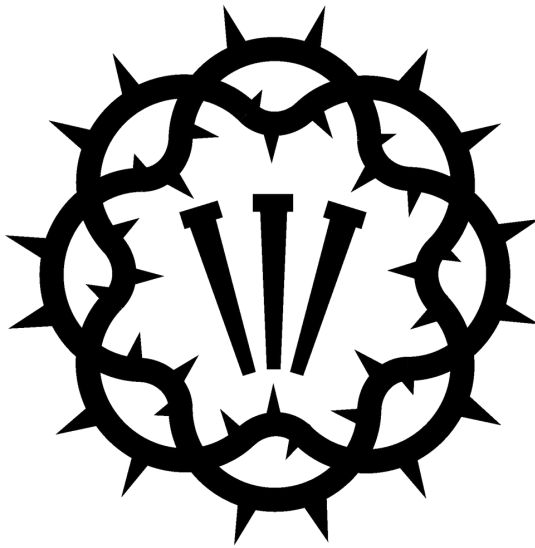


# **3rd Sunday in Lent**



**March 3, 2024**

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, please complete a visitor information sheet and/or record your visit in the red attendance book found in each aisle. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor or an usher.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Quiet Books for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available in the info kiosk, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) and the NALC at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)!

## PRELUDE

Nick Cosgrove, vocalist

"Be Thou My Vision" *arranged by Tom Trenney*

"Give Me Jesus" *arranged by Tom Trenney*

## Announcements

*Please stand and face the baptismal font.*

## The Entrance Rite

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed; wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

## "Built on a Rock"



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

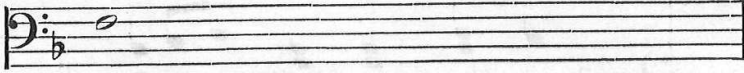
# The Liturgy of The Word

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
- C** **And also with you!**

## KYRIE (*Mark 10: 47*)

*Minister*

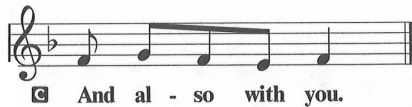
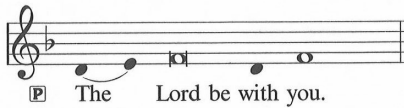


1. Lord, have mercy upon us.
2. Christ, have mercy upon us.
3. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

*God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, reminding Israel that he was the one who brought them out of slavery in Egypt and had been their one true God who created and sustained them as a people. He set clear boundaries for his people so that they might thrive as a community of faith and live long lives in his presence.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <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 a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, 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 his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L The Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 19

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



L <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup> ry of God,  
and the firmament<sup>1</sup> shows his handiwork.

C <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

L <sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

C <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out in-<sup>1</sup> to all lands,  
and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world.**

L <sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion<sup>1</sup> for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run  
its course.

C <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the  
end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. Refrain**

L <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup> lives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the innocent.

C <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup> joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

L <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

C <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. Refrain**

L <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

C <sup>12</sup>**Who can tell how often<sup>1</sup> he offends?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

L <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup>  
over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

C <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in  
your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. Refrain**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*St. Paul proclaimed that the Word of the cross of Christ is the very power of God. It is the Word of salvation for those who believe. For those who do not believe, it is foolishness and a stumbling block. The great reversal of the mystery of God's kingdom is that those who are considered wise by the world are shamed, and those considered foolish are counted as wise by the Lord.*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD."

L The word of the Lord.

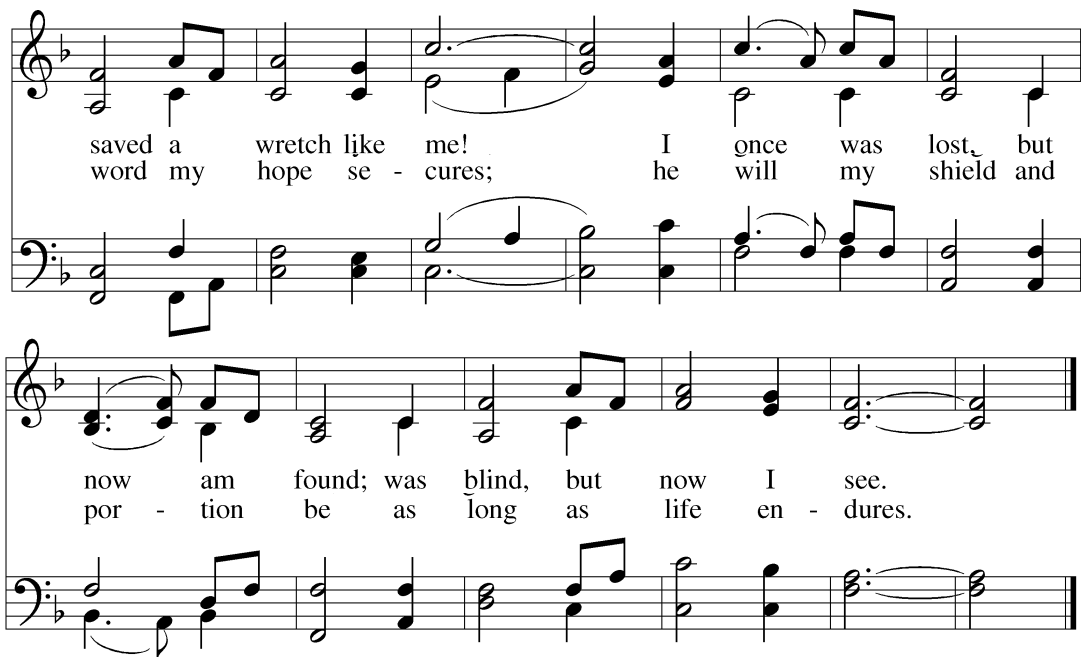
C Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SEQUENCE FOR LENT "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the Soprano part. The lyrics are: "1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his". The score consists of two staves, with the Soprano and Alto parts on the top staff and the Tenor and Bass parts on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.





saved a wretch like me! I once was my lost but  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

*As the Passover festival was nearing, Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem and became very upset with those who were selling animals for sacrifices. He drove them out of the temple with a whip of cords and overturned their tables of commerce.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <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, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

A four-part setting of the hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" in G major, 4/4 time. The music is arranged for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from you for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear your peo - ple as they pray; And your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

## APOSTLES' CREED

- A** We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again 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.

## THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

A Lord, in your mercy;

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

***You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.***

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**Nick Cosgrove, vocalist**

"How Great Thou Art" *arranged by Dan Forrest*

*Please stand as the offering and First Fruits are brought forward.*

**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD** (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)



**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. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



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



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



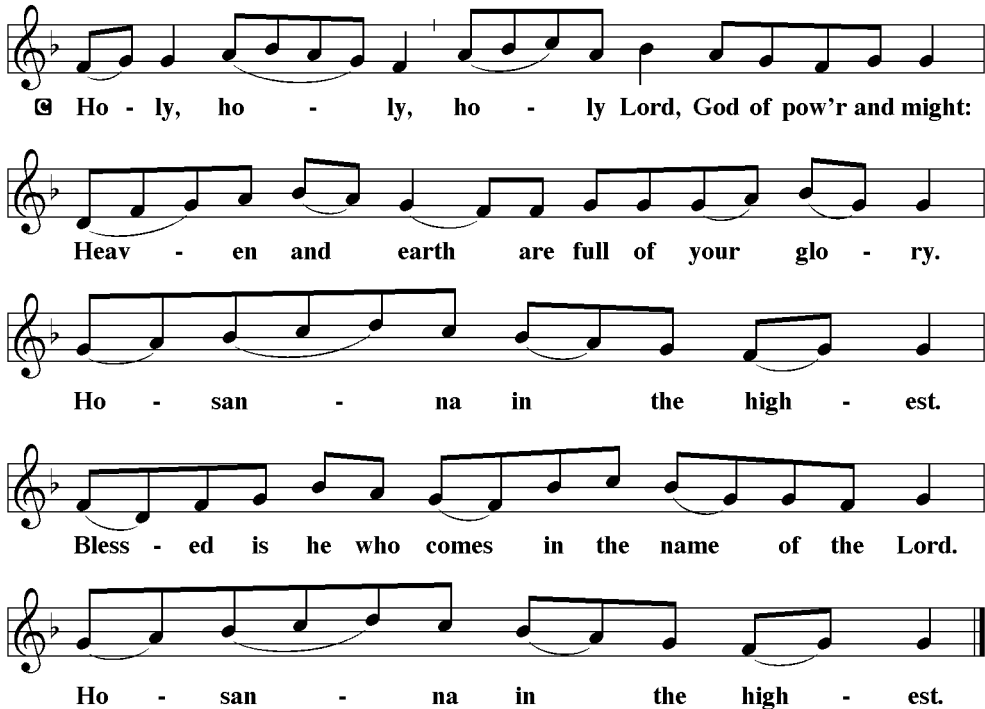
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS *(Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)*



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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P 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,  
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
and accomplished 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 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.  
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,

we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we implore 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;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, now and forever.

**C      Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C      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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION**

*A time of silence...*

**P    Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)**

**C    Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**  
*(Revelation 19:9)*

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Please be seated.*



*All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly  
present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune this morning.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is  
offered to you.*

*As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

***After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided***

*(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)*

***Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:***

*O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.*

***Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:***

*Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.*

**LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)**

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





## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck

Nick Cosgrove, Vocalist

*After all have communed, please stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace!

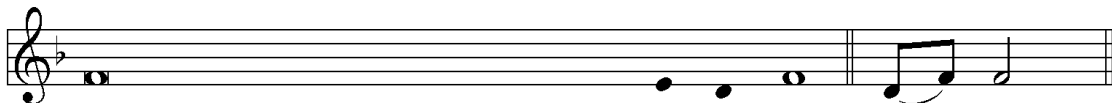
**C** **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine on you  
And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.

In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

**C** **A - men**

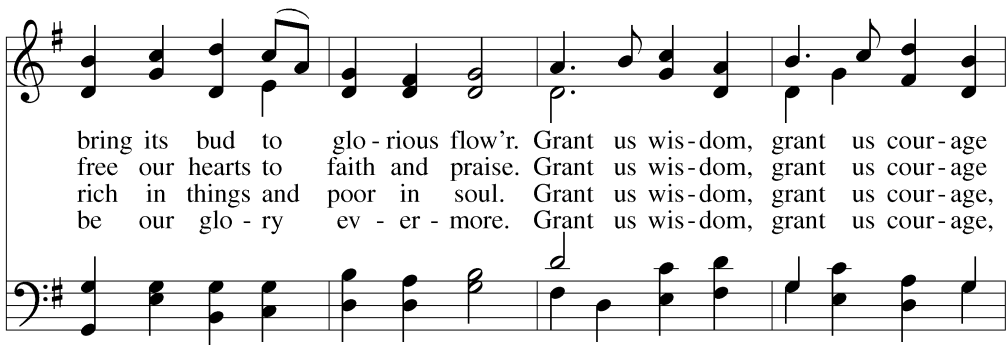
# RECESSIONAL HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory"



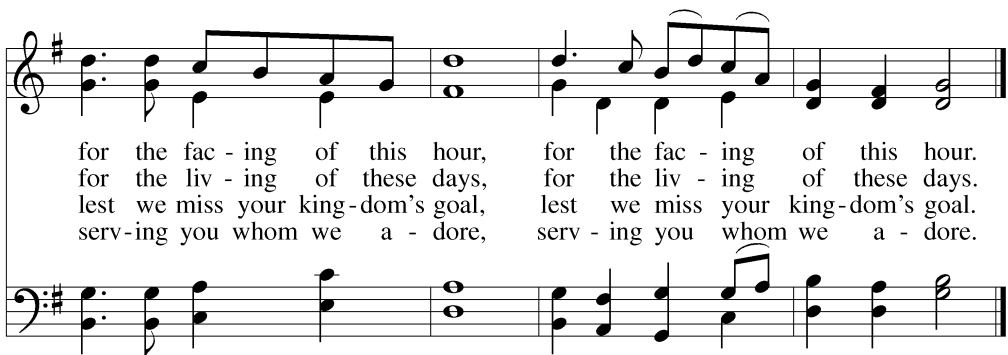
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## THE RITE OF SENDING

Children      Go in peace, serve the Lord!  
C              Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "God of Grace" arr. Daubenmire

Jeff Daubenmire

**Offering:** An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

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### **Flowers are given by...**

*Eloise Collier in celebration of Beth's birthday.*

*Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Maggie's 10th birthday on the 5th.*

*David and Sarah Odum in celebration of Emily's birthday.*

**Remember in our prayers...** Joyce Strung, Tami Stone, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Bryce Meneley, Evelyn Boughton, Rella Kehl, Nicole Rowley, Carol Schlea, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Rod Rice, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, the family of Diane Boone

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## Notes & News

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.



**Reminder: If you have any accounts with Thrivent Financial,** you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can direct to Grace. Dollars must be directed by March 31 and must be renewed each year. Thank you so much to those of you who have chosen Grace as your designated recipient in the past. In 2023 we received \$724 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding.

**Congregational Visitation by Pastor Wendel:** Upon the beginning of his ministry at Grace in early December, Pastor Wendel has been focused on visiting every home to become better acquainted with all who are involved at Grace Lutheran Church. Council member, Becky Seifert, is scheduling and coordinating these visits. You may contact Becky at [seifertbecky@yahoo.com](mailto:seifertbecky@yahoo.com) or 614-378-6023.

Should you need to contact Pastor Wendel for a last minute change, feel free to call or text him at 719-650-8171. For anyone who may prefer to meet in pastor's office, please let Becky know when scheduling!



**Flowers for 2024:** Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to \$80.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation will now be \$30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.

## **CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vision Statement:** To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.



**Men of Grace Gathering, March 16 at 8am:** All men of Grace are invited to attend a planning session led by Pastor Wendel on Saturday morning, March 16. The agenda will be to talk about the men's ministry and future plans. All men are invited and encouraged to participate.

**Easter Breakfast RSVP Requested:** Easter is right around the corner, which means so is our Easter Breakfast at Grace! We hope you'll join us and bring your friends and neighbors, Sunday, March 31 between services, 9:30-10:45am, for Easter breakfast and fellowship!

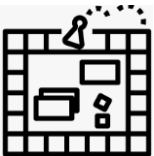


The menu this year includes: Uptown scramble, veggie scramble, sausage gravy, biscuits, grits, fruit, muffins, coffee and juice.

*Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24 with your name and how many are attending at the Welcome Desk sign-up sheet, calling the church office, or filling out the sign-up genius, so we can make sure we have enough.*

Free will offering at the event supports VBS, June 10-13, 2024. This event is hosted by Youth and Family, middle schoolers and Confirmation class and catered by The Westerville Grill.

**Easter Breakfast Take-down sign-up:** We are looking for volunteers to help make light work of Easter Breakfast clean-up. Clean-up would involve removing table cloths in the East Narthex and Fellowship Hall and gathering items that may need refrigerated and putting them in the kitchen refrigerator. This could take place after the breakfast or after the 11am service. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.



**Game Day hosted by Youth and Family, Saturday, March 16th 2:00 to 4:00.** Bring your favorite game, invite a friend or neighbor and meet in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Whether you like "Guess Who", Euchre, memory, Scrabble, or "Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza" is your thing, ALL are welcome for this fun afternoon! Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

**The Women's Bible Study:** We are studying The Gospel of John: Part 1 by Tony Evans. Description: Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two

purposes for the beloved disciples book- that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you don't already have a RightNow Media account contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).

**Adult Bible Class: “That the World May Know”** – How do you live in a culture where the world view conflicts with Christianity? Learn from Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, among those who valued wealth and class, worshiped multiple gods, and decadent pleasures above all else. Discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth – an increasingly secular Western world – in a way that glorifies God.

Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This session will begin on February 11<sup>th</sup>. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45 and is facilitated by Bill Kulju.



**Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 1:00 p.m.** in Rose Garden Room #1. Debra Walton will lead lesson #3, “Idol Minds,” based on Exodus 32. Twyla Ridder will provide light refreshments. We hope you will join us. For more information please call Dorothea Fuhrman at 614-205-8111.



**Katharine Circle will meet Monday, March 4th,** at the church at 1:00 p.m. We are doing a study on “God’s Reluctant Leaders.” During this year we are focusing on Jonah, Gideon, and Moses. Jan Breen will lead session 7 this month entitled: “Encountering God”. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Dorothy Crain with any questions - 614-264-5304.

### Choirs at Grace:



- **Grace Youth Choir** rehearsals are part of the Sunday School opening which takes place Sundays from 9:30-9:50am in the 2nd floor Sunday School room. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.
- **Grace Chancel Choir** rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.
- **Grace Ringers Bell Choir** rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.



**Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN! Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13, 5:30-8:30pm** kids dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2024gracevbs>

**Vacation Bible School Donation Requests:** The VBS donation board is up in the Gathering Space. Check back each week at items are added leading up to VBS. The first Creation Day for VBS is Sunday, April 7 at 12:30pm. Items currently on the board due by March 31 to prepare for Creation Day as we dive head first into creating a memorable VBS, immersing kids in the Word and discovering with living water is really all about!

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Rice Bowls:** During Lent we will be collecting loose change in rice bowls. You can get a rice bowl starting February 13th in the gathering space. The rice bowls are due back March 24th (Palm Sunday). The Rice Bowl organization partners with loving children's homes around the world to help provide delicious, locally sourced meals. Their mission is to feed orphaned children around the world.



**A Healthcare Safety Net Project:** The Sunday School classes are making Blessing Bags for the Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team. The collection is now till Sunday, April 7th. The children will be putting together the Blessing bags and making encouragement cards on that day. The items being collected are: Wet Wipes, Individually wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bar of soap and washcloth and hand sanitizer. Any questions see Molly or email at [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).



**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*



### February Shopping List:

*Cooking oil; Non-sweetened Cereal; Decaffeinated Coffee; Dishwasher Detergent; Laundry Detergent; Hand Soap (aka Soft Soap); Alfredo Sauce; Pasta Sides; Rice Sides; Crackers – Graham*

*or Saltines. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 12 from noon-6pm:** You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or [vschpn55@gmail.com](mailto:vschpn55@gmail.com). Next Blood Drive: May 14.



**NURSERY is OPEN!** The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).



**Loaves and Fishes café** is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.

## Upcoming Events

<b>March 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12:30pm: A Joyful Noise! Community Concerts presents Nick Cosgrove</li><li>• VBS Donations Kickoff</li><li>• Easter Breakfast RSVP Kickoff</li><li>• VBS registration is OPEN: <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/2024gracevbs">vbspro.events/p/2024gracevbs</a></li></ul>
<b>March 4</b>	1pm Katharine Circle
<b>March 6, 13, and 20</b>	Mid-Week Lenten observance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00pm Soup Supper</li><li>• 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</li></ul>
<b>March 11</b>	1pm Ruth Circle
<b>March 12</b>	Noon-6pm Blood Drive
<b>March 16</b>	8am Men of Grace gathering 2-4pm: Game Day hosted by Youth and Family
<b>March 17</b>	12:30pm: High School gathering @ Chipotle
<b>March 19</b>	6:30pm Council Meeting
<b>March 21</b>	6:15pm Supper Club
<b>March 24:</b>	Palm Sunday, 8:15am and 11:00am Rice Bowls Due Easter Breakfast RSVP Deadline
<b>March 26</b>	6:30pm Yarn Matters
<b>March 28:</b>	Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper, 12:15pm and 7pm
<b>March 29:</b>	Good Friday Tenebrae, 12:15pm and 7pm
<b>March 31</b>	Easter, 8:15am and 11:00am (9:30am Easter Breakfast, RSVP requested)



## Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to *Simply Give* today.

**Financial Update:** If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.

**1st Wednesday in Lent, Feb. 28:** 7pm: 57

**2nd Sunday in Lent:** 8:15am: 89; 11:00am: 112; Total: 201

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## The Season of Lent at Grace – 2024

Come join us for the Wednesday evening services during Lent. There will be a light meal starting at 6:00 pm and the service starts at 7:00 pm. The light meals begin February 21. This year's services will center around Holden Evening Prayer. The suppers' freewill offering will support our Vacation Bible School.

### **Lenten Journey Schedule: Light Meal at 6 PM, Worship at 7 PM**

Wednesday Mid-week Lenten services will take place: February 28, March 6, 13, and 20.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

March 24 – *Palm Sunday*, 8:15am and 11:00am

March 28 – *Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper*, 12:15pm and 7pm

March 29 – *Good Friday Tenebrae*, 12:15pm and 7pm

March 31 – *Easter*, 8:15am and 11:00am (9:30am *Easter Breakfast*, *RSVP requested*)

**Soup Supper hosts:** February 21 - Kitchen Krew; February 28 - Altar Guild;

March 6 - Women's Bible Study Group; March 13 - Care Team; March 20 - Church Council



# The Law of the Lord

*Find the 42 **bold** words from Psalm 19:7-11, 14 (ESV).*

R E V E R O F R T A E R G T G  
R E D E E M E R T C T C S N P  
W F V R T W E H E C R Y I E R  
C I U I A R G D E E U N F M E  
D P S R V I A F I P E O K D C  
O R D E S I R E D T W M E N E  
B M O C Y E N O H A A I E A P  
S O U L P E G G L B R T P M T  
R E J O I C I N G L N S I M S  
D M N A E L C L I E E E N O O  
R O S G N I P P I R D T G C N  
S U O E T H G I R R U L E S N  
G T D L O G J E R U S D R O W  
P H E L P M I S E R V A N T U  
F E A R O C K M S W E E T E R

The **law** of the **LORD** is **perfect**, **reviving** the **soul**; the **testimony** of the **LORD** is **sure**, making **wise** the **simple**; the **precepts** of the **LORD** are **right**, **rejoicing** the **heart**; the **commandment** of the **LORD** is **pure**, **enlightening** the **eyes**; the **fear** of the **LORD** is **clean**, **enduring forever**; the **rules** of the **LORD** are **true**, and **righteous** altogether. More to be **desired** are they than **gold**, even much fine gold; **sweeter** also than **honey** and **drippings** of the **honeycomb**. Moreover, by them is your **servant warned**; in **keeping** them there is **great reward**. Let the **words** of my **mouth** and the **meditation** of my heart be **acceptable** in your **sight**, O **LORD**, my **rock** and my **redeemer**.

## Serving Today

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel		
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister		
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire		
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch		
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz		
CANTOR	Nick Cosgrove		
LECTOR	8:15	Larry Schaller	11:00 Dorothy Crain
ACOLYTE	8:15	Miguel Arreguin	11:00 Charlotte Holmes
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15	Regina Place	
	11:00	Tami Stone	
GREETERS	8:15	Bonnie Sawyer	
	11:00	Denise Reynard	
USHERS	8:15	Bob Andrews, Steve Young, Randy Stoll	
	11:00	Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Michael King	
FIRST FRUITS	8:15	Place Family	
	11:00	Nickoli Family	
CARE TEAM	Joanne Figge, Susan Miller, Janet Breen, Tami Stone, Coleen Wooster, Vanessa Stewart, Cindy Odum, Christine Troutman, Sue Monroe, Margery Zimmermann, Paul Whitacre, Peggy Jones, Marge Cepek, Eloise Collier, Donna Dettmann, Shirley Hodek, Charlotte Schaller		
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodi Arreguin, Dorothea Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge		
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush		
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Alma Lovins, Sherrie Snow		



## This Week at Grace: March 3-10, 2024

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### March 3 **3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:15 am          Worship Service  
9:30 am          Youth Sunday School  
9:45 am          Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and  
                         Confirmation  
11:00 am        Worship Service  
12:30pm        A Joyful Noise! Community Concert presents Nick Cosgrove  
VBS Donation Board in Gathering Space  
Easter Breakfast RSVP kickoff

MON              1:00pm          Katharine Circle

TUES            8:00 pm        AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### WED.          **MID-WEEK LENTEN OBSERVANCE**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

10:30 am        Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 pm          Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm          Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm          Holden Evening Prayer Service  
7:30 pm          Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS          1:00 pm        Art and Environment  
                     2:00 pm        Private Inurnment (Sanctuary and Rose Garden)

FRI.             8:00 pm        AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT             9:30 am        AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
                     8:00 pm        AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### March 10 **4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:15 am          Worship Service  
9:30 am          Youth Sunday School  
9:45 am          Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and  
                         Confirmation  
11:00 am        Worship Service  
12:30pm        Youth and Family Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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**Vision Statement:** We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.