

Third Sunday in Lent

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 24, 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: "Andante Con Moto"

Bernards

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: *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

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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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8 *(We read responsively)*

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from 1st Corinthians:

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

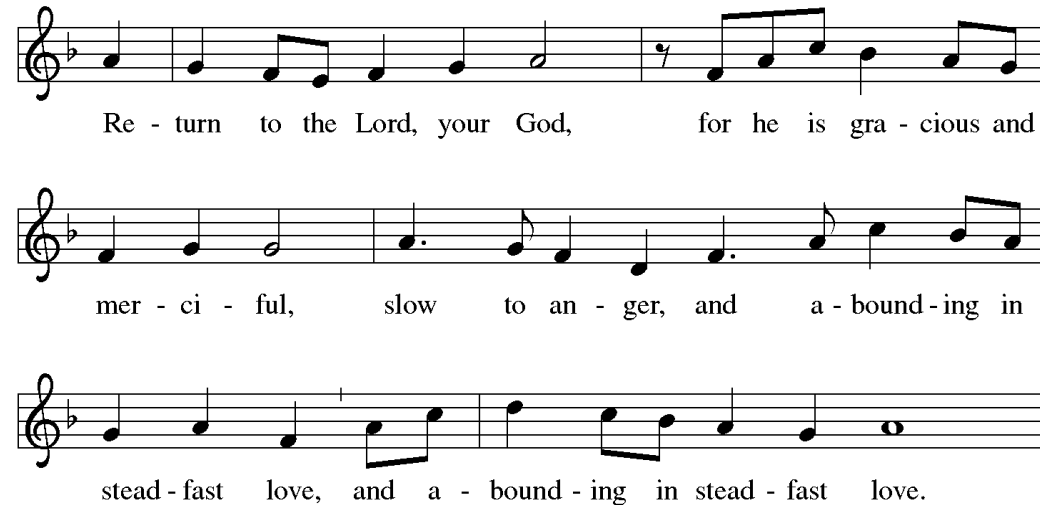
⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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: "Jesus, Still Lead On"

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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: "Come Home"

Mike Trauscht, Soloist

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.

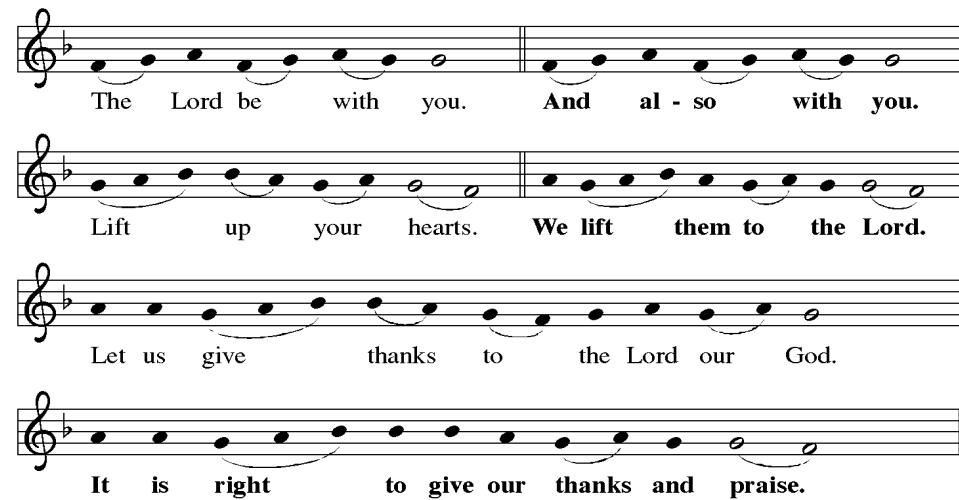
Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

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.

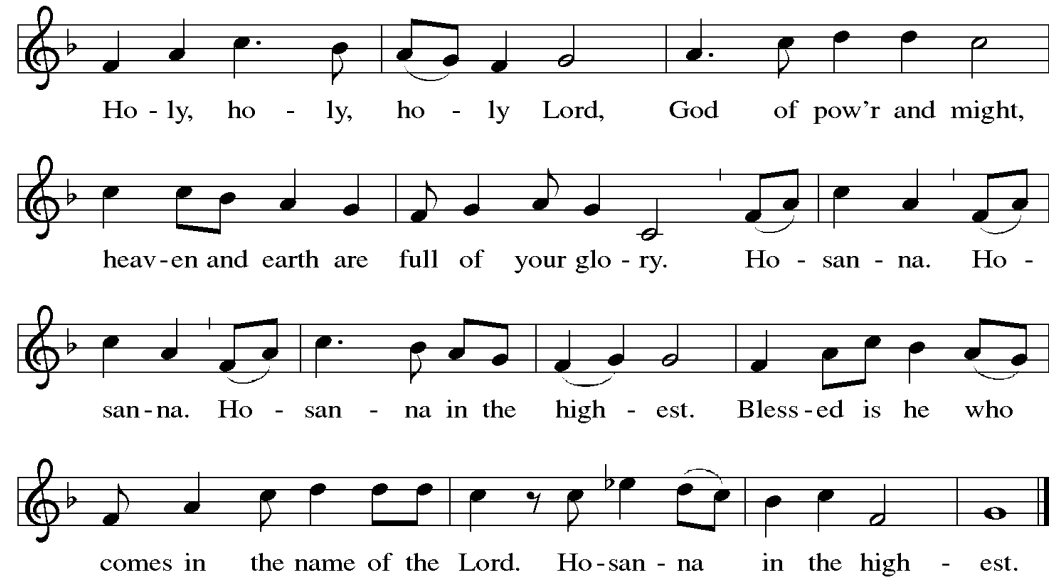
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

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:

- “Come to the Table” #481
- “O Living Bread From Heaven” #542
- “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #779

*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: *"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"*

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The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *"Maestoso"*

Seeger

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Karla Rankin
Communion Assistants: Robin and Cathy Crowder
Ushers: Bill Meicke, Pat Brady, Chris Carper and Tom Carper
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady and Bob Shumate
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Hull
Cup Gatherer: Jean Morgan
Altar Guild: Kathy Meicke
Nursery Caregivers: Susie Driskill and Jean Morgan
Altar Flowers: Beth Ann Doerring
Council Person of the Week Pete Giesen
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 AND IN MEMORY OF MY MOM,
SHARIN DOERRING, ON HER BIRTHDAY.
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Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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
Joanne Hagwood
Myrtle Kite
David Schwiesow**

Members/Friends Grieving

**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	Beth Brady , Grace Member
Rev. Delmar Carlson , Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich	Marge Cloutier , Grace Member
Barbara and Jeff Eagle , Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow	
Kyle Getler , Member Relative	Sandra R. Hoy , Grace Member
Sandy Johnson , Grace Member	Bob and Carol Knemoller , Grace Members
Shirley Krizovsky , 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
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

Mary Bertelsen
Minnie Moyer

Jean Brower
Vernette Nichols

Frannie Knicely
Zach Perkins

Monday Psalm 128 Proverbs 27:1-27 James 4:8-17	Daily Lectionary	Thursday Psalm 124 Ester 1:1-21 Acts 4:13-31
Tuesday Psalm 128 Ecclesiastes 4:9-16 James 5:1-6		Friday Psalm 124 Esther 2:1-23 Acts 12:20-25
Wednesday Psalm 128 Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 John 8:21-38		Saturday Psalm 124 Ester 3:1-15 Matthew 5:13-20

Children and Youth—Sunday, March 31st—*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!

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, **March 27th, is at Bethlehem 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. *Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, will be our preacher!*
- **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 First Presbyterian Church with Rev. George Chapman 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's Episcopal, 11a.m., and Thursdays at Grace, 7 p.m., 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 today. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office, or after hours, the Council Person of the Week, Pete Giesen.

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.

Grace celebrates Dick Tomey's service and sends Honorium 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)!

Warm Cold Weather Shelter—The final week of the cold weather shelter— which gives the homeless in our area a safe place to stay, a delicious meal and serves to help—will be at Waynesboro 7th Day Adventist Church. **Grace and Christ Tabernacle will be hosting this Saturday, March 30th.** Pray for our helpers and our ministry together with Christ.

The property committee and the church council have determined that the **Church Parking Lot** desperately needs to be repaved. All members of the church should be looking at the condition of the lot. There will be future discussions on moving forward with this situation, sometime after Easter. Jack Eckstrom

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

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.

Reminders: Please have any announcements, etc. for Sundays' bulletins to Nancy by first thing Thursday morning prior. Grace Notes announcements, etc. need to be to Nancy by the 20th of the month prior.

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!

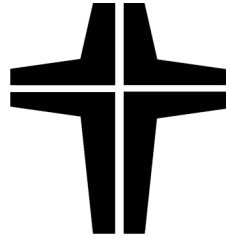
There will be a \$3.00 charge for the lunch.

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



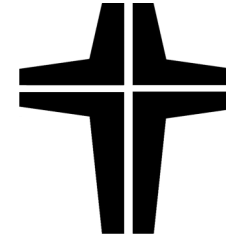
**Life of Grace Church
March 24-31, 2019**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— Sunday	03/24	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Pastor out of Town Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 3rd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Rev. Gordon Putnam, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	03/25	3:00—9:00 p.m.	Pastor out of Town School Holiday Office on Youth Parenting Class (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	03/26	9:30 a.m.	Pastor out of Town School Holiday Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/27	Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor out of Town School Holiday Ecumenical Lunch and Worship at First Presbyterian Church Season of Lent Soup Supper and Lenten Worship At Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hand Bell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	03/28	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor out of Town School Holiday Bridge (Fellowship Hall) Ecumenical Bible Study (Seminar Room)
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 Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding



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Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

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Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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

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