



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*March 17, 2024*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three)*  
*Congregational responses are in bold print*

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.*

*We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.*

*Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts 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**

**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 and Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**



Gathering Hymn: "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

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## 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

## 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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.**

*We sit.*

**Word**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**



**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*

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: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel  
Reading

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."  
<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

*Continued*

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

*We sit.*

**Children’s Worship**

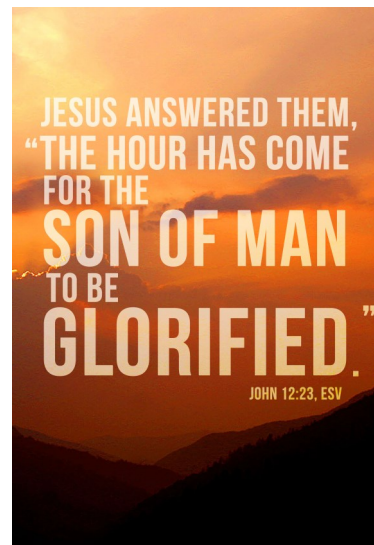
**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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





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.

Imani ya Mitume

Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina.

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

### Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### Meal

#### Peace

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

#### Offertory

*We stand.*

#### Offertory Response



## Create in Me a Clean Heart

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

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F4, and G4. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note A4, followed by quarter notes B4, C5, and D5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note E5, followed by quarter notes F5, G5, and A5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739, arr. Harold W. Gilbert

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

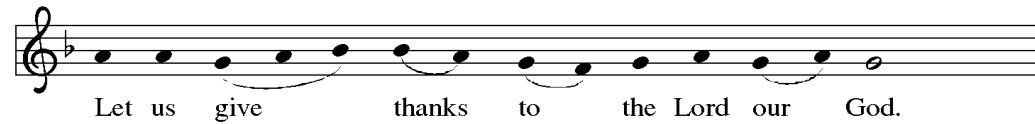
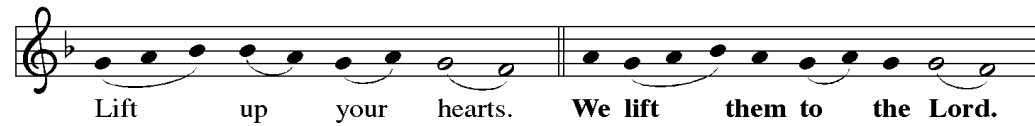
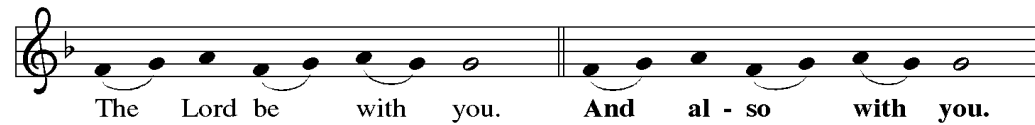
Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name.**

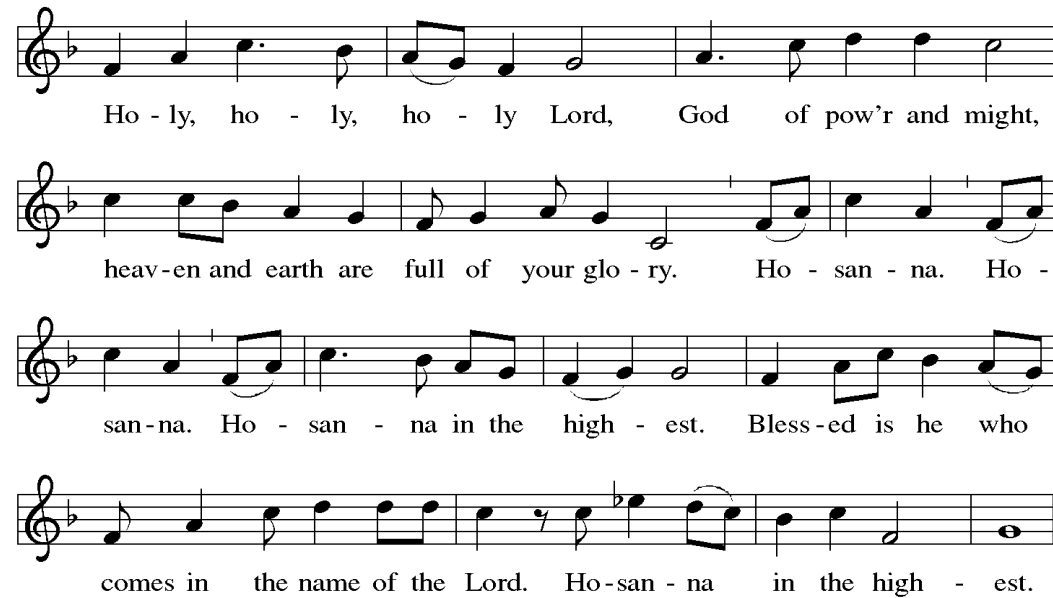
**Amen.**



## 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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, Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, 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

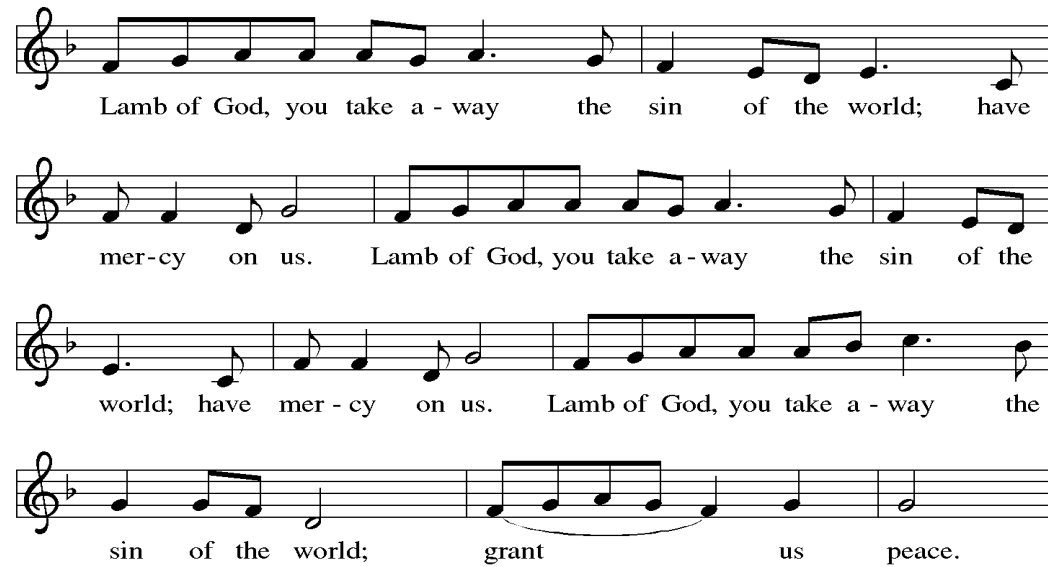
Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come, taste and see!  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*

### Baba Yetu

**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.**

**Our  
Father**



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.

### The Holy Communion

*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)*

***Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.***

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





## The Communion Blessing

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

**Amen.**

*After all have returned to their places, we stand.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Generous God,  
**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.**  
**As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,**  
**now make us one loaf to feed the world;**  
**in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.**  
**Amen.**

### **Sending**

#### Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Dedication of New Burse and Veil for Communion

*We stand.*

**Sending Song:** "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

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## Dismissal

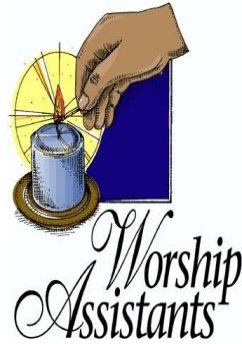
Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Marsha Howard</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Carolyn Hite</i>
	<i>Linda Meyer</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>David Proctor</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
	<i>Lee Lynch</i>



*Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God*

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*Sunday, March 24, 2024*

*Palm Sunday in Lent*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Psalms 31:9-16*

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Mark 14:1—15:47*





**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,

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Beth Ann Doerring**

**Janet Parmer**

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Charles List**, Nephew of the Bradys

**Gwen Ottinger**, Friend of the Radeckes

**Jolene Riddle**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Joyce Thomas**, Cousin of Linda Tomey

**Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Sharon Vorel**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Natalie Dodge**, Friend of the Almarodes and Amy Warren

**Barbara Eagle**, Sister of Nancy Schwiesow

**Roy and Flora Henderson**, Parents of Allison Fink

**Joe Keesee**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Beth Kite

**Carrie Peters**, Niece of Schwiesows

**Mary Etta Randolph**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family of Jack Crenshaw**, Friends of Betty Karol Wilson

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Amber Bokelman (3/18)**

**Raegan Van Bremen (3/19)**

**Caroline Biggers (3/21)**

**Minnie Moyer (3/22)**

**Mapendo Denis (3/22)**

**Frannie Knicely (3/24)**

### Prayers for the World

**For our Nation and Democracy, for our careful listening and seeking of God's guidance in our election process**

For Israel and the Palestinian people - For peace, for a cease-fire, for starving children and families, for those grieving hostages, and the violence of the conflict

**To cure "our warring madness...lest we miss God's Kingdom's goal" (see ELW 705)**

For our continued awareness and learning of being part of God's Creation, not merely users of it

**For the homeless in our community, and those in danger of losing housing, and the crisis of affordable housing both locally and nationwide**

### The Church

**For our downtown neighbors at St. John Episcopal, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Main Street United Methodist and The Prayer Room, as well as the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.**

For: New Pastors/new assignments in our VA Synod:

- Pastor Kristen Van Stee called to Zion, New Market (Daughter of Steve and Karen Van Stee)
- Pastor Elise Anderson, called to St. John, Abingdon
- Pastor Robin Feree, Vice-Pastor of Christ, Staunton
- Pastor Karen Van Stee, Vice-Pastor of Bethlehem, Waynesboro
- Pastor Rob McCarty, former Dean of the Southern Valley Conference, newly called to St. Luke, Mount Ulla, NC



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thank to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. To date, we have collected over **4,210** pounds of food (we have made **forty** deliveries, seventeen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).

At a First Sunday Fellowship in February, we heard a presentation from Adrienne and A. J. Young on the River City Bread Basket/ Lifeworks Project. This is a place for people who may not meet the qualifications for services to receive free food. Their goal is to serve everyone who enters the doors and those in Waynesboro's East End who are in walking distance to the pantry.

On Saturday, March 2, several Grace members toured the Bread Basket across from Christ Tabernacle. Several things that they don't receive often from donations or the food bank include condiments, such mayonnaise, mustard, catsup and salad dressings. Small sizes of these items are requested. We would like to add these to our food collection. There will be a box near the existing food box in the church office hallway for these items.



**Round Table Rescheduled** - Please note that Grace's Round Table meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**New Paraments!** Today, we dedicate a new burse and veil for the Scarlet paraments we use on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Thanks to Jean Morgan and our Worship and Music Committee for their attention to our worship and praise of God in many ways!



**Columbarium Niches Available!** - thanks to Brad Keefer and Ron Almarode's presentation at First Sunday Fellowship, we learned the cost of burial and expenses of our final resting place in this area. Grace's Columbarium offers a beautiful space as well as a greatly reduced cost compared to other options. Prices will go up this Summer compared to current pricing (\$2,250). Consider your final plans now, and the Grace Columbarium.



**Easter Breakfast**—Grace will be hosting an Easter Breakfast March 31st, after the 8:30 a.m. service! We will have such a joyous and exciting time of congregational fellowship celebrating the promises of our Lord. Please sign up on the sheet in the Nave to join us for this wonderful celebration of fellowship and celebration.



**New Website for Grace** - We are excited to present a new updated website for Grace: [gelcwaynesboro.org](http://gelcwaynesboro.org). And we're thankful to Roger Gonzalez, who has extensive experience with media and technology, who is helping Grace to maintain its site on a regular basis. Take a look, and use the website for regular updates, calendar, announcements, etc.



**The All God's Children group** will begin a discussion of *Poverty in America* by Matthew Desmond March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Conference Room. All are welcome! (And, remember the Foundation of Hope Exhibit at Waynesboro Heritage Museum about Waynesboro's Rosenwald School is still open.)



Altar Flowers

**Flowers, Holy Week and Every Week** - Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, that God has created a very good world for us to live in. On Easter, we fill the worship space with flowers to celebrate and give thanks for God's Grace shown in Jesus' death and resurrection. Take part in celebrating God's great love for us, *and* give thanks for loved ones, both those who have gone before us as well as those who accompany us along life's way! We need your help, sign up today!



Virginia Lutherans  
Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Synod Assembly is in April - Online!** - The Virginia Synod Assembly is a yearly event in which we learn about the Ministry of our Synod. We also learn about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and tend to necessary business - such as electing delegates to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2025. *We need two (2) delegates to attend the four-hour, completely ONLINE Assembly being held Saturday, April 27th.* Please let Pastor, Council President Robin Crowder, or the Church Office know if you are interested, or would like more information.

## The Season of Lent

Lent is a time of discipline, preparation and prayer. In addition to Sunday Worship, we offer the following:

### Wednesdays in Lent

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory - We have a rich tradition of the Saints over the 2000 Years of the Church, and find inspiration in their witness to Jesus Christ over history.*

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - Bethlehem Lutheran Church** — “Dying and Rising with Christ”-  
*Hans Nielsen Hauge, John Donne* – 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, 10:15am - *Ecumenical Gathering on Grace's Front Lawn - This year after we process and continue worship at Grace, we will NOT have the Passion Reading, inviting you to experience the journey to the cross through Mark's Passion of Jesus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.*

**Maundy Thursday** – We join the disciples and Jesus in the upper room; Holy Communion, and Forgiveness are a part of worship on this first worship service of the Great Three Days, as is the Stripping of the Altar. **10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.**

**Good Friday** – It is here that we hear the Passion of our Lord in its fullness. This year, *Pastor Mark Radecke* shares his gift of telling Mark's Gospel story of Jesus' Passion from memory. This powerful telling, and our prayers before the Cross, lead us to the heart of our Salvation story.  
**7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.**

**Easter Vigil** – Meeting at sundown, which is traditionally the beginning of the new day in the Hebrew tradition, we tell stories of God's deliverance and salvation. And then we discover that God's deliverance and salvation is not only historical, but present today in the crucified and risen Jesus!  
**7:00 p.m. in front of Grace!**

**Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord**, is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are THREE opportunities to celebrate the Resurrection:

Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ has welcomed us to a Sunrise Service on the front lawn of Fairfax Hall, across from their church building. We'll meet at **6:45am** to greet the dawning of our salvation!

We celebrate The Resurrection of our Lord at our traditional times of **8:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.**  
With Special music by our Adult Choir.

We enjoy Easter Breakfast together between the services – fellowship and joy together on this Day of Days!



March 17-24, 2024

Day of Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday 	03/17	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School
Tuesday	03/19	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Church Council (Conference Room & Zoom)
Wednesday	03/20	10:00 a.m. 10:00—3:30 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Encircle (Fellowship Hall) Grace Women's Book Group (Stella Bella & Lucy's) Soup Supper - Bethlehem Lenten Worship - Bethlehem Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice
Thursday	03/21	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall) Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Saturday	03/23	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	03/24	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion Ecumenical Gathering Prior to Worship on Grace's front lawn Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School



<p><b>Monday</b>  Exodus 4:10-20, 27-31  1 Corinthians 14:1-19  Mark 9:42-50  Morning Psalm 119:73-80, Evening 121</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>  Exodus 7:25—8:19  2 Corinthians 3:7-18  Mark 10:17-31  Morning Psalm 27, Evening 126</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b>  Exodus 5:1—6:1  1 Corinthians 14:20-33a, 39-40  Mark 9:42-50  Morning Psalm 34, Evening 25</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>  Exodus 9:13-35  2 Corinthians 4:1-12  Mark 10:32-45  Morning Psalm 22, Evening 105</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>  Exodus 7:8-24  2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6  Mark 10:1-16  Morning Psalm 5 , Evening 27</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b>  Exodus 10:21—11:8  2 Corinthians 4:13-18  Mark 10:46-52  Morning Psalm 43, Evening 31</p>



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