



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

*March 6, 2022*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

## Holy Communion

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three  
Congregational responses are in bold print

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. 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.*

*We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.*

*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 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:

**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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,**

**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,**

**assure us again of your love,**

**and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,

and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again

and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

## **Prelude**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

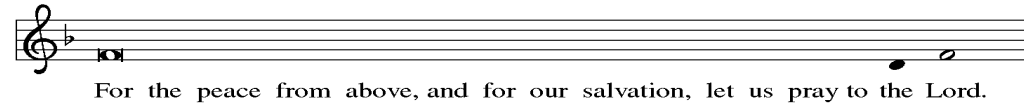
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

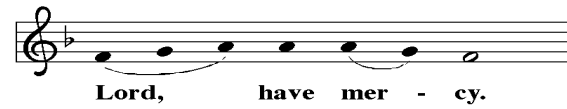
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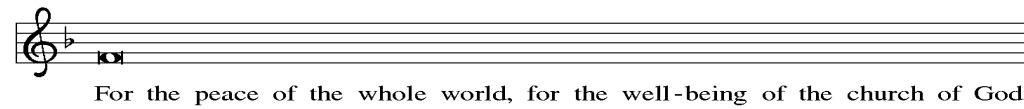
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



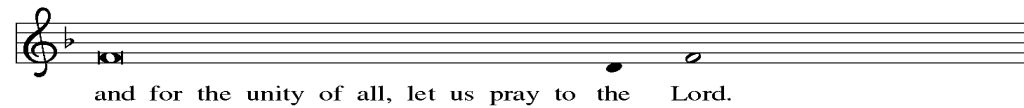
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



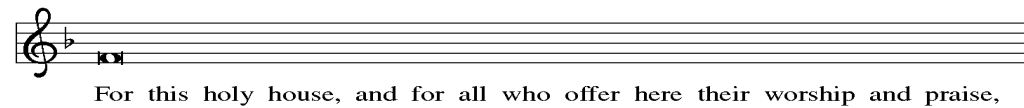
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



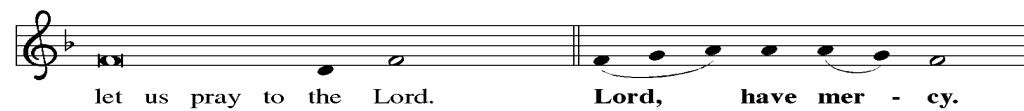
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



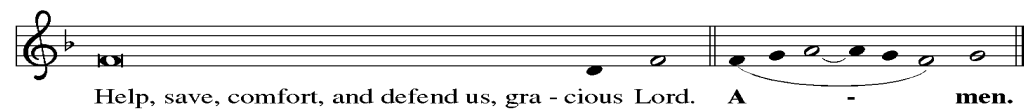
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.*

God of new life,

As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life, leaving in the grave all that prevents us from loving you fully.

**Amen.**

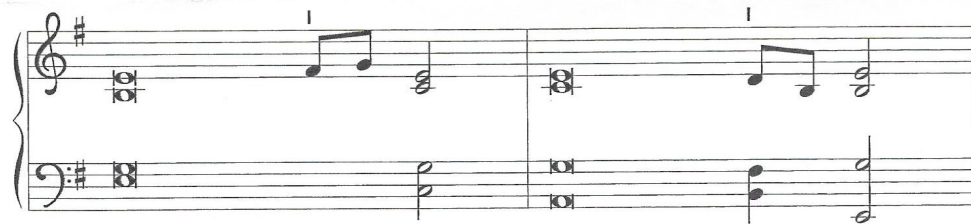
*The congregation is seated.*

Word

## Psalm 104:27-30

*Cantor sings odd verses; congregation sings even verses.*

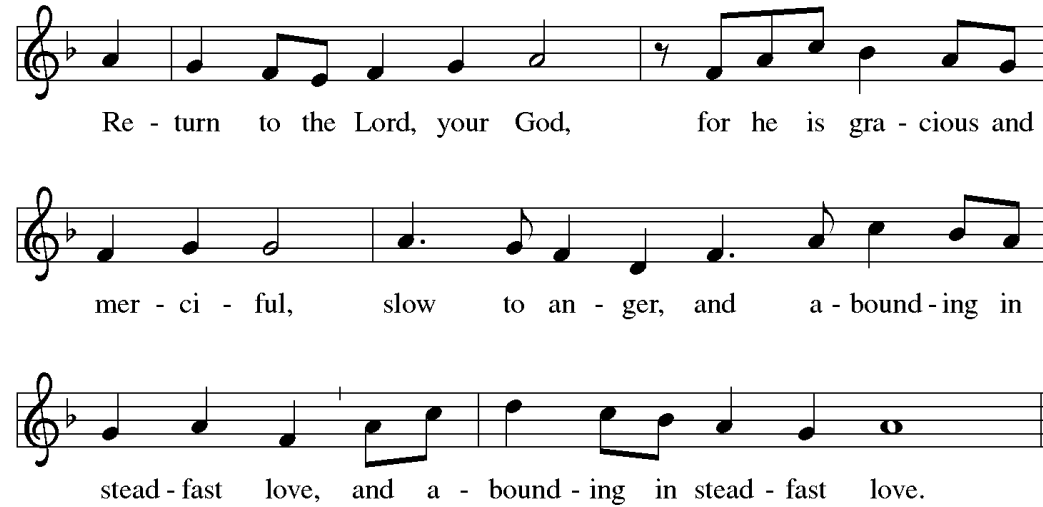
Tone 8



<sup>27</sup>These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

*Congregation stands*

**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 11:1-44**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.  
<sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

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<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

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<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

*The congregation is seated*

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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

**Hymn of the Day:** "I Am the Bread of Life"

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# I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

*Refrain*  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6  
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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### **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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

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

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**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 remains standing as able.*

### Offering

*During this transitional time of Covid, the Offering is collected in the narthex (back of the worship space) as you enter the building prior to worship. An offering plate is on a table for your use.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)*

### Offertory

*The congregation stands*

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

## 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 vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line 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 vocal and bass lines. The vocal line features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line continues with chords and single notes.

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

The third system continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line continues with chords and single notes.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line continues with chords and single notes, ending 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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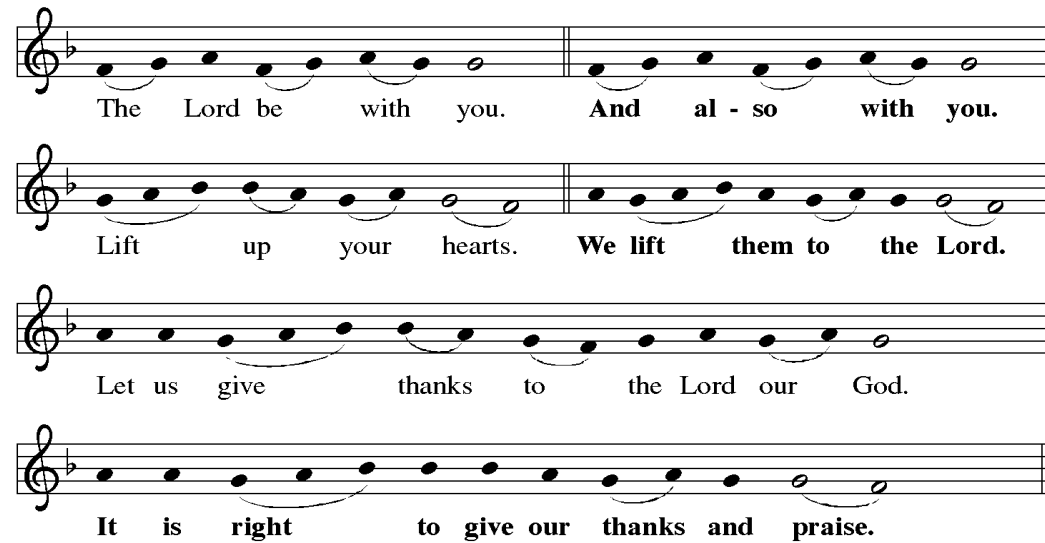
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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving



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

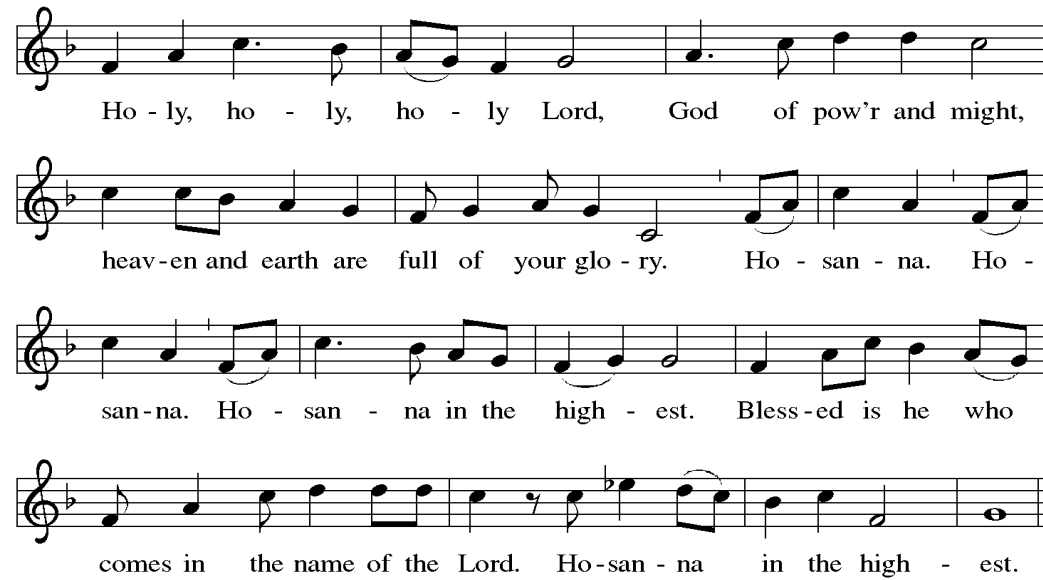
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

Here is food and drink for the journey.

Take and be filled.

**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)*

*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.**



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.

*After the Holy Communion concludes, 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.

**Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.  
Amen**

**Sending**

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.*

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**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
✝ bless you this day and always.  
**Amen**

**Sending Song:** *“The Glory of These Forty Days”*

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**The Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
**Thanks be to God.**

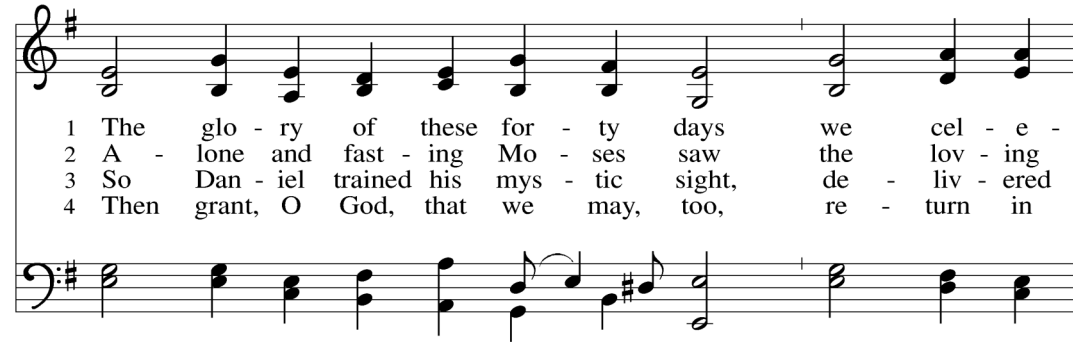
**Postlude**

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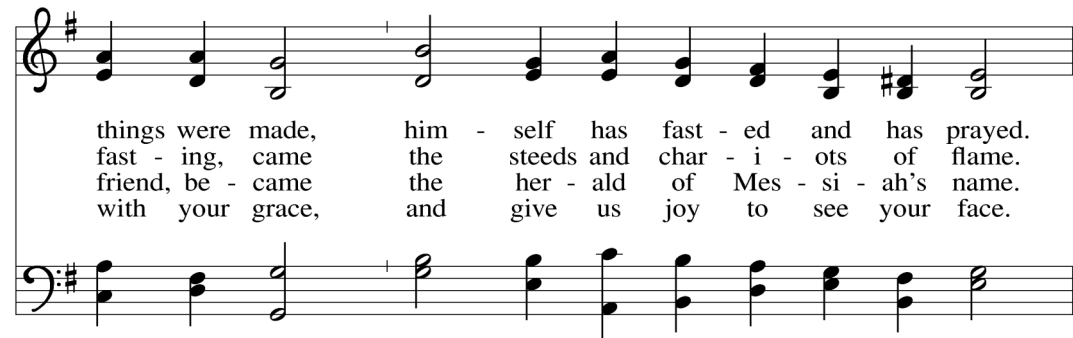
## The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

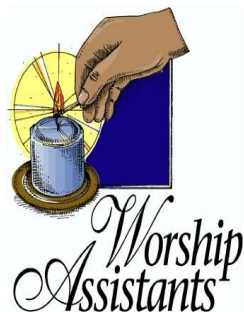


things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
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## Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<i>Open</i>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<i>Susan Myers</i>
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	<i>Ron Almarode</i> <i>Cathy Crowder</i>
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	<i>Bob Barrette</i>
<b>Covid Monitor:</b>	<i>Jill Pingel</i>
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Robin Crowder</i>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<i>Karen Walck</i> <i>Rew Walck</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are  
given to the glory of God*



*Preparing for Easter*

### Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday in Lent

**Service of Holy Communion  
And via You Tube**

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  
Psalm 51:7-12  
John 13:1-17



**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 Need for Prayer" list.

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

**Barb Susen**

**Dick Tomey**

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

**Dale Ayers**, Friend of Dick and Linda Tomey

**Lisa Barmore**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Talika Biggs**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Jane Brown**, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Mary Sedgewick**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

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

**Sharon McCarthy** is grateful to God and the wonderful people of Grace to have received a positive prognosis , Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)**

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Marie Brown**

**Sandra R. Hoy**

**Bob Knemoller**

**Janet Parmer**

**Fred Brower**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**

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

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace  
**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative  
**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife  
**Darren Graf**, Son of Woody and Irma Graf  
**Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump  
**Sandy Higgs**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
**Joshua Horn**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
**George Toop**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Marian Awkard**, Mother of Lisa Barmore, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

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

**Berenice Archambeault**  
**Nancy Schwiesow**  
**Sarah Kite**  
**Thea Franklin**  
**Kaitlyn Hull**  
**Katie Lynch**

**The Needs of the World**

**The Russia/Ukraine conflict and victims of war**

The epidemic of shootings in our nation—  
Bridgewater, Blacksburg — 25  
this year alone

**Our nation and democracy and seeking the common good**

Covid-19—our patience and vigilance at a  
time of weariness

**Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million at risk**

**The Church**

**Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the Community**

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Tree Streets



**The Season of Lent** - The glory of the new life we have in Jesus Christ, the truth that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," and the joy of Easter and the resurrection, CANNOT be understood fully apart from the journey of Lent, which brings us to Jesus on the cross. You are invited to participate in the full story of Jesus' death and resurrection, which is our Lenten journey:

### **Wednesdays in Lent** -

We join with our friends at Bethlehem, St. James and Zion Lutheran Churches for joint worship, using well-known Lutheran author and scholar Walter Wangerin's Lenten devotional "Reliving the Passion" as our guide (*note that Soup Suppers will ONLY be held at St. James prior to worship*):

**March 9th** - *Bethany and Jerusalem* - Mark 14:1-9 - at Grace - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Paul preaching

**March 16th** - *Gethsemane* - Mark 14:32-42 - at St. James - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Carl Trost preaching

**March 23rd** - *The High Priest's House* - Mark 14:65, John 3:19-20 - at St. James - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Gordon Putnam preaching

**March 30th** - *The Praetorium* - Mark 15:11-15 - at Bethlehem - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Karen Taylor preaching

**April 6th** - *Golgotha and the Garden of Tombs* - Mark 15:29-31, 42-43 - at Zion - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Wes Smith preaching



**All God's Children Book Study**—Starting tomorrow evening, the All God's Children—No One Lesser Than—Group will be taking part in a Book Study, reading [A Knock at Midnight](#), by Brittany Barnett. You are invited to take part first and third Monday evenings via Zoom. The All God's Children

Group seeks to be faithful to the movement of God's Spirit (which began at Pentecost!) in the early Church to recognize that no one is "lesser than" in the eyes of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Contact Linda Meyer (540-256-2277) if you have any questions or would like the Zoom Link.



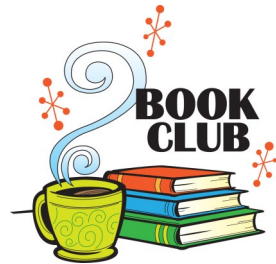
## Worship WITH US

### Welcome to Worship!

- We continue to mask and distance, and remain mindful of each other's health and safety when we gather, and share in fellowship.
- Please mute, silence or turn your cell phone off prior to worship, to help you to hear the Word, share in God's Grace, and give God your praise.

## ADULT Sunday School

**New Adult Sunday School Class!** A new class will begin on Sunday, March 6th, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a study of the Gospel of John using the Book of Faith materials from the ELCA. Please contact the church office or use the sheet in the narthex to sign up so we can have enough books on hand. For questions call or text the facilitator Pastor Karen Van Stee at 540.325.0736.



**A Book Group for Women**—A new women's book group will be starting in March. At first, because of COVID, we will be meeting on Zoom, with the hope of in person meetings in the future. Our first book is *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. All women are welcome to join us for a casual hour of book discussion and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Bump-kcbump0621@gmail.com.



**Ushers Bringing Our Offerings Forward**—Beginning the first Sunday of Lent, ushers will bring the Offerings placed in the Offering plate (in the narthex as you enter the church building) to the front of the worship space during the Offertory. There we will offer them before our Lord God in thanksgiving for what God has first given to us, before placing them on the Offering stand in front of the Lectern. This resumes a long-standing portion of our worship liturgy that stopped at the beginning of Covid two years ago.



**Youth Service Group Meets March 20th!** We join with our friends at First Baptist, St. John Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic and Westminster Presbyterian to give service to Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM), our local Homeless Ministry. We will meet at the WARM House on Fairfax Avenue Sunday, March 20th at 2pm, with help needed at the WARM House as well as to serve those in need at the Cold Weather Shelter.



**Bach Around the Clock - Christ Lutheran, Staunton** is hosting a 12-hour musical event, "Bach Around the Clock" on Saturday, March 19th from 9am - 9pm. Local as well as nationally known musicians will be presenting J.S. Bach works, with an early evening organ concert from Internationally recognized composer, conductor and organist Balint Karosi, and a concluding choral concert featuring two Bach Cantatas (#s12 and 140). Check the BATC Facebook page for a full schedule a week before the concert.







**Covid At Home Tests Available to Your Door** - the Federal Government has made Covid at-home rapid tests available to you by mail. You can order up to four tests for your household at [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov)



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made twenty-four deliveries thus far, eleven to Main Street United Methodist, and thirteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over a 2400 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**March 6-13, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
	03/06	9:00 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching</b>  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		10:00 a.m.	
			
10:50 a.m.			
Monday	03/07	7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Book Study</b>
Wednesday	03/09	9:00 a.m.	<b>Backpacks</b> (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Season of Lent Evening Prayer</b> (Grace)
Thursday	03/10	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room and Zoom)
		Noon	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	<b>CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</b>
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room and Zoom)
Saturday	03/12	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	03/13	9:00 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching</b>  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		10:00 a.m.	
			
10:50 a.m.			

