



## **Second Sunday in Lent**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 17, 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: "Moderato"

**Bodenschatz**

## **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:** *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

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**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 a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line at the end. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end. The fifth staff has a double bar line at the end. The sixth staff has a double bar line at the end. The seventh staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The eighth staff has a double bar line at the end.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 27** *(We read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the  
LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek  
God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message — “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1**

A reading from Philippians:

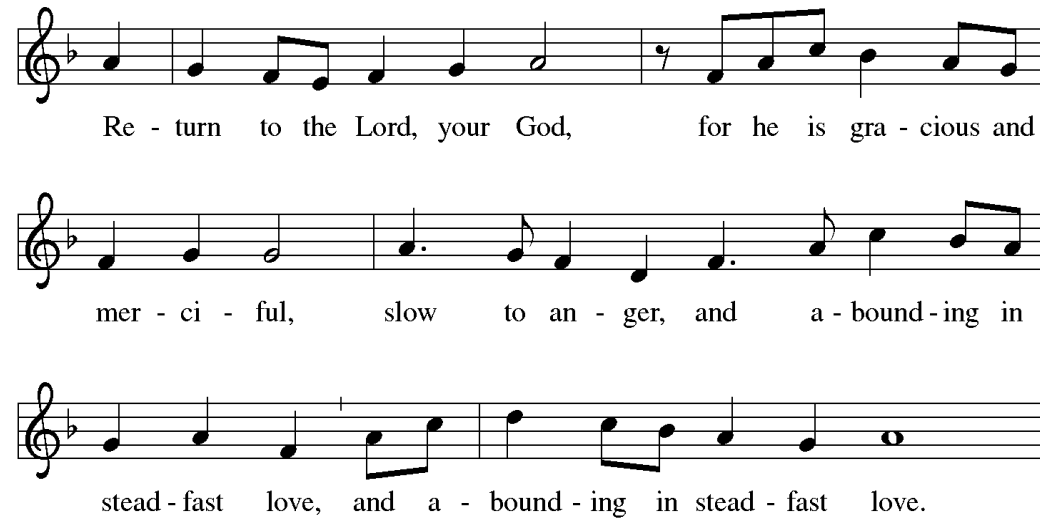
<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is **seated**.*

## **Children Sermon and Blessing of the Quilts**

**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: "God Loved the World"**

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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:** "The Staff of Faith"

Caroline Biggers, Susan Myers—Flutes

**Courtney**

*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 printed below the upper staff.

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

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

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

The third system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

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

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

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

The fifth and final system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

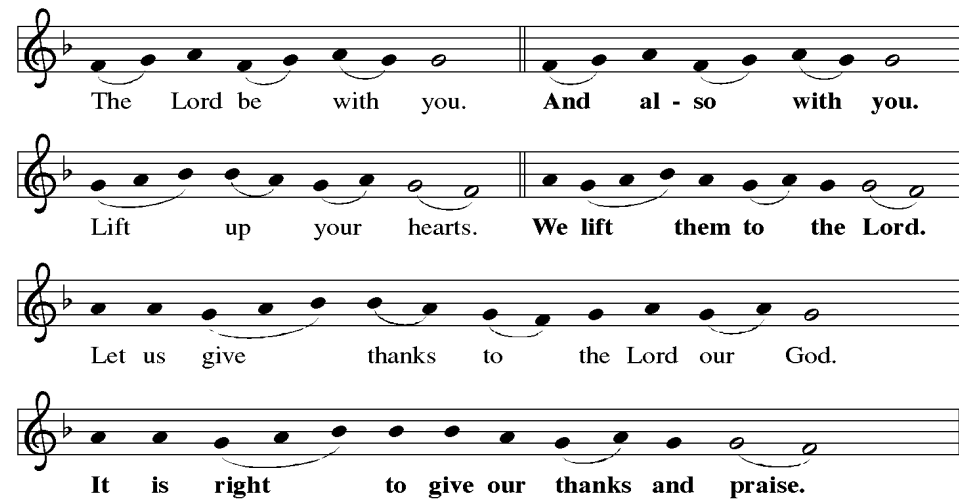
Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

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

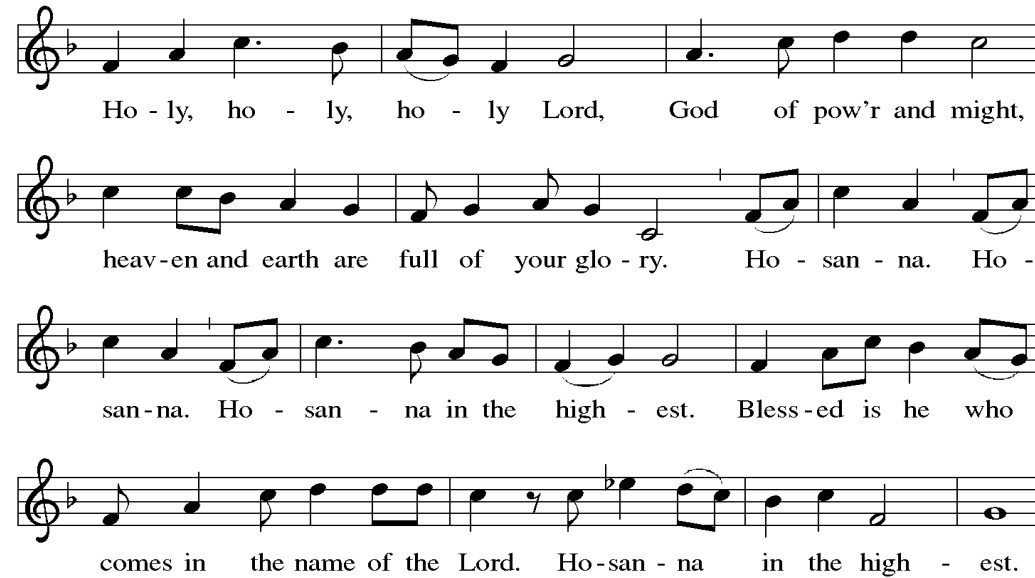
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 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:** *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:**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” #332, Sts. 1-2

“Around You, O Lord Jesus” #468

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” #759

*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**

### **Sending of the Danville Mission Team**

### **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:** *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

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### **The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** *"Andantino"*

**Hesse**



**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

**Assisting Minister:** Mike Trauscht  
**Communion Assistants:** Lily Pingel  
E. G. Rankin  
**Ushers:** Jack Eckstrom, Carrie Jones, Brad Keefer and  
David Proctor  
**Offering Stewards:** Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson  
**Acolyte:** Brodie Franklin  
**Cup Gatherer:** Donna Marshall  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Morgan  
**Nursery Caregivers:** Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman  
**Altar Flowers:** Open  
**Council Person of the Week** Jack Eckstrom  
**Sunday School Support:**  
**Children's Church:** Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD  
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**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**March 24, 2019**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

*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 Brower  
Jean Brower  
Anne Putnam  
David Schwiesow**

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Bill Gosling**, Friend of the Warren Family  
**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**

<b>Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns</b> , Grace Members	<b>Beth Brady</b> , Grace Member
<b>Rev. Delmar Carlson</b> , Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich	<b>Marge Cloutier</b> , Grace Member
<b>Barbara and Jeff Eagle</b> , Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow	
<b>Kyle Getler</b> , Member Relative	<b>Sandra R. Hoy</b> , Grace Member
<b>Sandy Johnson</b> , Grace Member	<b>Myrtle Kite</b> , Grace Member
<b>Bob and Carol Knemoller</b> , Grace Members	<b>Shirley Krizovsky</b> , Grace Member
<b>Peggy Lucas</b> , Grace Member	<b>Janet Lunger</b> , Grace Member
<b>Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall</b> , wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia, Son and daughter-in-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke	
<b>Glenn and Flossie Myers</b> , Grace Members	<b>Maxine Pierce</b> , Mother of Cindy Trauscht
<b>Tom Sheaffer</b> , 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  
**Michelle Matthews**, Sister of Cindy Trauscht  
**Bill Moore**, Friend of Lisa and Glenn Gray  
**Cooper Trueblood**, Friend of Almarodes

**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**

The ELCA and its future direction

(see [elca.org/future](http://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

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

**Caroline Biggers**

**Amber Bokelman**

**Owen Keefer**

**Sarah Kite David Ranzini**

**Daily Lectionary**

**Monday**

Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 22:1-21  
Romans 3:9-20

**Tuesday**

Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 25:1-28  
Colossians 3:1-11

**Wednesday**

Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 29:1-27  
John 7:25-36

**Thursday**

Psalm 1  
Proverbs 130:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Friday**

Psalm 1  
Proverbs 30:18-33  
Romans 11:25-32

**Saturday**

Psalm 1  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18  
Matthew 23:29-39

## 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 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, **March 20th, is at Grace.** 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 Westminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. Barrett Owen (First Baptist) providing the homily. **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 Episcopal, 11am, and Thursdays at Grace, 7pm, through April 2 and 4.

**Pastor Paul is out of town beginning March 23rd** - Pastor Paul will be away with his family from Saturday, March 23rd through Thursday, March 28th. Many thanks to Rev. Gordon Putnam for preaching and presiding next Sunday, March 24th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office, or after hours, the Council Persons of the Week, Jack Eckstrom and Pete Giesen.

## Announcements Continued

**Grace Wedding Guideline Forums** - A letter and email were sent to Grace members concerning three Listening Forums to receive input from Grace members regarding the Wedding Guidelines and Policy at Grace, in particular about same-gender weddings. The forums are TOMORROW, Monday, March 18th at 7:00PM; Monday, April 1st at 11:00AM, and Sunday, April 7th after worship. The Forums are for Council members to listen and record responses from Grace members, and will not be a time for Council to engage in debate or discussion (other than to answer any procedural questions). Pray for God's presence and the Spirit's guidance, and take part in a Forum that works for your schedule!

**Mission Trip** - Our Grace contingent will be joining members from Salem, Mt. Sidney to continue work on homes damaged in Danville, VA from flooding last year. We will send them on their way as a part of worship today.

**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.

**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

## **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.

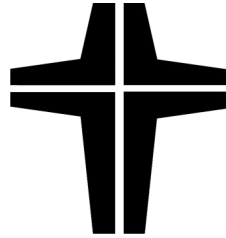
**There will be a Lasagna and Salad luncheon following the Concert in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and enjoy fellowship with one another!**

**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!**

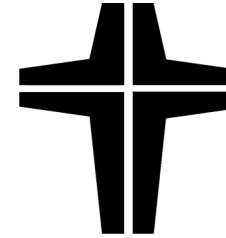
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**March 17-24, 2019**

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— Sunday	03/17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 Sunday School Worship Choir Practice <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	03/18	3:00—9:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Office on Youth Parenting Class (Seminar Room) Kiwanis (Conference Room)
Tuesday	03/19	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	03/20	Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ecumenical Lunch and Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church Season of Lent Soup Supper and Lenten Worship At Grace Hand Bell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	03/21	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall) Backpacks Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	03/23		<b>Pastor—Out of the Office</b>
Sunday	03/24	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Pastor—Out of the Office</b> Sunday School Worship Choir Practice <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion Rev. Gordon Putnam, Preaching and Presiding



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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday  
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