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SUNDAY
IN LENT

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 12, 2023

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”

HOLY COMMUNION

*Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)*

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

Congregation and Choir sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

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 journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.
Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
✚ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Greeting

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

And also with you.

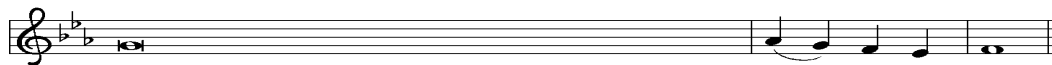
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



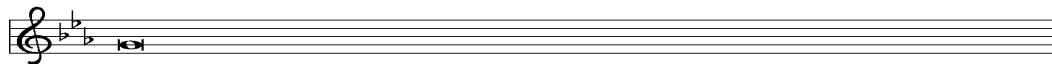
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



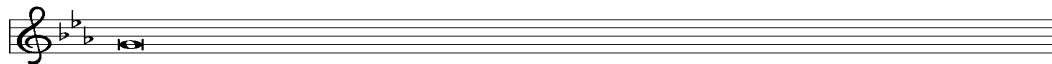
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus:

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

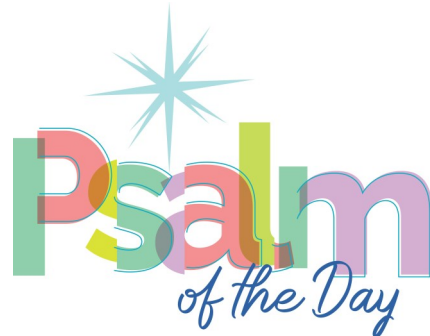
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We read responsively.

Psalm: Psalm 95

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
**⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
**⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
**⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
⁹when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
**¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."**
¹¹Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."



Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans:

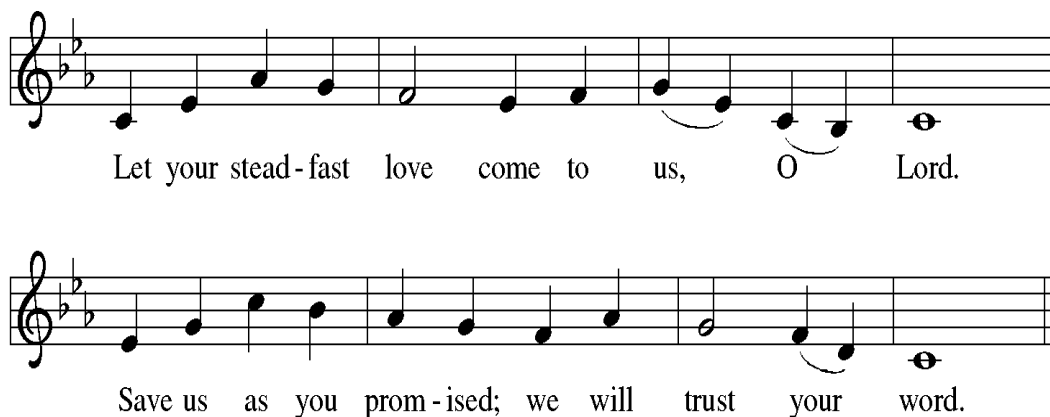
¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in
our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and
character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

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⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "I Hard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast;"
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Hear us O God,
Your mercy is great.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, offer a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.



Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

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

We stand.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.
Thanks be to God!



"Lamb of God" may be sung.

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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, grant us peace.

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.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.



Sending

Blessing

God, the giver of love,
✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

Benediction ✝

Sending Song: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

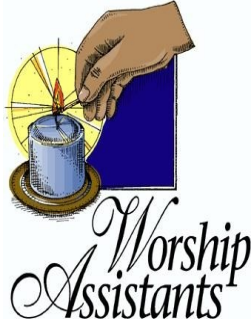
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	<i>Jim & Gloria Nelson</i>
Altar Guild:	
Assisting Minister:	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Tami Radecke Andrew Sell</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Karen Walck</i>
Offering Steward:	<i>Pat Brady David Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Gail Johnson Jerry Kite</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
Glory of our God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

*March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.*

*Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching*

*1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41*



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*)

Marge Cloutier
Nancy Schwiesow

Jimmy Owens
Linda Tomey

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

Jim Brown, Friend of the Meickes
Judy Drayer, Mother of Peggy Caister
Sydney H., Friend of Caisters
Kevin and Sarah Knicely, Son and Daughter-in-Law of Ron and Sandy Knicely
Billy Mason, Friend of the Carpers
Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Kite
Payton Potter, Friend of the Meickes

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

Reverend Tonya Eza's acceptance of a CALL to pastor at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clay, NY
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, has returned from Kuwait

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

Emily Almarode
Sandra Hoy
Bill Lucas

Liz Ann Binns
Kathryn Johnson

Fred Brower
Phyllis Kite
Glenn Myers

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

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

Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace
Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder
Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode
Steven Eckstrom, Son of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom
Kyle Getler, Relative of Bill Meicke
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Kathy Hale, Friend of Charlie and Betty Karol Wilson
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Bruce Joleaud, Brother-in-Law of Mike Trauscht
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch
Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps
Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Liz Stone, Aunt of Betty Karol Wilson
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Sarah Kite (3/12)	Kate Lynch (3/12)
Marsha Howard (3/12)	Owen Keefer (3/16)
Amber Bokelman (3/18)	Raegen Van Bremen (3/19)



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

The Needs of the World

Our nation, and its future for our children

The Earthquake Devastation in Turkey and Syria

The War in Ukraine and heightened tensions between Russia and the U.S.

The Rail Derailment and Environmental Concerns in East Palestine, Ohio and our railway system

Winter Storms in the U.S.

President Jimmy Carter in Hospice Care, and his legacy of service and concern for the World

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

Our friends in Christ at St. John Episcopal, as they offer Godspeed to their rector, Benjamin Badgett at the end of February

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area



Easter Breakfast—Grace will be hosting an Easter Breakfast April 9th, after the 8:30 service! We will have such a joyous and exciting time of congregational fellowship celebrating the promises of our Lord. Please sign up on the sheet in the Nave to join us for this wonderful celebration of fellowship and celebration!



Nicaragua Mission Team Report – March 19—Members of the team that visited and worked at CICRIN, the Nicaraguan Christian Children’s Center and School on Ometepe Island, last month will share a report about their work at a fellowship gathering after worship on Sunday, March 19, (rumor has it that Nicaraguan coffee and light refreshments will be served!)



Morning Prayer Group

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group—The group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We pray for the people on the Grace prayer list and for the concerns of members, our community, nation and world. There is no need to lead or pray out loud, you can join in the group prayers or sit quietly. The session lasts 20-30 minutes. We invite you to join us whenever you can.



Easter Flowers—White Easter Lilies and White Regal Geraniums with green foil will be used for Easter Sunday at the altar and may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one(s). Flowers are \$12 each. Please complete the inserted form and return it to the church office, along with payment, **by Sunday, March 26**. Please make checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and designate them for Lilies and/or Geraniums.



Synod Assembly 2023 - 3rd Delegate Needed! - Based on our membership at Grace, we are eligible for three delegates to Synod Assembly. 2023’s assembly is an important one because we will be electing a new bishop, given Bishop Bob Humphrey’s retirement. If you are interested in serving (a three day event June 9-11), please contact Grace President Robin Crowder.



The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” have begun! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for all of the groups at Grace, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.



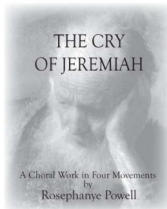
Let mutual love continue.
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Hospitality and Grace—Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and hospitality? Join us for a book/study group! We will read *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine D. Pohl (9 chapters, 187 pages). Grace member Eric Hilker, PhD in Religion and Ethics, will lead our group as we learn the history of hospitality, how it has evolved, what it means today, and talk about our own experiences. What does “hospitality” mean to us, to Grace church? How do we continue to evolve our “hospitality-ministry”? If interested, please contact Eric Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) - Turkey and Syria Devastation -
https://www.elca.azureedge.net/-/media/Logos/ELCA_4c_horizontal-sm.ashx?rev=45a802554acb4683b176d662d88d85ba Two earthquakes have left a significant area of both countries in utter disaster. THOUSANDS of buildings collapsed, and relief/recovery efforts are still gearing up. Tens of thousands have already been discovered dead. Cold weather, shelter and basic needs are critical at this time. Your donation goes 100% toward relief efforts (LDR and partner groups are very active in the relief effort). Make checks payable to Grace with “Middle East Earthquakes” in the line item.



Sunday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m., **Schola Cantorum** of Waynesboro will be performing **The Cry of Jeremiah**. This powerful and moving music will be performed at First Baptist Church, 301 South Wayne, in Waynesboro. There will be other selections as well. All the compositions are by women. Tickets are not required – there is no admission charge – your contributions are appreciated!



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 pantries. We have made ***thirty-two*** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and seventeen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,398 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Covid Policy at Grace

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will
- mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

We continue to encourage:

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu



Monthly Prayer Vigil for Racial Justice and Equity - Every third Saturday at 11:00 a.m., the Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J), a group of Grace and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ members, meets for prayer at one of our city parks. In March, on the 18th, we meet at North Park. Come and be a part of laying the realities of our nation and daily life at the foot of our Lord Jesus in prayer.



What is happening at Grace?—If you would like to know when/if there is a meeting, if a room is available, who is preaching, when a service is being held, when yoga is taking place, etc., all you need to do is go to our website (gracewaynesboro.org) and click on the “Calendar” at the top of the page. The calendar for the current month will come up. You can scroll through the months on the top left of the calendar. We make every effort to keep this calendar up to date. If you would like to add an event, etc., please call the Church Office.



Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



Reminder—Please have articles, etc. for **GraceNotes** to the Church Office by the 20th of the month for next month’s publication. If you need more time, please send Nancy a note and let her know when she will receive it. In addition, please have announcements, etc. for **Sunday bulletins** to the Church Office by Wednesday morning. Nancy’s email is: Grace.lc@comcast.net



The Season of Lent

The ancient practice of Lent was preparing candidates for Holy Baptism, by walking them through the life of Jesus, from Ash Wednesday through Easter. This preparation reviewed Jesus' life, his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, followed by his death on the cross, and his rising to new life. It anticipates our life in Christ, where each day we die to sin, and rise to the new life the Risen Christ has for us.

Come and take part in this ancient practice, and find your journey of faith renewed during the Season of Lent!

Sundays during the Season of Lent - *March 19th, March 26th*

10:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays in Lent - "The Apocrypha - The Story of You"

Apocrypha is considered a part of Holy Scripture in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, but we know little of it in the Lutheran and other Protestant Churches. During this Lenten Season, we'll take a look at our Faith Story - "The Story of You" - through the lens of the Apocrypha. The books of the Apocrypha were written in the period of history between the Old and New Testament. They contain Prayers, Wisdom Literature, Short (and sometimes wild!) Stories, as well as "straight up" History. We'll discover that this collection of sacred documents "off the beaten path" can be a strong aid to our own baptismal journeys of faith; "the story of you" on the way to the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection of our Lord.

6:00 p.m. - Soup Suppers

7:00 p.m. - The Apocrypha

- **March 15** - *St. James Lutheran Church* - The short and surprising stories of the Apocrypha - Finding God - and the very human - in this world.
- **March 22** - *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* - The history of the Apocrypha - revealing the origins of a familiar holiday and the expectations of a Messiah.
- **March 29** - *Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church* - The Story of You - and finding God in your prayer, wisdom, stories, and history.



Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms, Joined by Other Congregations

Mundy Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m. Chapel

7:00 p.m. Confession and Forgiveness/Foot Washing/Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7

7:00 p.m. The Passion of Our Jesus Christ-Tenebrae

Easter Vigil, April 8

7:00 p.m. Service of Light/Old Testament Salvation Readings/Affirmation of Baptism

Easter Sunday/Resurrection of Our Lord Worship, April 9


8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion



Life of Grace Church
March 12-19, 2023

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY  <i>Spring Forward</i>	03/12	8:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class—Matthew
		10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent <i>Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	03/14	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/15	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		10:30 a.m.	Encircle Regional Managers' Meeting
		11:30 a.m.	(Fellowship Hall) Encircle (Conference Room)
		11:30 a.m.	Grace Women's Book Group
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper—St. James Lenten Worship—The Apocrypha—St. James
7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice		

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Thursday	03/16	8:00 a.m.	<i>Newcomers Club</i> (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	<i>Grace Walkers</i> (Meet in Parking Lot)
		12:30 p.m.	<i>Bridge Club</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	03/18	11:00 a.m.	<i>Yoga</i> (Seminar Room)
		11:00 a.m.	<i>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation</i> <i>North Park</i>
Sunday	03/19	8:30 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Class—Matthew</i>
		10:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Service of Holy Communion In Person</i> <i>and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		11:00 a.m.	<i>Nicaragua Mission Team Report</i>
		11:00 a.m.	<i>Confirmation Class</i>

**Monday**

Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Hebrews 2:11-18
John 2:1-12
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 9:(1-3) 4-12
Hebrews 3:1-11
John 2:13-22
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 9:13-21
Hebrews 3:12-19
John 2:23-3:15
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

Thursday

Deuteronomy 9:23—10:5
Hebrews 4:1-10
John 3:16-21
Morning Psalm 147;13-21, Evening 27

Friday

Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Hebrews 4:11-16
John 3:22-36
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139

Saturday

Deuteronomy 11:18-28
Hebrews 5:1-10
John 4:1-26
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111

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