gray
Nursery Caregivers:	Lisa Gray and Eleanor Sampson
Altar Flowers:	Open
Council Person of the Week	Kim Hull
Sunday School Support:	
Children's Church:	Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO
THE GLORY OF GOD

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing

Prayer Request for Members

Jimmy Binns
Fred Brower
Jean Brower
Myrtle Kite
David Schwiesow
Lily Skelton

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Allan Arneson, Grace Member
Family of Joanne Hagwood, Grace Member
Family of Robert E. Knemoller, Son of Bob and Carol Knemoller
Family of Bill Whitmore, Friends of Cindy and Mike Trauscht

Members/Friends Celebrations

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns, Grace Members
Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow
Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member
Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members
Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member
Rev. Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Sandy Johnson, Grace Member
Peggy Lucas, Grace Member
Janet Lunger, Grace Member
Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members
Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall, wife of Steve Meicke,
on their mission in Bolivia, Son and daughter-in-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
Tom Sheaffer, Grace Member

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee
April Courtice and Baby, Friend of Kate Van Bremen
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Jim Downey, Brother of Sylvia Almarode
Sharon Hilker, Mother of Eric Hilker
Michelle Matthews, Sister of Cindy Trauscht
Bill Moore, Friend of Lisa and Glenn Gray
Cooper Trueblood, Friend of Almarodes
Lester Washington, Friend of Cindy Trauscht

The Needs of the World

Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela
Victims of Historic Mid-West Flooding
Many affected by colds and flu
Our ability to listen in the midst of disagreements
Victims in Lee County, Alabama from Tornado Destruction
Victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

The Church

The ELCA and its future direction
(see elca.org/future)
Our individual faith journeys in the midst all else that competes for our attention in daily life
The Roman Catholic leadership in the wave of continuing child abuse revelations
Our brothers and sisters in the United Methodist Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Sharon Lynch
Jessica Smith

Peggy Marks

Tara Metcalf

Announcements

The Season of Lent—The following are ways Grace is invited into the discipline of Lent - ways to purposefully enter into a "exercising one's faith" to grow stronger in faith:

- **Lenten Covenant:** Make a commitment to give a tithe of the time you spend on your tablet, phone, computer, TV, or other electronic device to spend time in prayer, in reading God's Word, or a time of devotion. Look on the table in the back for resources to take part in the Covenant.
- **Wednesday Lenten Worship:** We'll share a Soup Supper and Evening Prayer worship with our neighboring Lutheran Churches, with each church hosting the Wednesday service each week. Wednesday, **April 3, is at Zion Lutheran Church.** Our focus this year: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear. Soup Supper is at 6:00 p.m. with Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Lunch and Worship:** A long standing tradition in Waynesboro has been for a number of downtown congregations to meet for lunch with a devotional worship service during the noon hour. We'll have an opportunity to take part this year, during the Wednesdays of Lent. This week's event is at St. John Catholic Church. **Remember to sign up for lunch on the sheet in the Narthex.**
- **Lenten Ecumenical Bible Study:** This ecumenical study invites congregations including ours to study the readings for the following Sunday in Lent using the Lectio Divina method: to read the text three times, and ask simple questions to help us to hear what God is proclaiming to us. We meet Tuesdays at St. John's Episcopal, 11:00 a.m., and Thursdays at Grace, 7:00 p.m., through April 2 and 4.
- **Holy Week begins April 14th: 1. Palm/Passion Sunday** - we process with our fellow Christians through Grace, and begin Holy Week; **2. Maundy Thursday** - we footwash, remember the night in which our Lord Jesus was betrayed, and strip the altar. **3. Good Friday** - we remember our Lord's Passion and love for the world, on the cross; **4. Easter Vigil** - We hear God's relentless acting in history to create, then save the world from sin and death; and affirm our Baptism, welcoming new members. See your GraceNotes for full details, and enter into the story of God's love for you, and for the world!

We Need Your Help at Grace! One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue:

- **Altar Guild** - We need help with simple tasks - (a) *Filling the oil candles at Christmas and Easter* - and (b) we need *regular volunteers* for our Guild to continue strong, and not overburden current members. Can you volunteer even once per quarter? Contact Nancy at the Church Office, or Jean Morgan, chairperson of the Altar Guild.
- **The Nursery** - We need Nursery volunteers in order to have the required two persons to care for young children under five during the service. Contact Nancy at the Church Office if you can help, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

Announcements

First Communion Class: Saturday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a class for children up to confirmation age (5th grade) to teach and/or prepare children to receive Holy Communion at Grace. This class will use age-appropriate materials for all children; and will also have time in the worship space to show how and why we commune and Gift of God's Grace we receive. Contact the Church Office regarding, or let Pastor Paul know, of your interest in participating.

Second Wedding Guidelines Listening Forum is Monday, April 1st, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 19 members attended the first session on Monday, March 18th. Prayerfully consider your attendance April 1st or Sunday, April 7, after worship.

Prayers and Parking Lots—Over the last several months, members of the church council, Pastor, and the Property Committee have been discussing the need to resurface, restripe, and increase the number of handicap parking needed for our members. Believe it or not, we do not think the parking lot has been resurfaced for 60+ years!!! How can that be? Mainly due to the hard work of our members, over the years, they have patched, tarred, prayed, and made some minor repairs. Their work has allowed us to make our parking lot serve this congregation for the life of our building. A typical parking lot is good for about 20 years and we have well exceeded that statistic.

Let's be honest – none of us really wants to spend money to repair the parking lot! It is not like an organ, or the chapel, or fellowship hall, something we see or enhances our worship experience. It is not the most glamorous of projects, kind of like replacing windows or HVAC systems – we don't necessarily think about them or focus on them, but we know when we do not have them or they break. Being good stewards of our building and property has been important to the life of this facility. The new parking lot will provide our members, visitors, and guests that use our building, a welcoming experience to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We anticipate the cost of this project to be approximately \$60,000+ dollars. Over the next several weeks, please take some time to look at our current parking lot and see for yourself the need we are facing. You will be hearing more about this project after the Easter season.

Grace celebrates Dick Tomey's service and sends Honorarium to Kiwanis and 3R's: In honor of Dick Tomey and his many years of service to Grace in Evangelism efforts and scheduling of Greeters, Grace congregation will be sending \$450 to the Waynesboro club of Kiwanis International and their support of the 3R's Reading Program, which has been very successful in increasing literacy at Waynesboro schools (William Perry, Wenonah, and Kate Collins)!

Thomas Keesecker offers Noon Concert, April 9th

Congregations in the Southern Valley Conference are invited to Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, for a special Lenten concert on Tuesday, April 9, at noon. Composer and pianist Tom Keesecker will lead us in a quiet hour of piano music, reflection, and poetry.

His new collection of piano music, "The Quiet Journey", takes its inspiration from the hymn "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" (ELW #326) - *Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.*

*The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

A free will offering will be accepted.

Tom will have CDs of "The Quiet Journey" available for purchase after the program.

Thomas Keesecker has served as a musician in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His award winning choral music is published by several publishers. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. Thomas' time with us at Grace is in the midst of a Lenten tour of congregations in our area which also include Epiphany Lutheran Church, Richmond, and Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester.

There will be a Lasagna and Salad luncheon following the Concert in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and enjoy fellowship with one another!

There will be a \$3.00 charge for the lunch.

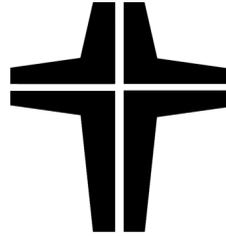
Please sign-up on the Sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to attend!



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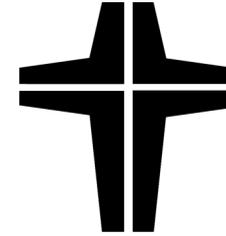
DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— Sunday	03/31	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Lily Pingel, Preaching Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding
Tuesday	04/02	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/03	Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ecumenical Lunch and Worship at St. John Catholic Church Season of Lent Soup Supper and Lenten Worship Zion Lutheran Church Hand Bell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	04/04	12:30 p.m.	Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Friday Saturday	04/05 04/06		ACTS
Sunday	04/07	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Daily Lectionary	
Monday Psalm 140 Esther 4:1-17 1 Peter 1:3-9	Thursday Psalm 26 Job 2:11—3:26 Galatians 3:23-29
Tuesday Psalm 140 Esther 5:1-14 1 John 2:18-25	Friday Psalm 26 Job 4:1-21 Romans 8:1-11
Wednesday Psalm 140 Esther 8:1-17 Matthew 18:6-9	Saturday Psalm 26 Job 7:1-21



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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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