



*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*March 10, 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: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

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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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9**

A reading from Numbers:

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

<sup>18</sup>they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup>**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;**

<sup>20</sup>he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

<sup>22</sup>And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
**and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**



## **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

A reading from Ephesians::

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### **Gospel Acclamation**



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 3:14-21**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

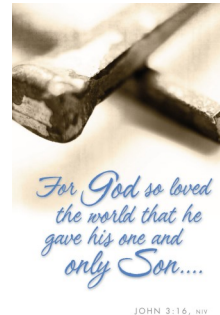
<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

*The congregation is seated.*



**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

*The congregation stands.*

#### 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, B-flat3, 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 B4. 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 C5, followed by quarter notes B4, A4, and G4. The bass staff concludes with its accompaniment.

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.

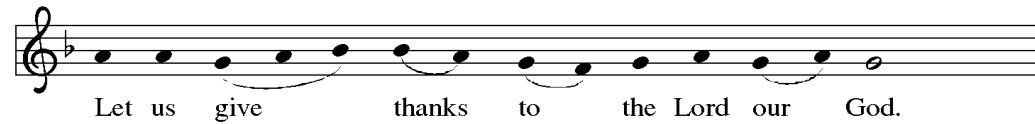
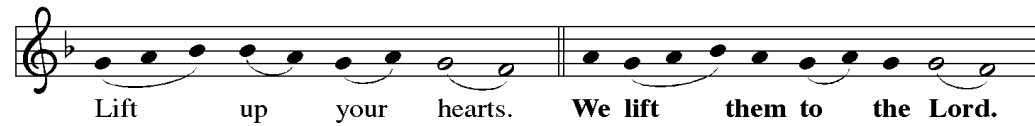
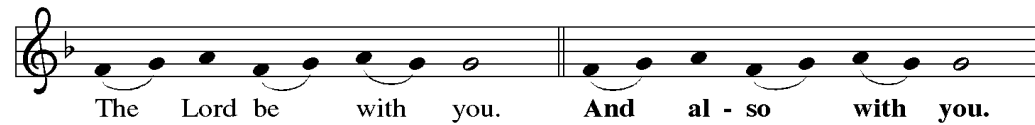
Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**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.**

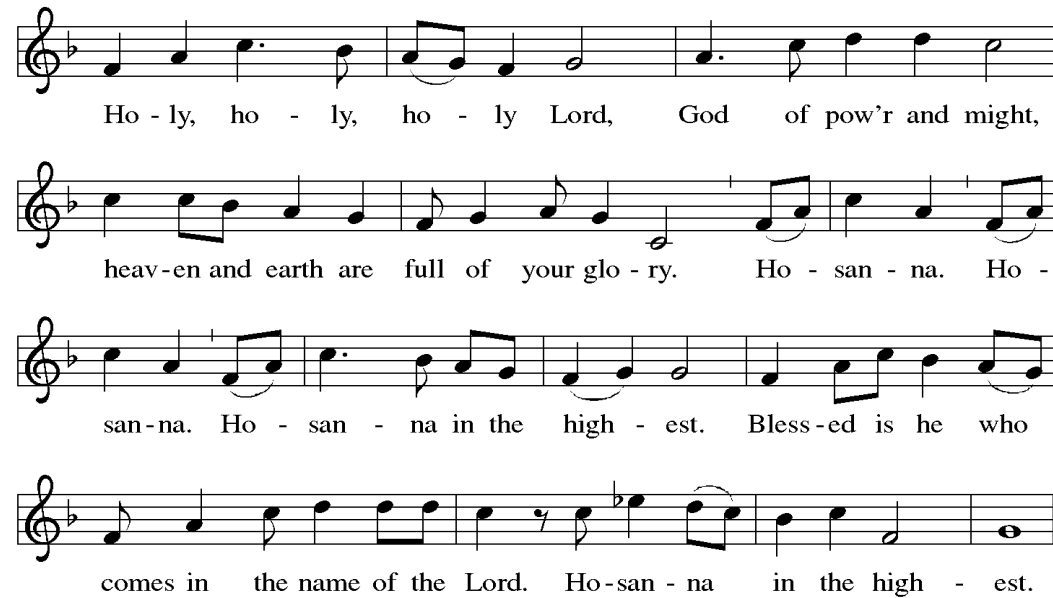
**Amen.**



## 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

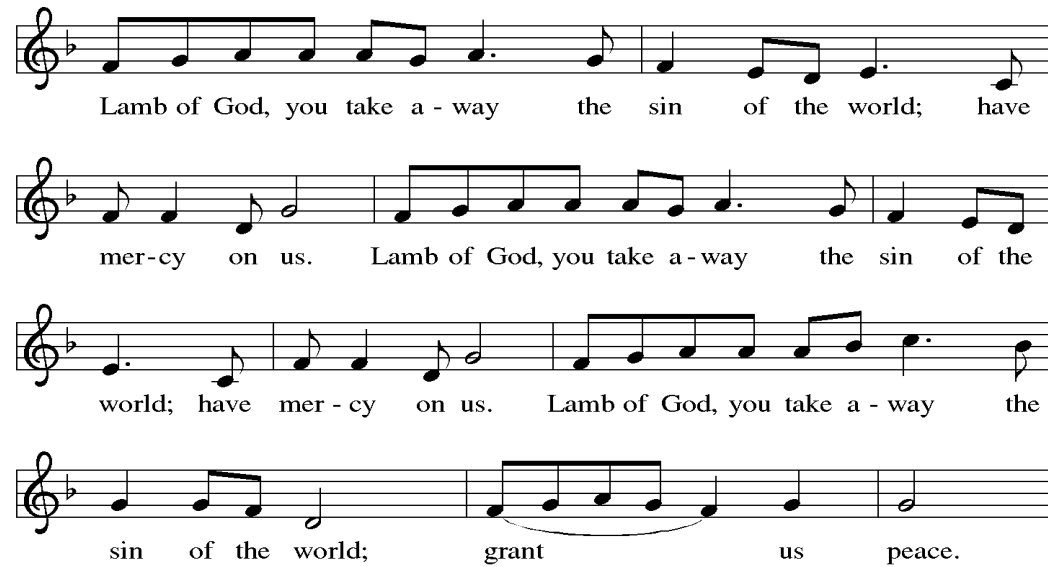
Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come, taste and see!  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

### 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, the congregation stands.*

### 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.**

Sending Song: *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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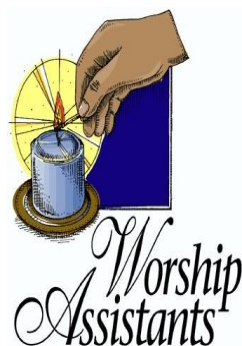
### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude



*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



*Altar Flowers:* *Open*  
*Altar Guild:* *Jim and Gloria Nelson*  
*Assisting Minister:* *Linda Meyer*  
*Communion Assistants:* *Andrew Sell*  
*Lew Yobs*  
*Council Person of the Week:* *Robin Crowder*  
*Offering Stewards:* *Pat Brady*  
*Jean Morgan*  
*Ushers:* *Karen Walck*  
*Rew Walck*



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



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*Sunday, March 17, 2024*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Psalm 51:1-12*

*Hebrews 5:5-10*

*John 12:20-33*



**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)**

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

**Barbara Eagle**, Sister of Nancy Schwiesow

**Martha Hepler**, Friend of Deloris Wertman

**Charles List**, Nephew of the Bradys

**Gwen Ottinger**, Friend of the Radeckes

**Jolene Riddle**, Friend of Donna Gum

**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

**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**

**Thea Franklin (3/10)**

**Nancy Schwiesow (3/11)**

**Kaitlyn Hull (3/11)**

**Sarah Kite (3/12)**

**Kate Lynch (3/12)**

**Marsha Howard (3/12)**

**Owen Keefer (3/16)**

**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 your Kingdom's goal" (see ELW 705)**

For our continued awareness and learning of being par t 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



**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.



**New Paraments!** Next Sunday we will 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 Worship Committee for their attention to our worship and praise of God in many ways!



**New Website for Grace** - We are excited to present a new updated website For Grace: [gelc.waynesboro.wordpress.com](http://gelc.waynesboro.wordpress.com)! 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** completed their discussion of *A Fever in the Heartland* in February. They will begin a discussion of *Poverty in America* by Matthew Desmond in March. In addition, they will go individually to the Waynesboro Heritage Museum to view the *Foundations of Hope* exhibit, celebrating Waynesboro's Rosenwald School and its community. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 420 West Main Street. The group will discuss their impressions of the exhibit at our March 11 meeting (7:00 p.m. in the Grace Conference Room). All are welcome.



**Mission Endowment Fund Grants**— Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, encourages us to "practice our righteousness" in our daily walk of Faith. One way *you* can practice is to prayerfully propose the use of our Mission Endowment Funds to be used as a blessing in our community, country and world. Grant Information and applications are located on the table in the Nave. **Applications are due by THIS Wednesday, March 13.**



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!



**Bach Around the Clock, March 16, at Christ Lutheran Church, Staunton** – A twelve-hour extravaganza of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach will be held on March 16, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church, 2807 North Augusta Street, Staunton. This daylong free program is presented in partnership with the Heifetz International Music Institute. From 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. superb performers will play and sing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Piano, Viola, pipe organ and solo and choral works by world-renowned performers fill the schedule, as well as a Bach For Kids program. The hourly schedule as well as a digital program is available at: [heifetzinstitute.org/event/bach-around-the-clock-2024-free/](http://heifetzinstitute.org/event/bach-around-the-clock-2024-free/). The event is free!

# Happy Easter



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> - Grace Lutheran** — “Striving for Justice” – Joseph, Oscar Romero (Matthew 2) - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship

**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

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, 10:15 a.m. Ecumenical Gathering Prior to Worship on Grace’s front lawn.

**Mundy 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!

Day of Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	03/10	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	  Daylight Savings Time Adult Sunday School Fourth Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School Youth National Gathering Meeting Youth Ecumenical Event
Monday	03/11	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving & Memorial Fund Meeting (Conf. Room) All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	03/12	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	School Backpacking (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel) Soup Supper - Grace Lenten Worship - Grace Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice
Thursday	03/14	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Friday	03/15	All Day	VA Synod (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	03/16	All Day 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	VA Synod (Fellowship Hall) - <i>Bishops' Day</i> Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (North Park) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	03/17	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	  Adult Sunday School Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School



<p><b>Monday</b>            Genesis 49:1-28            1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1            Mark 7:24-37            Morning Psalm 145, Evening 6</p>		<p><b>Thursday</b>            Exodus 1:6-22            1 Corinthians 12:12-26            Mark 8:27-9:1            Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 102</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b>            Genesis 49:29-50:14            1 Corinthians 11:2-34            Mark 8:1-10            Morning Psalm 146, Evening 91</p>		<p><b>Friday</b>            Exodus 2:1-22            1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3            Mark 9:2-13            Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>            Genesis 50:15-26            1 Corinthians 12:1-11            Mark 8:11-26            Morning Psalm 147:1-12 , Evening 51</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b>            Exodus 2:23-3:15            1 Corinthians 13:1-13            Mark 9:14-29            Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114</p>



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