



## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the  
Word and Work of Jesus”**

# Holy Communion

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five)

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

## Gathering

### Gloria Patri

*Congregation and Choir Sing*

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

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** "Lento"

**Rinck**

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

*The congregation stands.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains, of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

## 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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



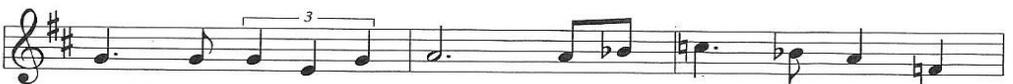
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*After the prayer the congregation responds:*

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

**Word**

## **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

A reading from Exodus:

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 2**

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

A reading from 2 Peter:

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*The congregation stands.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### **Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.*

*NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.*

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *"In a Lowly Manger Born"*

**Hymn #718, Page 12**

### **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.**

## In a Lowly Manger Born



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;  
2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest - tossed,  
3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;  
giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.  
See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,  
Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,  
Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

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

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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"*

*The congregation is seated.*

**Meal**

### **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.*

**Anthem:** "Let All the People Say Amen"

**Mike Trauscht, Soloist**  
**Pastor Pingel, Percussion**

**Chopin**

*The congregation stands*

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

**Offertory:** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer**

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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 - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life; Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

**Thanks Be To God.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

### **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)*

**Communion Distribution:** *One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, the following is announced: :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:*

**L**amb 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.

**Communion Hymns**

“Taste and See”

Hymn #493, Page 19

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing: The Feast is Ready”

Hymn #531, Page 20

“Beautiful Savior”

Hymn #838, Page 21

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

## Taste and See

*Refrain - All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered

me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo - ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust.

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 Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.  
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GATHERING

# The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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*The Feast Is Ready*



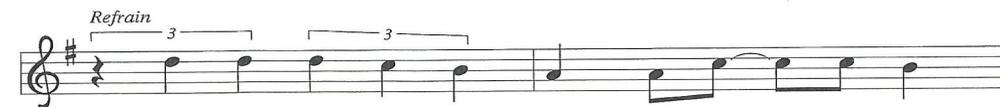
1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



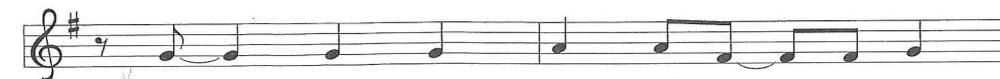
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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Music: Graham Kendrick  
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THE FEAST IS READY  
LM and refrain

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

### **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.

**Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Sending**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.  
And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

**Hymn #318, Page 23**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Allegretto”*

**Andre**

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## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

***Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today***

<b><i>Assisting Minister:</i></b>	<i>Brian Lundstrom</i>
<b><i>Communion Assistants:</i></b>	<i>Cathy Crowder and Robin Crowder</i>
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	<i>Bob Moyer, Fred Biggers, Jerry Kite, E. G. Rankin and Zachary Rankin</i>
<b><i>Offering Stewards:</i></b>	<i>Pat Brady and Sharon Lynch</i>
<b><i>Acolyte:</i></b>	<i>Quinn Franklin</i>
<b><i>Cup Gatherer:</i></b>	<i>Donna Marshall</i>
<b><i>Altar Guild:</i></b>	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
<b><i>Nursery Caregivers:</i></b>	<i>Kim Hull and Jane Stein</i>
<b><i>Altar Flowers:</i></b>	<i>Open</i>
<b><i>Council Person of the Week:</i></b>	<i>Gail Johnson</i>

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

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**March 1**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

*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 keep 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\*)**

**Pete Giesen**

**Bob Moyer**

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

**Lou Cary**, Friend of the Hites

**Mary Grim**, Sister of Ernestine Moomaw

**Mike Huff**, Brother of Donna Gum

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

**Maggie Pennington**, Friend of Beth Ann Doerring

**Sean Ryan**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Richard Smith**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Tamara Stevens**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Susan Struble**, Friend of Myers

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

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

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

**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife

**Lisa Dofflemeyer**, Daughter of Linda Tomey

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

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

**Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

**Barbara Shifflett and Family**

**George Toop**, Friend of Schwiesows

**Members/Friends Grieving**

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

**Family of Deanna Stumpf**, Aunt of Susan Myers

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

**Carol Varner**

**Kim Hull**

**Pete Rufe**

**The Needs of the World**

Coronavirus outbreak in China and elsewhere

**Our care of God's Creation**

Our military and first responders

**The Church**

Unity of Christ's Church in Jesus Christ  
alone

**Our friends in the United Methodist  
Church**

WARM Cold Weather Shelter



# LENT

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers make for good food and fellowship!** Two Suppers are available this coming Tuesday, February 25th from our friends at Bethlehem and St. James!

***Bethlehem Lutheran Church's supper is 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., and will also feature **The Burning of the Palms** Litany to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday at Grace and Bethlehem at 6:00 p.m.***

***St. James Lutheran Church's supper will be held at 6:00 p.m.***

## **Ash Wednesday Worship Services, Wednesday, February 26th**

10:00 a.m. - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - Worship service of Ashes and Holy Communion will be in the Nave. We are joined this year by Zion Lutheran Church, with Rev. Wes Smith, and Jonathan Hall, organist assisting with worship.

12:00 Noon - St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic - We are joined together with many Downtown congregations to worship together and receive Ashes.

7:00 p.m. - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - Worship service of Ashes and Holy Communion in the Nave - with choral anthem by Grace Choir.

**Wednesday Lenten Lunches begin March 4th at Noon** - Each Wednesday in Lent, there will be a Lenten lunch available for \$3 at one of the downtown Waynesboro churches. Sign up is requested by all participating congregations, so please sign-up on the sheets in the narthex if you intend to go. March 4th will be at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church. Deadline for March 4th lunch is Monday March 2nd.

**Wednesday Soup Supper and Evening Prayer also begins March 4th, 6:00 p.m.** - We fellowship with our brother and sisters in Christ at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches throughout Lent, beginning March 4th, with Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m., and Evening Prayer worship at 7:00 p.m. This Lent's focus are the Old Testament readings for Lent. We meet at Zion on March 4th.

## Announcements



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



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



**Round Table Meeting on Tuesday** - Grace's "all committees" day - arranged by Congregational Engagement, Community Engagement, and Ministry Support, will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



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

## Announcements Continued



**Pastor Paul on Spiritual Retreat in March** - The week of March 1st, Pastor Paul will be at Richmond Hill Retreat Center in Richmond, VA for a Spiritual Retreat. The funds generously given by Grace congregation in honor of his 25th anniversary of ordained ministry will be used to help fund this Retreat. Please keep Pastor Paul in prayer as his retreat begins Tuesday, March 3rd, through Sunday, March 8th.



**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** Time Change - Our Wednesday morning Bible Study is changing times - by 15 minutes - to allow for any noon appointments, by request of the existing class. So, please note our starting time will be 10:45 a.m. A Vital congregation deepens its Faith through the study of God's Word. Come join us!



**Grace Book Study** - This Monday group is continuing its study of books related to racial reconciliation, in addition to monthly meetings of how we live out God's call for All to be one in Christ, and the Holy Spirit's vision (in the book of Acts, and in Paul's letters), that as we live out our Faith, "there are no distinctions... all are one in Christ." We decided to study the book "How to be an Anti-Racist" by Ibram Kendi! Come and be a part on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.



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



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



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

**The Beethoven Experience** with the *Borromeo Quartet* - part of *Staunton's Heifitz Institute offerings this Winter and Spring* - Our friends at *Valley Music Academy* invites us to join them tomorrow, February 24th for "Beethoven and Shakespeare Beyond the Tomb," the first of four concerts this Spring at the Blackfriars theater in Staunton, with tickets available 20% off. An email was sent to you prior to this Sunday.

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

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

**Life of Grace Church  
February 23-March 1, 2020**

<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>TODAY— SUNDAY</b>	02/23	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	02/24	6:30 p.m.	Book Study (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	02/25	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Burning of the Palms) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for Lent St. James Lutheran Church Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	02/26	10:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Backpacks</b> Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion (Shared with Zion Lutheran at Grace) <b>No Bible Study</b> Ecumenical Worship with Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Imposition of Ashes Office On Youth (Seminar Room) Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	02/27	8:30 a.m. 12:30-2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Sunday	003/01	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Shenandoah Youth Project Meeting (Conference Room)</b>

