

First Sunday in Lent

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

March 1, 2020

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

HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on ELW 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 then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us 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.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Temple Talk: Grace Mission Endowment Fund

David Schwiesow

Prelude: "Adagio"

Walczynski

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for u s, 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 the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Gathering Song: *“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”*

Hymn #319, Page 4

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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Greeting:

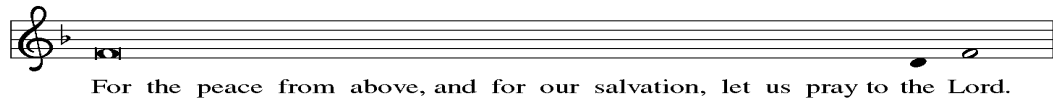
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



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



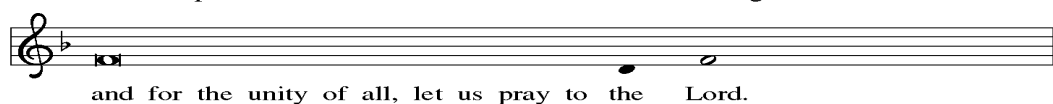
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



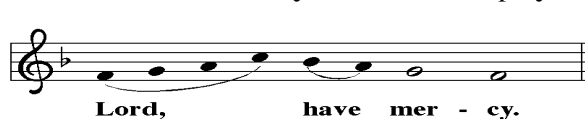
Lord, have mer - cy.



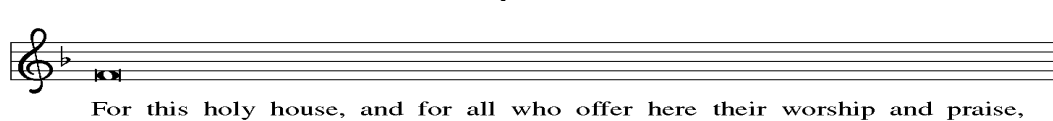
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



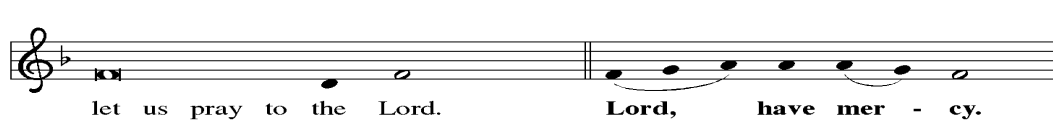
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



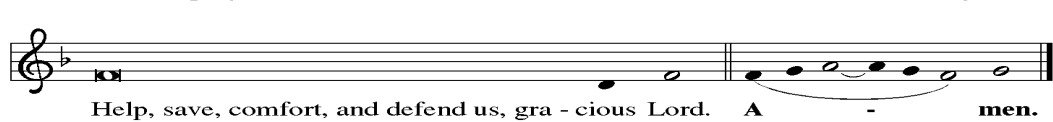
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis:

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 32

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

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

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

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

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

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt
of my sin.

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

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts
of deliverance.

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

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

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

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

A reading from Romans:

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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.

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Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Children’s 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.

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

Hymn #325, Page 10

Apostle’s 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.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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

(The offering is gathered by the ushers. Please place visitor cards in the offering plate)

Anthem: "Contemplation of the Cross"

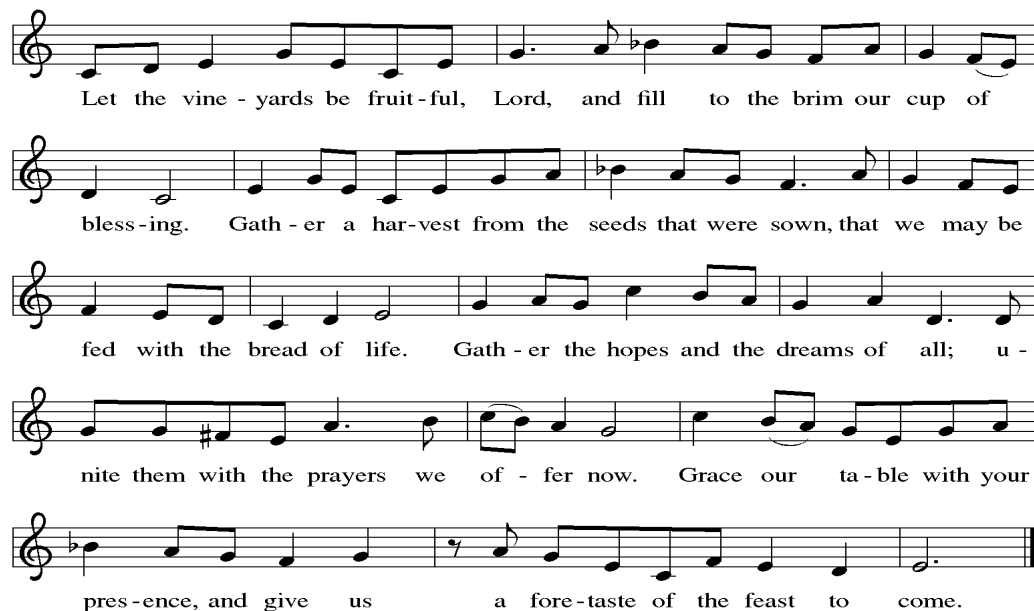
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*The congregation **stands***

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

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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

God's love is poured out in Christ for you.
Open yourselves to receive it.

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.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:

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

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Hymn #326, Page 17

"As the Sun With Longer Journey"

Hymn #329, Page 18

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Hymn #607, Page 19

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,
search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.
we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.
as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Come, Ye Disconsolate

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
 Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

*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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Sending Song: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Hymn #618, Page 21

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God

Postlude: "Allegretto"

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er-more, ev - er-more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er-more, ev - er-more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Joe Ranzini</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Tripp Franklin and Mike Trauscht</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Marge Cloutier, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan, Marlene Shaw</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady and Bob Shumate</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Amelia Jones</i>
<i>Cup Gatherer:</i>	<i>Charlotte Jones</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Nursery Caregivers:</i>	<i>Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman</i>
<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Bob and Carol Knemoller</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Linda Meyer</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given by
Bob and Carol Knemoller to the Glory of God
and in memory of their son, Robert*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 8

Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Reverend Cynthia Long

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

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 (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Pete Giesen

Bob Moyer

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

Ernie Campbell, Sr., Friend of Tomeys

Lou Cary, Friend of the Hites

Tommy Harvey, Friend of Several Members

Ron Denney, Friend of Brian Lundstrom & Other Members

Mike Huff, Brother of Donna Gum

Ellen Moyer, Sister, Sister-in-Law of Moyers

Maggie Pennington, Friend of Beth Ann Doerring

Sean Ryan, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Richard Smith, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Tamara Stevens, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Susan Struble, Friend of Myers

Members/Friends Celebrating (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

David and Vivian Proctor's Prayers were answered for their daughter,
Krista Traynor and Her Family

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-in-Law

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Connie Mora, Friend of the Tomeys

Family of Fred Moyer, Brother and Brother-in-Law of Moyers

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Dave Shields

Isabelle Bokelman

Ernestine Moomaw

Cynthia Long

Richard Bump

Robert Shaw

The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak in China and elsewhere

Our care of God's Creation

Our military and first responders

The Church

Unity of Christ's Church in Jesus Christ
alone

**Our friends in the United Methodist
Church**

WARM Cold Weather Shelter

LENT

This year, note the following additions to the Lenten Season:

- This year's Lenten worship focus will be the Old Testament lessons of Lent; the Sunday Old Testament readings will be the focus of the following Wednesday's Lenten worship
- The Rev. Kelly Bayer-Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop will join us Sunday, March 15th to preach and offer a presentation of appreciation for Grace's many year hosting of ACTS (Ambassadors Community for Theological Study)
- Holy Week worship services will feature participation and presentations from our children and youth.

See the schedule for Lent and Holy Week on the following pages, and join the journey with our Lord Jesus to new life for you and me through his death and resurrection!

Wednesday, March 4

Noon	Saint John the Evangelist Catholic	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
6:00 p.m.	Zion Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	297 Zion Church Rd	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 8

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Second Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 11

Noon	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
6:00 p.m.	St. James Lutheran	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	320 St James Road, Fishersville	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 15

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer-Derrick preaching	Third Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 18

Noon	First Presbyterian Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 22

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fourth Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 25

Noon	First Baptist Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 29

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fifth Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, April 1

Noon	Main Street United Methodist	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
6:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	1148 Ladd Road	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Announcements



Funding is available for distribution during 2020 from our **Mission Endowment Fund**. Ministry categories are: Christian Education, Seminary/Missionary Education, Social Ministry, Disaster Relief, Alleviating Hunger, Special Music and The Grace Fund (*undesignated category*). Any member of our congregation is encouraged to submit grant requests to Grace Council. Information and forms are available in the back of the Nave. You can submit your request by placing it in the offering plate, giving it to a Council member or turning it into the Church Office. **Requests need to be submitted by Sunday, March 15.** Grace Council will review proposals in March 17 to select the grants. Please see the Request Grant Form.



Baptismal Font Proposed Design available for Review in March - Over the past year, Joan Ranzini, Pastor Paul and Council have proposed and reviewed design ideas for a Proposed Font that honors the original design of the Baptismal Font while allowing for a larger amount of water to be available for Baptisms. The Proposed Design will be available for Grace Congregation review during the month of March. Review Forms, plus an explanatory form for the Font Design will be available beginning today, March 1st. *Your input is important!* Please make comment using the available Review Form, and place in the offering plate or box on the table in the narthex.



Virginia Synod Assembly Delegates - Synod Assembly will be Friday, June 12th at Noon - Saturday June 13th at Noon, a "24 hour" event. Grace Evangelical Lutheran receives three delegates, and we need two more delegates (one has been approved by Council at its last meeting). Grace pays for the Assembly fees, plus overnight accommodations; as a delegate, you hear a nationally-known speaker, as well as great worship, and, with a one day format, interesting and informative snapshots of the life of the Church in Virginia. The Theme for this year's Assembly is **Faithful. Bold.**

Serving. Call the Church Office or Pastor Paul if you are interested or have questions.



Retreat

Pastor Paul on Spiritual Retreat in March - The week of March 1st, Pastor Paul will be at Richmond Hill Retreat Center in Richmond, VA for a Spiritual Retreat. The funds generously given by Grace congregation in honor of his 25th anniversary of ordained ministry will be used to help fund this Retreat. Please keep Pastor Paul in prayer as his retreat begins Tuesday, March 3rd,

through Sunday, March 8th.



We have **RE-SCHEDULED** the informational presentation by **Thrivent Action Team** presenters for Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Dessert will be served!) The presentation is open to all congregational members that

Announcements



Children's Program during Holy Week - Correspondence was sent out by email to parents of Children and Youth, asking them about participating in either a Maundy Thursday or Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) program to present God's Word in a creative way during Worship. There's a sign-up on the back table. Please sign up if your child (or grandchild) is able to take part.



Kudos to Our Confirmands

Confirmands, Mentors and Grace Children Help Blue Ridge Food Bank! Starting today, Grace's Confirmands, their Mentors and other children from Grace will head out to local grocery stores to purchase food and other requested merchandise for the Blue Ridge Food Bank! They be using the funds collected from last year AND this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a great hands-on way to learn about hunger, what it takes to feed hungry families, and how God uses us to be a blessing to those in need!



Virginia Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering is at the Roslyn Retreat Center Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, 2020. If interested, information and application forms are on the round table in the back of the church.



Free Tax Preparation assistance - is available to those with a household income of \$56,000 or less. There are four locations to receive assistance in our area; see the bulletin boards outside the church office or in the hallway to the seminar room.




In Concert

Music Concerts Galore Available in February and March! Check out your Newsletter next Sunday (or email or website) for three wonderful opportunities to enjoy music in our area in March:

Bach Around the Clock at *Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton* - our brothers and sisters invite you to a whole day and evening of music concerts on Bach's Birthday, Saturday, March 21st, beginning at 9 a.m., with concerts hourly through a 7:30 p.m. choral concert featuring the singing of Bach's very first Cantata! Many different artists and wonderful experiences are available throughout the day. See Grace Notes or Grace's website for details.

Lenoir Rhyne Choir and Brass Ensemble at *Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg* - This nationally recognized choir from one of our Lutheran universities in North Carolina performs Sunday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Life of Grace Church
March 1-8, 2020**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	03/01	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Shenandoah Youth Project Meeting (Conference Room)
Monday	03/02	6:30 p.m.	Book Study (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	03/03	9:30 a.m.	Pastor—Spiritual Retreat Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/04	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor—Spiritual Retreat No Bible Study Office On Youth (Seminar Room) Zion Lutheran Season of Lent Soup Supper Zion Lutheran Season of Lent Worship Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	03/05	8:30 a.m. 12:30-2:30 p.m.	Pastor—Spiritual Retreat Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall) No Bible Study
Friday	03/06		Pastor—Spiritual Retreat
Saturday	03/07		 Pastor—Spiritual Retreat Daylight Savings Time Starts
Sunday	03/08	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Pastor—Spiritual Retreat Sunday School Worship Choir Second Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Reverend Cynthia Long, Preaching and Presiding

<p>Monday Proverbs 10:1-12 2 Timothy 1:15—2:13 John 12:27-36a</p>	<p>Daily Lectionary</p>	<p>Thursday Proverbs 21:30—22:6 2 Timothy 4:1-8 John 13:21-30</p>
<p>Tuesday Proverbs 15:16-33 2 Timothy 2:14-26 John 12:36b-50</p>		<p>Friday Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2 2 Timothy 4:9-22 John 13:31-38</p>
<p>Wednesday Proverbs 17:1-20 2 Timothy 3:1-17 John 13:1-20</p>		<p>Saturday Proverbs 25:15-28 Philippians 1:1-11 John 18:1-4</p>



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Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



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

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