

4th Sunday in Lent



March 10, 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 and the NALC at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele" - arr. Georg Böhm

"Prelude on *Rockingham*" - arr. Christopher Tambling

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

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 As thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

5 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

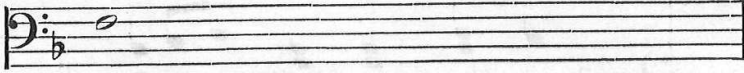
The Liturgy of The Word

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

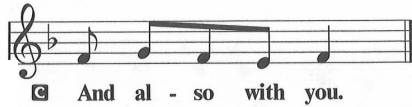
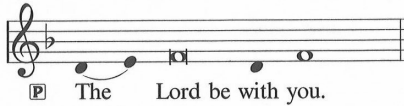


1. Lord, have mercy upon us.
2. Christ, have mercy upon us.
3. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation



PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously clense us from all sin and make us strong; 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: Numbers 21:4-9

The Israelites became impatient as they journeyed toward the Promised Land. They began speaking against God and Moses, their leader, complaining about a lack of decent food and water. The Lord's wrath was kindled and he sent fiery serpents that bit the people. Many became sick and died as a result of their distrust of God.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-9

Refrain



The LORD de - liv - ered them from their dis - tress.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for ¹he is good,
and his mercy en- ¹dures forever.
- C ²**Let all those whom the LORD has re- ¹deemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand ¹of the foe.**
- L ³He gathered them out ¹of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and ¹from the south.
- C ⁴**Some wandered in ¹desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where ¹they might dwell. Refrain**
- L ⁵They were hun- ¹gry and thirsty;
their spirits lan- ¹guished within them.
- C ⁶**Then they cried to the LORD ¹in their trouble,
and he delivered them from ¹their distress.**
- L ⁷He put their feet on ¹a straight path
to go to a city where ¹they might dwell.
- C ⁸**Let them give thanks to the LORD ¹for his mercy
and the wonders he does ¹for his children.**
- L ⁹For he satis- ¹fies the thirsty
and fills the hungry ¹with good things. Refrain

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

St. Paul preached that we who are sinners were once dead in that sin, but now we are alive together with Christ through the gift of his grace. This is not our own doing and nothing for us to boast about. It is not because of our good works, but only because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Still, we were made for good works and are commanded to walk in the way of the Lord.

¹You were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the

immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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”

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

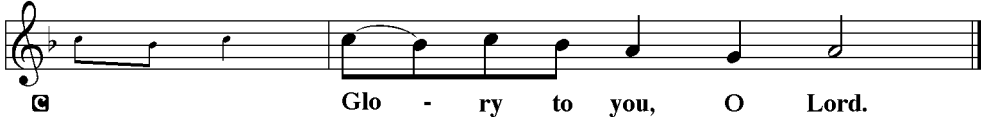
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Jesus taught his followers that just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness to save the Israelites from death, so too must the Son of Man be lifted up. This lifting up of Jesus would occur on the cross of Calvary. All who believe in him are destined for life eternal. This is God's gift to those who love him.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



¹⁴{Jesus said to Nicodemus,} “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

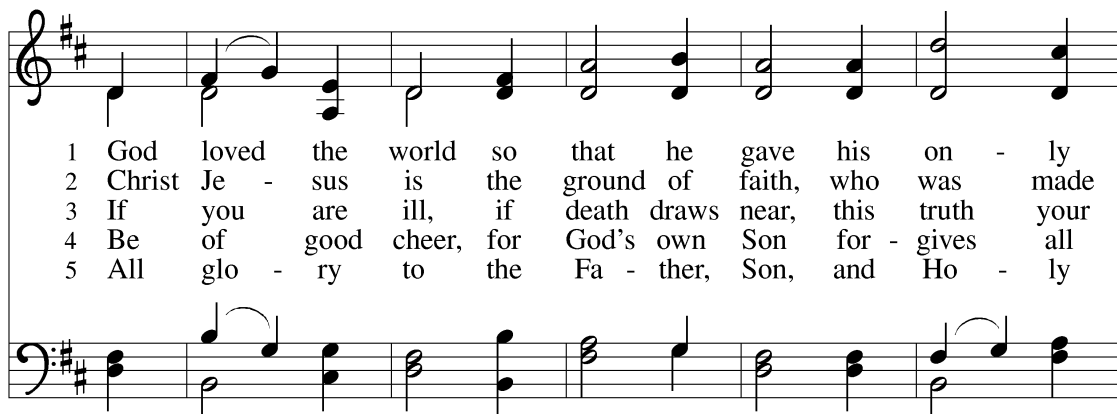
The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

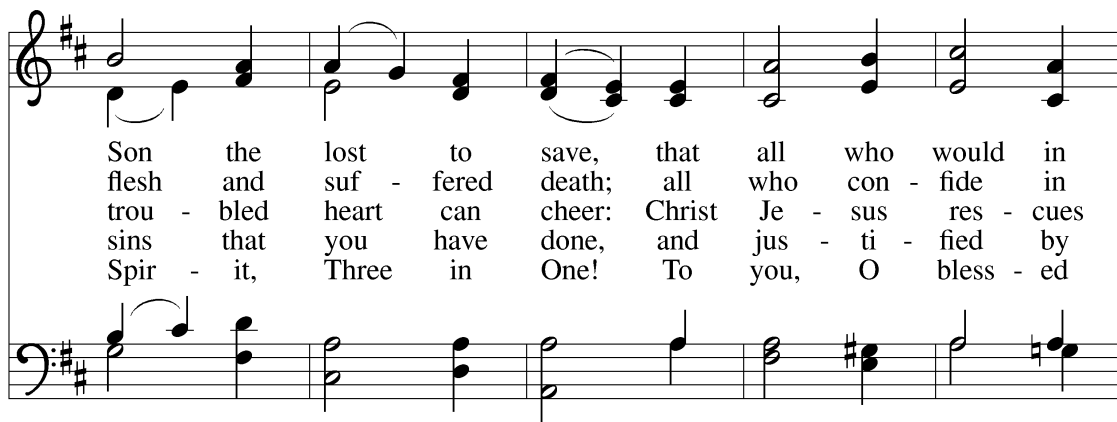
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World"



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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

8:15 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" with "Jesus Paid It All" - *arr. Cindy Berry*
Linda Hoch and Martha Crist - Piano Duet

11:00 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" - *arr. John Rutter*
Grace Singers Chancel Choir

Please stand as the offering is 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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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

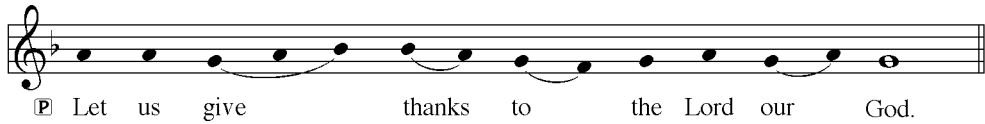
THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

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

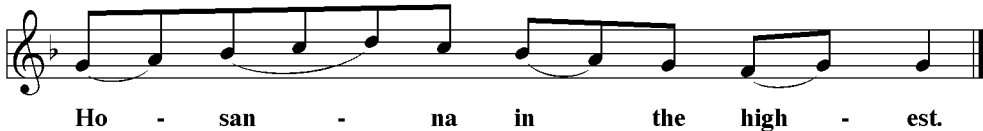
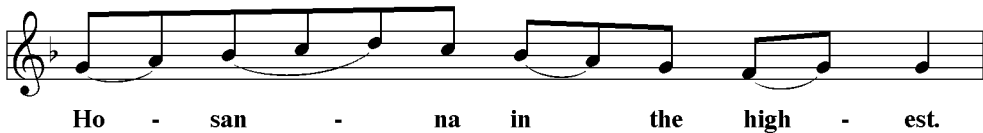
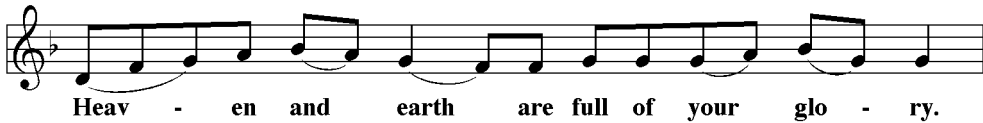
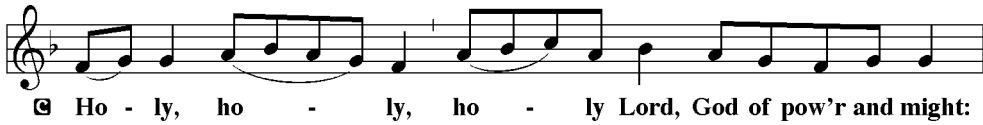
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.



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*)



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
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch and Martha Crist - Piano Duet

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" - *arr. Jay Rouse*

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!

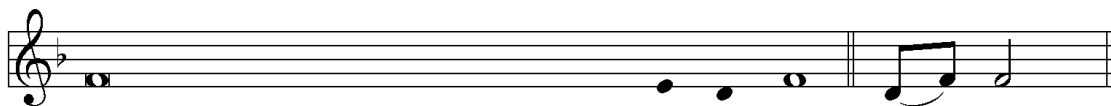
C Amen.

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 "Praise and Thanks and Adoration"



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross" - *arr. John Leavitt*

Linda Hoch

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.

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, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler

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 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 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.



Parents: If you have children 3rd or 4th grade (or older) who may be ready and/or interested in first communion, please speak with Pastor Wendel or Molly King. Our current plan is to offer first communion instruction just before Holy Week, so that first communion would take place on Maundy Thursday, March 28. If you have questions,

please speak with Pastor Wendel, 719-650-8171.

Upcoming Events

March 11	1pm Ruth Circle
March 12	Noon-6pm Blood Drive
March 13 and 20	Mid-Week Lenten observance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00pm Soup Supper• 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
March 16	8am Men of Grace gathering 2-4pm: Game Day hosted by Youth and Family
March 17	12:30pm: High School gathering @ Chipotle
March 19	6:30pm Council Meeting
March 21	6:15pm Supper Club
March 24:	Palm Sunday, 8:15am and 11:00am Rice Bowls Due Easter Breakfast RSVP Deadline
March 26	6:30pm Yarn Matters
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)
April 21	Youth and Family: 3pm Crew game (sign-up at the welcome desk)

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 Takedown 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 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.



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 11th. 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.

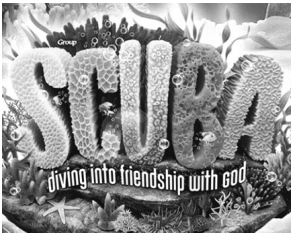


Youth and Family Event with the Columbus Crew: All are welcome to join us as we cheer on the Columbus Crew for Faith and Family day, April 21 at 3pm. Tickets are \$12. Sign-up at the welcome desk by April 7. Please let Molly King know if you have any questions.

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

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.



Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: 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.

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

WARM

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

March 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.

MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE=331lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=448 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= \$985.00; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$2,335.00

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 12 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at 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. 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.



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.

MUSIC NOTES

“Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele” – arr. Georg Böhm

FREU DICH SEHR is the tune for today's sending hymn "Praise and Thanks and Adoration." This hymn by the Danish hymn writer Thomas H. Kingo (1634-1703) was first published in his *En Ny Kirke-Psalmebog* (Odense, 1689). The translation was prepared for the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship for *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). The hymn's fit under the category Trust, Guidance is in the context of praise and adoration, and then the "keeping" is construed broadly across the circumstances of life – pain and strife, laughter, and weeping.

“Prelude on Rockingham” – arr. Christopher Tambling

ROCKINGHAM is the tune for today's hymn "God Loved the World." This anonymous German hymn grows out of John 3:16 and sounds out the ground of faith with comfort, especially for those who are troubled, sick, or dying. It first appeared in *Heiliges Lippen-und Herzens-Opfer einer gläubigen Seele oder Vollständiges Gesang-Buch* (Stettin, c. 1778), a huge collection that, with supplements, contained

1,313 hymns. In the United States the hymn was first published in the first official hymnal of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, *Kirchengesangbuch für Evangelisches-Lutherische Gemeinde* (St. Louis, 1847).

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” with “Jesus Paid It All” – arr. Cindy Berry

This piano arrangement combines two Lenten hymns:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” – The original Latin poem addressed the seven Aspects of the Crucified: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, and face. Known as “crucifix hymns” they were designed for long, intense devotions while kneeling at the altar. Part seven, *salve caput*, was put into German by the famous hymn writer, Paul Gerhardt. An American Presbyterian minister and seminary professor, James W. Alexander, translated it into English, and it was first published in *The Christian Lyre* (1830).

“Jesus Paid It All” - This text was written by Elvina M. Hall (1820-1889) on the flyleaf of a hymnal one Sunday morning, during a lengthy pastoral prayer. She gave the poem to her pastor and he in turn coupled it with a new tune written by the church organist, John T. Grape. Grape’s tune was written, he says, when his church was undergoing remodeling and the cabinet organ was left in his care. The resulting melody was approved by his wife but criticized by his choir and other friends.

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” – arr. John Rutter

This sacred choral composition by John Rutter is a setting of Psalm 23. The work was first published in 1978 by Oxford University Press. Rutter composed it for Mel Olson and the Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. He later included the work as a movement in his *Requiem* of 1985. In 1993, Rutter also made it part of his *Psalmfest*, a collection of nine psalms written over 20 years.

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” – arr. Jay Rouse

The text for this hymn by Sarah F. Adams (1805-1848) was based on the dream of Jacob at Bethel, told in Genesis 28:10-22. Jacob had sinned, wronged his brother and was a fugitive from God. But God in Jacob’s dream revealed divine mercy and promised that He would always be near to guide. Adams’ hymn was first published in *Hymns and Anthems* (1841), compiled by William J. Fox, minister of the Unitarian Church at South Place, Finsbury, England, of which Sarah Adams was a member.

“Lift High the Cross” – arr. John Leavitt

This hymn by George William Kitchen (1827-1912) is related to “Onward, Christian Soldiers” and “For all the saints” in its symbolism of marching in the ranks of soldiers of the crucified. It is the Crucified Christ and his cross which we follow, and his love we proclaim to the world.



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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 and it will be emailed to you.

2nd Wednesday in Lent, Feb. 28: 7pm: 57

3rd Sunday in Lent: 8:15am: 77; 11:00am: 141; Total: 218

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

Give Thanks

Find the 41 **bold** words from Psalm 107:1–9 (ESV).

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

Oh **give thanks** to the **LORD**, for he is **good**, for his **steadfast love endures forever**! Let the **redeemed** of the **LORD** **say** so, whom he has redeemed from **trouble** and **gathered** in from the **lands**, from the **east** and from the **west**, from the **north** and from the **south**. Some **wandered** in **desert wastes**, finding no way to a **city** to **dwell** in; **hungry** and **thirsty**, their **soul** **fainted** within them. Then they **cried** to the **LORD** in their trouble, and he **delivered** them from their **distress**. He **led** them by a **straight way** till they **reached** a city to dwell in. Let them **thank** the **LORD** for his steadfast love, for his **wondrous works** to the **children of man**! For he **satisfies** the **longing** soul, and the hungry soul he **fills** with good things.

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	Roger Retherford			
LECTOR	8:15	Bob Ayers	11:00	Andy Laderman
ACOLYTE	8:15	Charlie Nickoli	11:00	Emily Odum
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15	Paul Whitacre		
	11:00	Sue Monroe		
GREETERS	8:15	Paul Whitacre		
	11:00	Linda and Joe Reasoner		
USHERS	8:15	Bob Andrews, Steve Young, Randy Stoll		
	11:00	Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Michael King		
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodi Arreguin, Dorotha Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge			
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush			
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Michelle Ulrich, Cassidy Reese			



This Week at Grace: March 10-17, 2024

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)

MON 1:00pm Ruth Circle
6:30pm SWOMD Council Meeting

TUES noon-6pm Blood Drive
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. **MID-WEEK LENTEN OBSERVANCE**

MOLLY KING, CLM

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 Grace Stitchers

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

SAT 8:00 am Men of Grace Gathering
9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2-4pm Grace Game Day
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

March 17 **5TH 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
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11:00 am Worship Service

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