

5th Sunday in Lent



March 17, 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

"Interlude on St. Flavian" - *arr. Stanley E. Saxton*

"Glory Be to Jesus" - *arr. Malcolm Archer*

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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing, light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

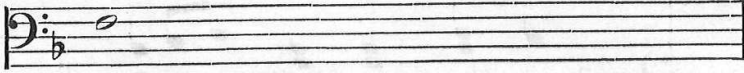
The Liturgy of The Word

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!**

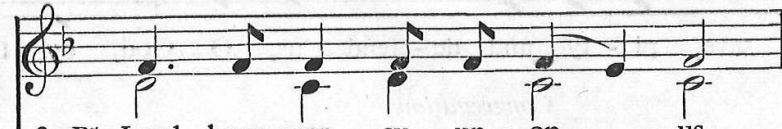
KYRIE (*Mark 10: 47*)

Minister

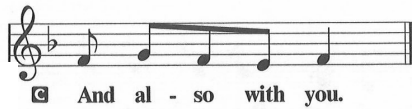
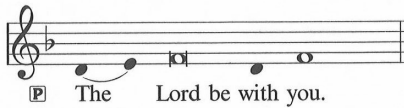


1. Lord, have mercy upon us.
2. Christ, have mercy upon us.
3. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation



PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

God declared that a new day was coming when he would make a new covenant with Israel and Judah, a covenant unlike the one made with the patriarchs of the faith and the slaves of Egypt. The first covenant was broken by a disobedient people who refused to obey God's law. This covenant will be written on the hearts of the people.

³¹{Thus says the LORD,} "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:9-16

Refrain



Psalms Tone



- L ⁹How shall the young keep [|] their way clean?
By keeping [|] to your word.
- C ¹⁰**With my whole [|] heart I seek you;
let me not stray from [|] your commandments.**
- L ¹¹I treasure your promise [|] in my heart,
that I may not [|] sin against you.
- C ¹²**Blessed are [|] you, O LORD;
instruct me [|] in your statutes. Refrain**
- L ¹³With my lips [|] I recite
all the judgments [|] of your mouth.
- C ¹⁴**I take greater delight in the way of [|] your decrees
than in all man- [|] ner of riches.**
- L ¹⁵I will meditate on [|] your commandments
and give attention [|] to your ways.
- C ¹⁶**My delight is [|] in your statutes;
I will not for- [|] get your word. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Those who were appointed as high priests in Israel still had to make sin offerings for their own sins as well as for the sins of others in the community. Jesus, who was perfect, was designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek — both king and priest. His offering was made through prayers and supplication while on earth. His final sacrifice of his life granted us eternal life.

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of

eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Alto) and a piano line (Tenor and Bass). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

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. Mark, the 10th chapter.



³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized," ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

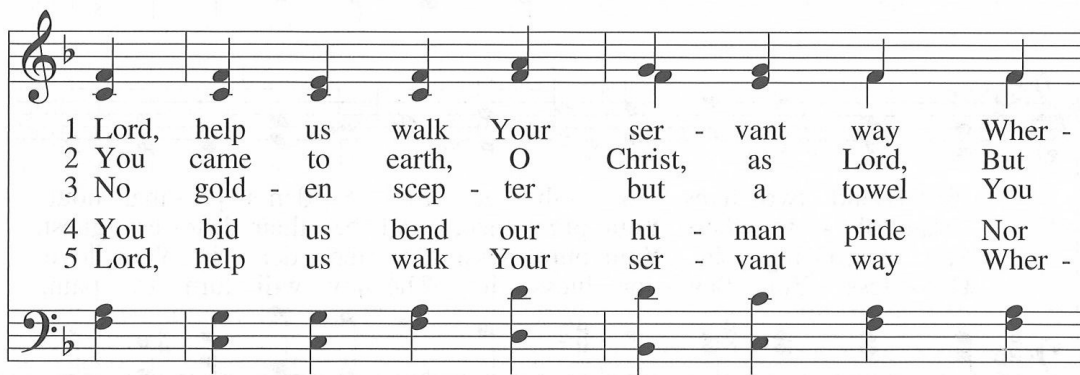
Dale Stanley, Pastoral Intern

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

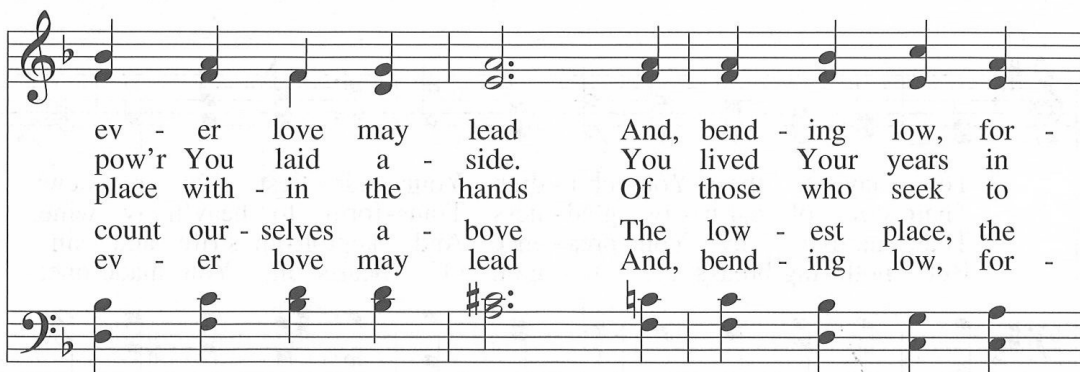
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HYMN OF THE DAY

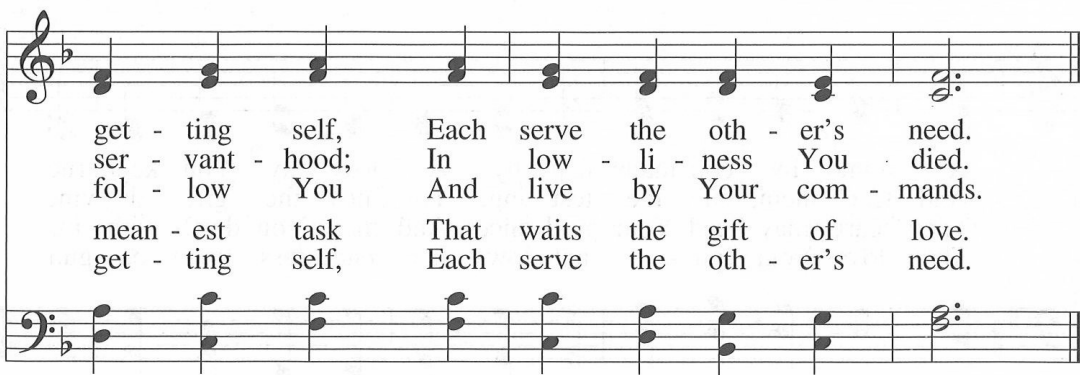
"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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 "The Shepherd's Complaint" - *Felix Mendelssohn*

Robin Buser-Piano

11:00 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" - *arr. John Rutter*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir and Barbara Milone, oboe

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*)

C 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

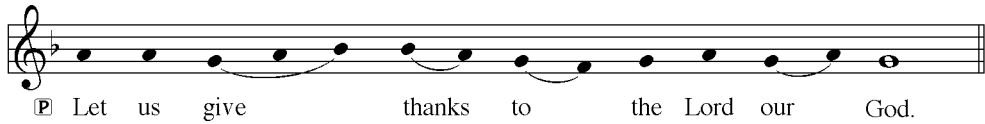
- A** Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

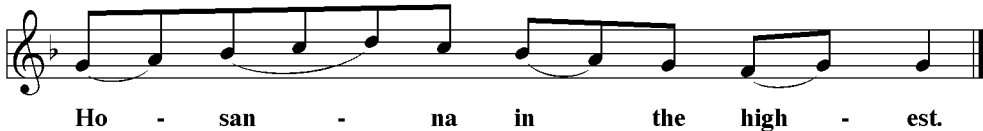
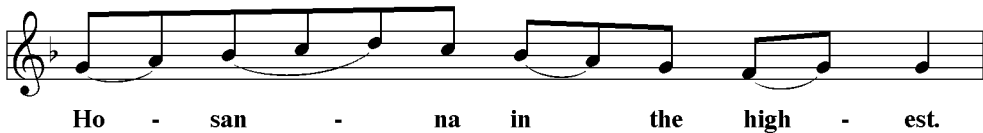
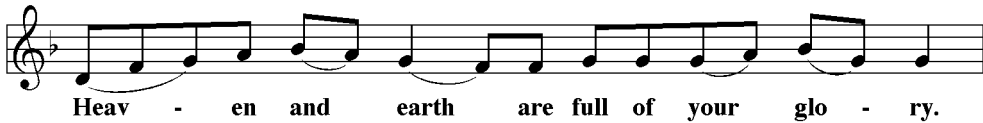
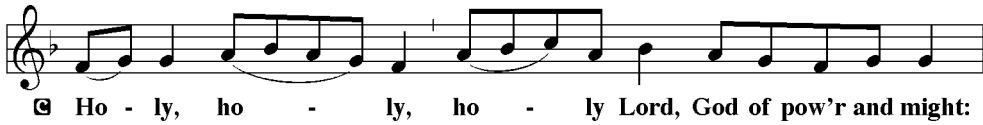
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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



P 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

(Selections from "Songs of the Shepherd" by John Carter)

Robin Buser, Piano

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!

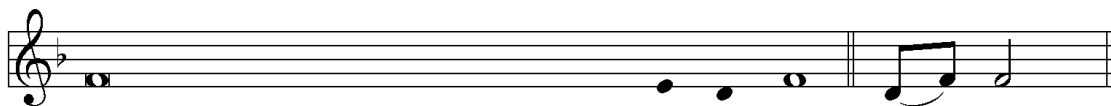
C Amen.

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.

C A - men

The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit †

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;

poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Verses from the Te Deum" - *Anonymous*

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, 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.



Calling all visitors and those considering membership at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church! We will be receiving new members Sunday, May 5, at both services! A New Member Class will be offered with two sessions Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour and the second session the same day after the 11am service. A light lunch will be provided in the Loaves and Fishes fellowship area, followed by the session in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor David Wendel and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. If you have questions regarding Grace Lutheran Church or membership, please contact Pastor Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081, or by phone or text 719-650-8171. Those wishing to participate in the new member class and planning to join in membership, please register at www.grace43081.org or call the office at 614-882-3026, or email at office@grace43081.org.



Intercessory Prayer Team: Intercessory prayer is available to all ages, young people, older OWL folks (Older Wiser Lutherans) and all in between ages. Your prayers are welcome for family, friends, co-workers, travel, health, safety, school, surgery, guidance on a decision, thanksgiving for an answered prayer and so much more.



There are many ways to make your prayer request:

- 1) The Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens.
 - A. Whatever you have available to write a prayer on, we'll take that too! A paper napkin, the back of a grocery list, any scrap of paper will work.
 - B. Put your request in the Prayer Chest anytime.
- 2) What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office, or anywhere you are: Grace website: grace43081.org

The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right hand side of the first page.

Your name is optional.

Only the Intercessory Prayer Team leaders see the original requests.

Members are sent the prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks.

Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

Upcoming Events

March 17	12:30pm: High School gathering @ Chipotle
March 18	Easter Flower Orders Due
March 19	6:30pm Council Meeting
March 20	Mid-Week Lenten observance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Soup Supper • 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
March 21	6:15pm Supper Club
March 24:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 First Communion (contact Pr. Wendel)
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)
April 28	New Member classes at 9:30am and 12:30pm (New Member Welcome: May 5)

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.



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 began on February 11th. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45 and is facilitated by Bill Kulju.



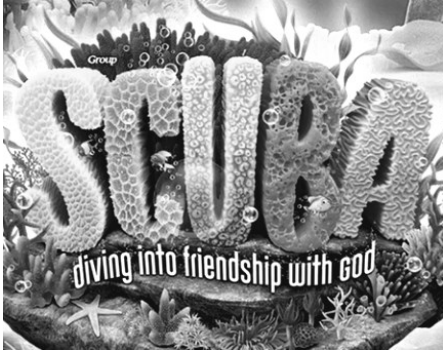
Youth and Family Event with the Columbus Crew: Come join us for Faith and Family Night with the Columbus Crew. The game is with Crew 2 and played in the old stadium. Crew 1 will not be having Faith and Family Night this year because tickets are sold out for the home games. If you are interested you can sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome to join us as we cheer on the

Columbus Crew 2 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 as 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: The rice bowls are due back NEXT SUNDAY 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)*

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.



HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 14 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.

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

“Interlude on St. Flavian” – arr. Stanley E. Saxton

ST. FLAVIAN is the tune for today’s Hymn of the Day, “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way.” The text for this hymn by Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) exhort’s Christ’s followers to identify with Him who came not to be served but to serve others. Stuempfle wrote the hymn in 1994 and published it in his 1997 collection *Redeeming the Time*. In that publication, Stuempfle noted Mark 10:35-45 and John 13:1-7, 31b-35 as the biblical bases for the hymn. He also included a quotation from Bernard of Clairvaux: “Learn the lesson that, if you would do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a scepter but a hoe.”

“Glory Be to Jesus” – arr. Malcolm Archer

The Italian antecedent of this text (“Viva! Viva! Gesù!”) was found in an 1837 edition of Galli’s *Raccolta di Orazione e pie Opere colle Indulgenze*. Earlier (1815) Pope Pius VII had granted a 100-day indulgence to all who used the hymn. The translation by Edward Caswell first appeared in his *Hymns for the Use of the Birmingham Oratory* (1857), entitled “Hymn to the precious blood.”

“The Shepherd’s Complaint” – Felix Mendelssohn

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847), widely known as Felix Mendelssohn, was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. His compositions include symphonies, concertos, piano music, organ music and chamber music. His best-known works include the overture and incidental music for *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (which includes his “Wedding March”), the oratorio *Elijah*, the melody used in the Christmas carol “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, and his *Songs Without Words* for piano.

“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.

“Verses from the Te Deum” – Anonymous

Printing of music began about the middle of the 15th century, and early in the next century a man named Pierre D’Attaignant was the first person in France to print music from movable type. D’Attaignant published a large collection of pieces by many composers. This is a setting of the traditional hymn of rejoicing “Te Deum” – “We Praise Thee, O God” and contains five verses. The composer is not known.



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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.

3rd Wednesday in Lent, March 6: 7pm: 62

4th Sunday in Lent: 8:15am: 74; 11:00am: 119; Total: 193

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

I Will Not Forget Your Word

Find the 37 **bold** words from Psalm 119:9–16 (ESV).

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

How can a **young man keep his way pure**? By **guarding** it **according to your word**. With my **whole heart** I **seek you**; let me not **wander** from your **commandments**! I have **stored up** your word in my heart, that I might **not sin** against you. **Blessed** are you, O **LORD**; **teach** me your **statutes**! With my **lips** I **declare** all the **rules** of your **mouth**. In the way of your **testimonies** I **delight** as much as in all **riches**. I will **meditate** on your **precepts** and **fix** my **eyes** on your **ways**. I will delight in your statutes; I will not **forget** your word.

Serving Today

OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel
PREACHER	Dale Stanley, Pastoral Intern
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CANTOR	Steve Kile
LECTOR	8:15 Randy Stoll 11:00 Karen Holmes
ACOLYTE	8:15 Claire Cain 11:00 Evan Crain
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15 Ted Ray 11:00 John Westenhaver
GREETERS	8:15 Ellen and George Paulus 11:00 Marge Zimmermann
USHERS	8:15 Steve Miller, Andy Ucubagabriel, Sue Miller 11:00 Mike Grubb, Beverly Grubb, Tom Seamon
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, Kathleen Betz



This Week at Grace: March 17-24, 2024

March 17 **5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

DALE STANLEY, PASTORAL INTERN

- 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
- 12:30 pm HS gathering @ Chipotle

MON Easter Flower Orders Due
6-8 pm Polling set-up (Loaves and Fishes Café)

TUES 5:30-6:30am Polling set-up (Loaves and Fishes Café)
6:30am-7:30pm Polling Location (Loaves and Fishes Café)
6:30 pm Council Meeting
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 6:15 pm Supper Club

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

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

March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**

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
- Rice Bowls Due
- Easter Breakfast RSVP due
- 6:30-9pm Lakeside Village Association (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.