



## **First Sunday in Lent**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 10, 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!*

### 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: "Andante"

**Frink**

## **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**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn:** *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

**#769**

**Apostolic Greeting:**

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

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.**

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, often with slurs and ties. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

A reading from Deuteronomy:

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

- <sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

A reading from Romans:

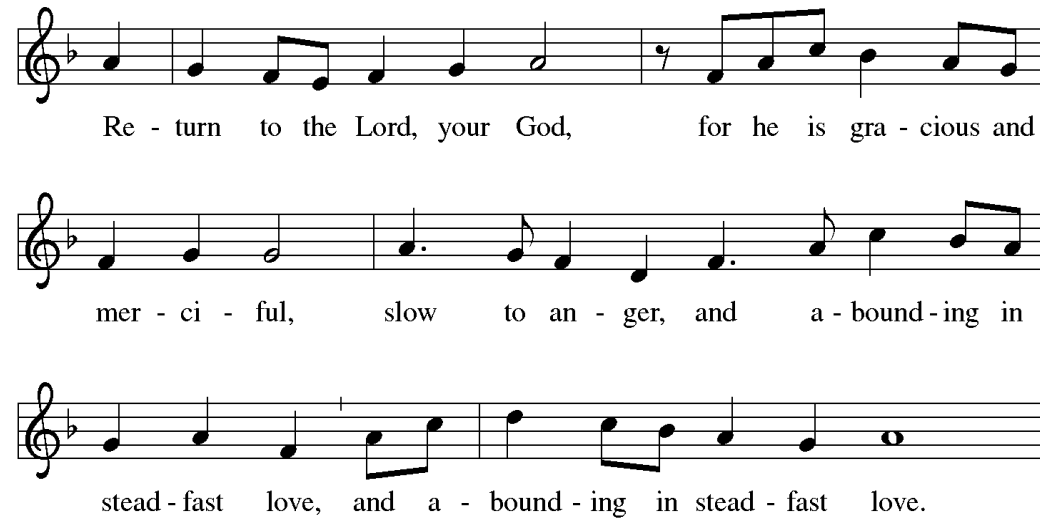
<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

*Continued*

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

*The congregation is **seated**.*

### **Children Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Following the Children's Sermon, 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**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

**#325**



**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:** "O Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

**Kosch**

*The congregation **stands***

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart  
*Offering Song*

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

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

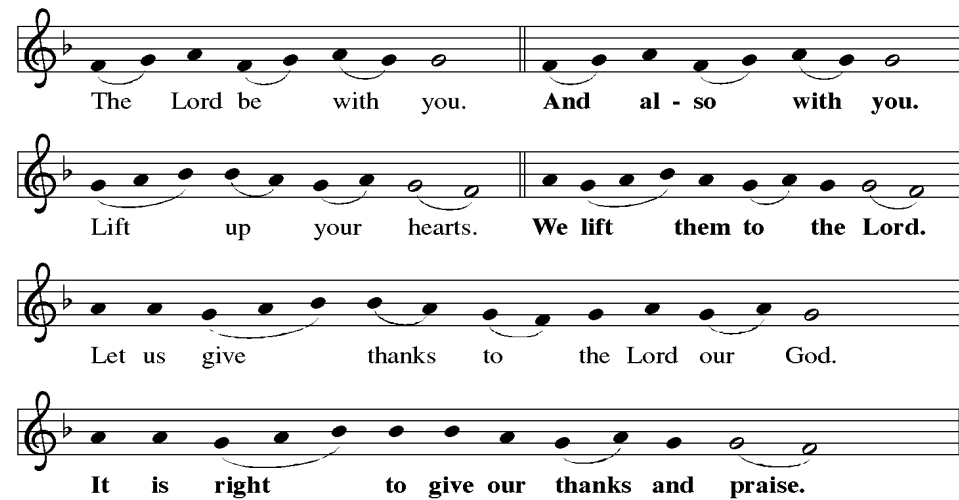
Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## 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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

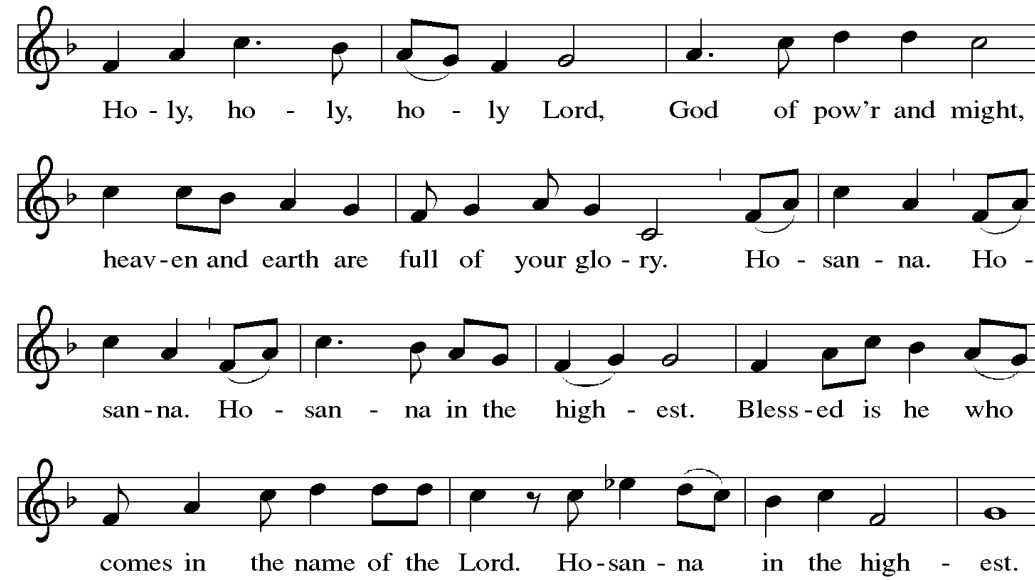
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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 our 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:** *One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward 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:**

“Restore In Us, O God #328

“One Bread, One Body” #496

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” #808

*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:** *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

**#618**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Mosso"*

**Smis**

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

**Assisting Minister:** Gail Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** Tripp Franklin and Bill Meicke  
**Ushers:** Ron Almarode, Rick Bump and Lee Lynch  
**Greeters:** Steve, Carrie, Amelia and Charlotte Jones  
**Offering Stewards:** Sharon Lynch and Kate Van Bremen  
**Acolyte:** Karley Hull  
**Cup Gatherer:** Karla Rankin  
**Altar Guild:** TBD  
**Nursery Caregivers:** Kim Hull and Jane Stein  
**Altar Flowers:** Bob and Carol Knemoller  
**Council Person of the Week** Robin Crowder  
**Sunday School Support:** Rudy Yobs  
**Children's Church:** Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT E. "BOB" KNEMOLLER BY HIS FAMILY

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**March 17, 2019**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippian 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

**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**

**Fred Biggers**  
**Fred Brower**  
**Anne Putnam**

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Bill Gosling**, Friend of the Warren Family  
**Family of Emily Hughes**, Friend of Kate Van Bremen  
**Family of Harvey Huiner**, Father of Joan Ranzini  
**Family of Robert E. Knemoller**, Son of Bob and Carol Knemoller

**Members/Friends Celebrations**

**Beth Ann Doerring** is blessed with a home

**Ongoing Need for Prayer**

**Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns**, Grace Members  
**Jean Brower**, Grace Member  
**Marge Cloutier**, Grace Member  
**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative  
**Sandy Johnson**, Grace Member  
**Bob and Carol Knemoller**, Grace Members  
**Peggy Lucas**, Grace Member

**Beth Brady**, Grace Member  
**Rev. Delmar Carlson**, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich  
**Barbara and Jeff Eagle**, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow  
**Sandra R. Hoy**, Grace Member  
**Myrtle Kite**, Grace Member  
**Shirley Krizovsky**, Grace Member  
**Janet Lunger**, Grace Member

**Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall**, wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia,  
Son and daughter-in-law of Bill and Kathy Meicke

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**, Grace Members  
**Tom Sheaffer**, Grace Member

**Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends**

**Marie Brown**, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee  
**April Courtice and Baby**, Friend of Kate Van Bremen  
**Jocelyn Crowder and Stuart Crowder**, Daughter-in-law and Son of Robin and Cathy Crowder  
**Lisa Dofflemeyer**, Daughter of Linda Tomey  
**June Huff**, Mother of Donna Gum  
**Donna Link**, Sister-in-law of Carolyn Hite  
**Michelle Matthews**, Sister of Cindy Trauscht  
**Cooper Trueblood**, Friend of Almarodes  
**Keith Weller**, Son of Kenneth and Wendy Weller

**The Needs of the World**

Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela  
**Measles Outbreaks around the World**  
Many affected by colds and flu  
**Peace in war torn areas**  
Our ability to listen in the midst of disagreements  
**Local Police and Firefighters**  
Victims in Lee County, Alabama from Tornado Destruction

**The Church**

Papal Summit on Child Sex Abuse  
**The ELCA and its future direction (see [elca.org/future](http://elca.org/future))**  
Our individual faith journeys in the midst of all else that competes for our attention in daily life

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

**Sylvia Almarode**  
**Kaitlyn Hull**

**Berenice Archangeault**  
**Joe Perkins**

**Thea Franklin**  
**Tammy Wertman**

## 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. Example: If you're on Facebook or other social media, and/or watching TV, and/or surfing the web three hours per day (180 minutes), you'll commit to 18 minutes per day in prayer, scripture reading or devotions. This will be a sign-up where all who want to be a part will make a *covenant* to each other to engage in this Lenten commitment. Look in the March Newsletter and in early March on Grace's webpage for resources to help.
- **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 beginning this Wednesday, March 13th, at St. James 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, beginning this week. *Remember to sign up for lunch on the sheet in the Narthex.*
- **Lenten Ecumenical Bible Studies Available:** Following our Ecumenical Classes during February, one proposal by the two classes for continuing to meet together united in Christ is to offer a *Lectio Divina* study group for the Sunday Readings during Lent. The study consists of reading the Bible Readings three times, and answering a simple question after each reading of how we hear the text, and what it says to us about our daily lives, and how God wants us to live. Starting this **Tuesday**, March 12th (11:00 a.m., at St. John Episcopal), and **Thursday** March 14th (7:00 p.m. at Grace), we'll look at the Readings for the following Sunday. The classes will continue through Tuesday and Thursday April 2 and 4.

***Come quilt with us!*** The GELC quilting group will be hosting a Saturday quilting day in honor of National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All congregation members and friends who would like to come join this merry band for the day are welcome – no real quilting skills required! There are opportunities for designing quilt tops, stitching them together, pinning tops to backs, cutting squares, and just joining in the fellowship! Quilts made by this group go to Lutheran World Relief, as well as to local needs such as WARM, our Christmas giving tree families, and local veterans in hospice care. Come for an hour or two or the whole time and plan to join us for lunch!

**Altar Guild:** Altar guild needs a volunteer to fill the side decorative candles with oil. This is only needed for the Christmas Eve service and during Holy Week. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Morgan at 943-1929, 540-649-4422 (C), or [jc321morgan@ntelos.net](mailto:jc321morgan@ntelos.net). Or let Nancy know in the office.

## Announcements Continued

**Grace Wedding Guidelines Forums** - Look for a *letter this week* from Grace Council asking for your prayer and your input regarding Wedding Guidelines and Policy at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Council is responding to requests from Grace members about our Wedding policy, in particular about same-gender weddings. This was mentioned at our Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, February 17th, and in Pastor's February 2019 Newsletter column. **Forums** have been scheduled for Weekday, Weeknight, and After-Worship meetings, so there is a time slot for everyone to be able to attend. The *Forum* dates are *Monday, March 18th (7pm), Monday, April 1st (11am), and Sunday, April 7th (after worship)*. Any reading of the Church in the New Testament points to times where the Church finds itself facing new decisions and times of disagreement in making those decisions. But with prayer and the participation of God's people the Church was able to continue forward as the Body of Christ in this world. Pray and take part in these forums!

**Financial Statements for the year 2018** - Hopefully you have received your Grace Financial Statement for last year's donations. As has been announced in prior months, the year 2018 was a difficult year, as the software we were using became increasingly difficult to use, and resulted in a number of inaccuracies, through which much time was spent attempting to piece together correct statements. Many of you have still found inaccuracies, for which we apologize. If you have found errors in your statement, please contact Nancy Dowdy at the Church Office if you have any questions, and she will correct your statement. *2019 will be much more on track*, with our new software and updated records.

**Mission Trip:** Member of Grace and friends are invited to another work trip to Danville, VA to help clean up and rebuild homes flooded and damaged in Hurricane Michael this past year. Teams from Grace and Salem Lutheran in Mt. Sidney will be working this month March 18-19-20. We will be going to Danville the afternoon of Sunday, Mar. 17. Last fall the team that went worked on demolition and other tasks to help clean up and prepare homes for repairs. While skilled workers are very welcome, we can use volunteers who don't have specific skills too. There is work for all! If you can come for one day or all three days, please contact Linda Meyer as soon as possible so we can plan for places to stay and send the coordinators the size of our team for planning work tasks. Linda can be reached at [lameyer@cfw.com](mailto:lameyer@cfw.com) or 540-256-2277.

**Using new ways to communicate at Grace**—From the Communication Committee

Did you know you could use your tablet to read the bulletin today? Just go to our web page ([gracewaynesboro.weebly.com](http://gracewaynesboro.weebly.com)) and go to the Weekly Bulletin page. Oh, you don't have a tablet. Yes, that is an issue. You could use your smart phone to go to the web page, but the type is fairly small. Not sure you want to do that either, then continue to use the paper bulletin.

Grace is slowly moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with new ways to communicate and we do know that it is not easy for some people. Consider this: to send Grace Notes to our member by snail mail costs about \$.75 each. We used to send out 150, well you do the math. It may get to people the next day but it may be two or more. We are now sending Grace Notes to people who have email as an attachment. Shut-ins and a few others still get it by mail or many are picking up a hard copy at the church.

**Children and Youth**  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

***From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise***  
*(Psalm 8:2, Matthew 21:16)*

Grace's Children and Youth will be leading worship on Sunday, March 31st! The fourth Sunday in Lent will be a time for our children and youth to continue help guide our Lenten journey to the cross and tomb. All aspects of the Worship service will be led by them!

**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.*

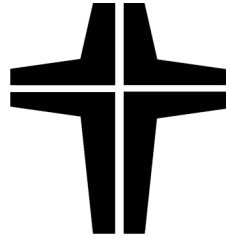
A free will offering will be accepted.

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.

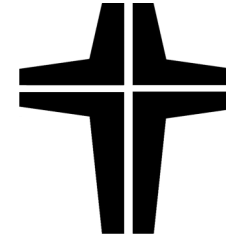
**Life of Grace Church**  
**March 10-17, 2019**

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— Sunday	03/10	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daylight Savings Time Begins— Spring Forward</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Worship Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding</p>
Monday	03/11	3:00—9:00 p.m.	Office on Youth Parenting Class (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	03/12	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Quilting (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chapel Dedication—The Legacy</p>
Wednesday	03/13	Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Ecumenical Lunch and Worship at First Baptist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Season of Lent Soup Supper and Lenten Worship At St. James Lutheran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hand Bell Choir Worship Choir</p>
Thursday	03/14	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Backpacks (Team A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bridge (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Saturday	03/16	9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.	 National Quilting Day
Sunday	03/17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Worship Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding</p>



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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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**Monday**

Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 8:32-9:6  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Tuesday**

Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 11:1-31  
Hebrews 12:3-13

**Wednesday**

Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 14:1-9  
Matthew 17:14-21

**Thursday**

Psalm 19  
Proverbs 15:1-17  
Hebrews 11:17-22

**Friday**

Psalm 19  
Proverbs 19:24-29  
James 2:17-26

**Saturday**

Psalm 19  
Proverbs 21:1-17  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Daily Lectionary**