

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*March 3, 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: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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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.*

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17**

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

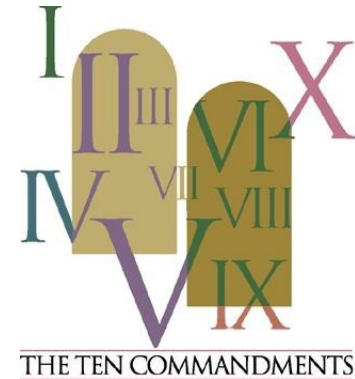
<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

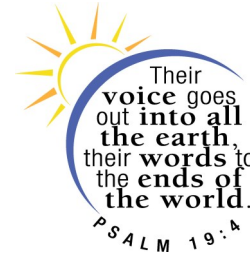
<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 19**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup>**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



**Gospel Acclamation**

*The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Gospel: John 2:13-22**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.*

**Hymn of the Day:** "Canticle of the Turning"

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## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father,  
and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la R`oho 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.

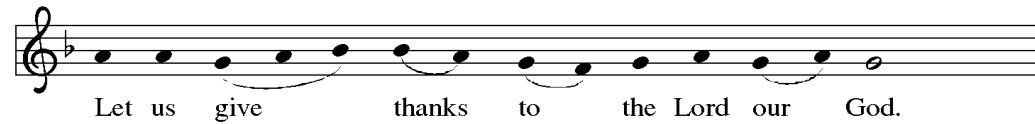
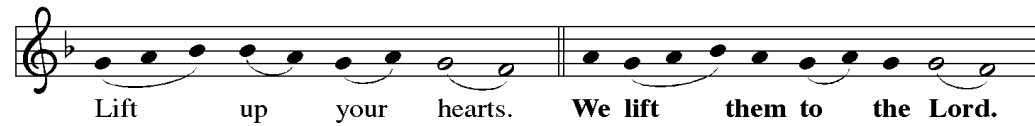
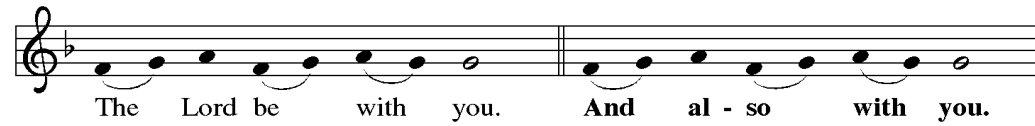
Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**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.**



**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

## 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.**



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**

*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**

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:** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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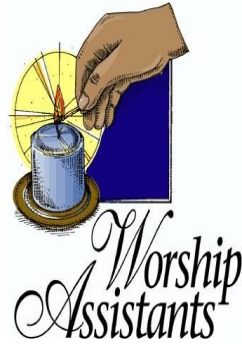
**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**



*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



*Altar Flowers:*

*Deloris Wertman*

*Altar Guild:*

*Jean Morgan*

*Assisting Minister:*

*Robin Crowder*

*Communion Assistants:*

*Carolyn Hite*

*Linda Meyer*

*Council Person of the Week:*

*Donna Yobs*

*Offering Stewards:*

*Pat Brady*

*Robin Crowder*

*Ushers:*

*Pat Brady*

*Jean Morgan*



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

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*Sunday, March 10, 2024*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Numbers 21:4-9*

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

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

*John 3:14-21*





*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)**

**Martha Hepler**, Friend of Deloris Wertman

**Charles List**, Nephew of the Bradys

**Gwen Ottinger**, Friend of the Radeckes

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

**50th Wedding Anniversary of Charlie and Betty Karol Wilson**

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

**Emily Almarode**

**Genevieve Arneson**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Chuck Goodrich**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn Myers**

**Tom and Carol Varner**

**Sharon Vorel**

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

**Jack and Nancy Crenshaw**, Friends of Betty Karol Wilson

**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 Katie Caraher**, Friend of Amy Warren

**Family of Cinzia Occhioni**, Niece of Linda Meyer

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

**Cynthia Long (3/3)**

**Rick Bump (3/3)**

**Robert Shaw (3/3)**

**Sylvia Almarode (3/4)**

**Berenice Archambeault (3/5)**

**Prayers for the World**

**Prayers for our Elected Leaders:  
President, Vice-President; our  
Senators and Representatives;  
Governor, Delegates; Local  
Leaders; as well as appointed  
Judges, Federal and State; and  
Commonwealth's Attorneys.**

The Nations: Russia/Ukraine/NATO War  
and Tensions; Israel/Palestinian  
fighting; Iran/US rivalry in the  
Middle East; Shipping attacks in  
the Red Sea; Civil War in the Sudan.

**Immigration Tensions in our Nation,  
especially at our Southern border.**

The Environment of our Nation and  
World - Prayers for God's Creation  
in the midst of Climate change.

**Housing Crises in our Nation and Locally.**

**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



**Columbarium "Sale!" Presentation Today** at the First Sunday Fellowship.  
Our Columbarium committee is offering Columbarium niches for \$2,250 as  
a final resting place for you, or you and your spouse, or other loved one(s).  
The price includes the burial urns which are custom sized for our  
Columbarium. Grace's Columbarium is a beautiful resting place at a  
reasonable cost, at a time when burial prices and plots grow more expensive.



**"First Sunday Fellowship is TODAY!!"** This time of Fellowship after worship is for us to enjoy time together and hear about the Ministries of Grace. The Columbarium Committee will be presenting this Sunday.



**New Website for Grace Debuts March 10th!!** - 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 Gonzales, who has extensive experience with media and technology, who is helping Grace to maintain its site on a regular basis. We look forward to this updated, current website to present ourselves in the community, and to provide updated, current information on this new part of Grace's Communications! See you March 10th!!



**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 due by Wednesday, March 13.**



**Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services on the 2024 Flower Chart.**



**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, who wrote intricate string compositions, hundreds of organ and keyboard works, and over 300 cantatas. Performers on this year's program include Jeanette Fang from the Garth Newell Piano Quartet; Andrew Gonzalez playing the Viola da spalla; Charlottesville AGO organists and Dr. Timothy Olsen, Professor of Organ, the NC School of the Arts, playing the magnificent Taylor & Boody Pipe Organ; bass Adrian Smith in the solo cantata, "Es ist genug;" Pianist Jingxuan Zhang performing the "Capriccio on the Departure of the Beloved Brother;" the BATC Chamber Choir and Orchestra combining for Cantata 131, a setting of Psalm 130; and a Bach for Kids program. The hourly schedule as well as a digital program will be posted at:

[heifetzinstitute.org/event/bach-around-the-clock-2024-free/](https://heifetzinstitute.org/event/bach-around-the-clock-2024-free/).

Donations are encouraged at the event, or potential patrons may contribute until March 9 by contacting Dr. Paul Weber at [paul.weber49@gmail.com](mailto:paul.weber49@gmail.com). For further information call (828) 244-5264. Come and enjoy the elegant music of Bach in Christ.



**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.

# Forty Days OF LENT

The logo for "Forty Days of Lent" features the word "Forty" in purple, "Days" in black, and "OF LENT" in purple. A green palm frond is positioned behind the text, partially overlapping the "Days" and "OF LENT".

## The Season of Lent

Lent is a time of discipline, preparation and prayer. We invite you into this Season, which began Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and continues for 40 days through Palm/Passion Sunday. 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 6<sup>th</sup> - Zion Lutheran**

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship

### **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Grace Lutheran**

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship

### **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship





**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10:15 a.m.

**Maunder Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

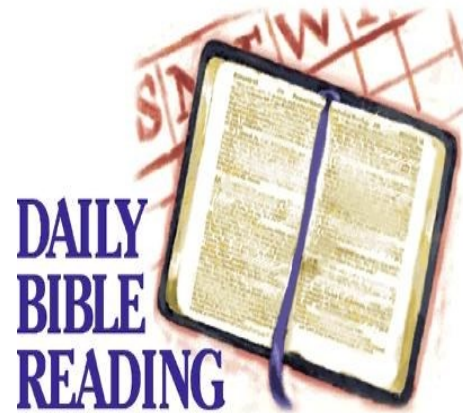
8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

*March 3—March 10, 2024*

Day of Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	03/03	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> Service of Holy Communion <b>First Sunday Fellowship</b> <b>Columbarium Committee</b>  <b>Confirmation Class</b>  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b>  <b>Vespers at Summit Square</b>
Tuesday	03/05	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Worship and Music</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	03/06	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Soup Supper/Lenten Worship</b> (Zion Lutheran Church)  <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	03/07	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b>  <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)
Saturday	03/09	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	03/10	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	 <b>Daylight Savings Time</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b>   <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Service of Holy Communion  <b>Confirmation Class</b>  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b>  <b>Youth National Gathering Meeting</b>  <b>Youth Ecumenical Event</b>



**Monday**

Genesis 44:18-34  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Mark 5:21-43  
Morning Psalm 119:73-80, Evening 121

**Tuesday**

Genesis 45:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
Mark 6:1-13  
Morning Psalm 34, Evening 25

**Wednesday**

Genesis 45:16-28  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 6:13-29  
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 27

**Thursday**

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34  
1 Corinthians 9:1-15  
Mark 6:30-46  
Morning Psalm 27, Evening 126

**Friday**

Genesis 47:1-26  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 6:47-56  
Morning Psalm 22, Evening 105

**Saturday**

Genesis 47:27-48:7  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Mark 7:1-23  
Morning Psalm 43, Evening 31



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