

# **Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**March 14, 2021**

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshippers) are available from the ushers.

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Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.  
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

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 and the NALC.

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### PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Lord, Save Your World" - arr. Wilbur Held

"Contemplation on Wondrous Love" - arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful Father,  
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

### The Gathering

## GREETING

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you!**

## KYRIE

A Kyrie eleison.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God,

**C grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace may mercifully be redeemed; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH CONCERNS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Chris and John Troutman - vocal duet**

"For God So Loved the World" - *Joseph M. Martin*

### 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.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>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 detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L The word of the Lord.

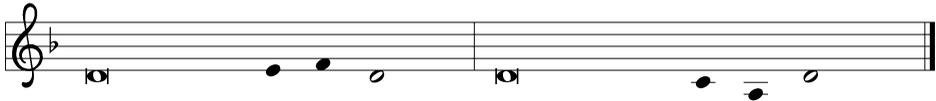
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



- L <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.
- C <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the foe,**
- L <sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup>from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup>from the south.
- C <sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
through their sins they <sup>1</sup>were afflicted.**
- L <sup>18</sup>They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
and drew near <sup>1</sup>to death's door.
- C <sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup>their distress. Refrain**
- L <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your <sup>1</sup>word and healed them  
and rescued them <sup>1</sup>from the grave.
- C <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup>for all people.**
- L <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices <sup>1</sup>of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with <sup>1</sup>shouts of joy. 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.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

*Please be seated.*

### MESSAGE

**Pastor Nicholas Hopman**

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



## 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 OF THE CHURCH

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world,  
and all in need. *A brief silence*

*After each petition:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

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.**

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you.

This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.



*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.  
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.  
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)***

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"I Gave My Life for Thee" - arr. Mark Hayes  
"Christ, the Life of All the Living" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

*After communion is finished, 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

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through  
the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you  
would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent  
love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## The Sending

## BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****"Wide Open Are Your Hands"**

1 Wide o - pen are your hands to pay with more than gold  
 2 Wide o - pen are your arms, a fall - en world to em-brace,  
 3 Draw all my mind and heart up to your throne on high,



the aw - ful debt of guilt and sin, for - ev - er and of old.  
 to win to love and end - less rest our way-ward hu - man race.  
 and let your sa - cred cross ex - alt my spir - it to the sky.



Ah, let me grasp those hands, that we may nev - er part,  
 Lord, I am sad and poor, but bound - less is your grace;  
 To these, your might - y hands, my spir - it I re - sign.



and let the pow - er of their blood sus - tain my faint - ing heart.  
 give me the soul - trans - form - ing joy for which I seek your face.  
 In life, I live a - lone to you; in death, am yours a - lone.

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE****Linda Hoch***"Fugue sur les Jeux D'Anches" - François Couperin*

**Dismissal:** *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

**Offering:** A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.



*Friday, March 5, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Charlene Lawson was welcomed as a member of Grace by Pastor Hopman, her sister Shirley and Robert Klingensmith and family. She is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Remember in our prayers...** *Martha Barnes-Whitacre, Jan Singleton, Wanda Bartholomew, Mary Ross, Barb Girard, Connie Caldwell, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Shawn Turnbull*

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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.*

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:30am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.

**NURSERY** will be closed until further notice. If you have any question see Molly King.

**Easter Service Sign-up:** This year Easter services will be offered in the sanctuary at Grace at 8:30am and 11:00am. Seating for the services will be limited this year to allow for social distancing and advance registration is required. Currently, the 8:30am and 11:00am services are waitlisted. If you have registered and are unable to attend, please call the office to let us know and we will pull from those on the waitlist. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins Easter morning. The Easter morning service will be recorded and posted to our website and YouTube.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**High School Sunday School** has resumed and is meeting in Rose Garden 1 during the Sunday School hour.

**2021 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATE:** *Molly is hoping to have VBS this Summer. The dates will be July 25-29, the program is **Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God!** The children will discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold— it's them! Contact Molly King: [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org) or 614-882-3026.*



**Lent Rice Bowls:** During Lent we will be collecting loose change for the Rice Bowls. "With your help, some leftover change can become 1000's of yummy meals for orphaned children." The rice bowls will be out by the Welcome Center for you to pick up on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and they are due back on April 4th, Easter Sunday. Donations can also be made through [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org), under "Giving" a line for "Rice Bowls" has been added. More information is at [ricebowls.org](http://ricebowls.org). If you have any questions contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).

**A Season of Hope:** Lent may be a time of waiting and darkness, but it need not be one of inaction and hopelessness. This Lenten season, announce to the world that Christ makes a

new season possible: **A SEASON OF HOPE** for Lutheran World Relief. The warehouse shelves are nearly empty and they can't keep up with the demand. We will once again collect items for Personal Care Kits. The kits include light weight bath size towel, bars of soap, adult toothbrush in the original packaging, sturdy comb and metal nail clippers. The baskets will be out by the welcome center. We will start collecting items Sunday, February 21. This project will end Easter Sunday. If you have any questions contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).



## **TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

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**The Women's Bible Study is studying** Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs Wednesdays at 10:30. In this study meet three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. For more information contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).

**AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE:** The adult class led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 4 at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact John at [jwestenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:jwestenhaver@gmail.com).

**Adult Learning:** John 1, 2, & 3 – Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, along with Dr. Evans, we will walk through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. Please join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

## **REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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**Blood Drive:** Save the DATE for Tuesday, May 4, from noon-6pm, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blood Drive for The Red Cross. To schedule an appointment call 1800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information. Thank you to all who donated Tuesday, March 9, over 50 donors attended!



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

### **March Grocery List:**

*Spaghetti sauce; pasta-all types; pasta sides, rice sides, potato sides; BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressings; sloppy joe mix; beef and tuna helpers. 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= 218 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE= 1093.5 lbs.;  
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1426.00 ; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$3899.00

**Putting God's Love into Action with Westerville Habitat Partnership:** Lent is a great time of year to take stock of your blessings as we are reminded of what Jesus did and His sacrifice for us. This past year we have learned to appreciate our homes and are reminded that there are those who do not have adequate housing. This year we are asking you to donate based on the square footage of your house. The average home in America is 1525 – 2435 square feet and costs \$100 - \$200/ SQ FT to build. (Custom, luxury homes can be as much as \$200 to \$500 per square foot to build, with labor making up 40% of the cost.) The typical 3 bedroom Habitat home is 1250 square feet and costs about \$80 per square feet to build. While we would LOVE your pledge of \$80, \$10, \$5 or even \$1 per foot, we are looking for 5 cent, 2 cent or 1 cent per square foot. A 2400 square foot house would be \$70.00, \$48.00 or \$24.00. Any amount is gratefully accepted. The money can be donated any time during Lent. A check could be made out to the Westerville Habitat Partnership OR to Grace with 'Habitat' in the memo line. You can also donate on Grace's website. We have the potential to assist families to build strength, stability and self-reliance.



## ***MUSIC NOTES***

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### **“Lord, Save Your World” – arr. Wilbur Held**

This hymn was written by Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) in November 1947 and was included in his *Rejoice, Rejoice, O People* (1951). The tune KEDRON was one of the most popular tunes of the rural South in pre-Civil War days and was often paired with solemn texts. The tune gets its name from the river which flows between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives, and refers to John 18:1, “When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.” (RSV)

### **“Contemplation on Wondrous Love” – arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde**

It is generally agreed that the author of the text is unknown, though *The Hesperian Harp* (1848) attributes the original words to Alexander Means, a Methodist Preacher in Oxford Georgia. It appeared in a number of 19<sup>th</sup> century hymnals, including *The Sacred Harp* (1844). The melody for this hymn shows signs of Celtic influences, and the unusual meter is that of an old sea chanty about Captain Kidd. The tune first appeared in the valleys of the Southern Appalachians, where William Walker recorded it and included it in his historic *Southern Harmony*. Each stanza has a single thought which is underscored by repetition.

### **“For God So Love the World” – Joseph M. Martin**

John 3:16 is perhaps the most recognized and treasured passage in all of scripture: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”(NRSV) This choral arrangement by Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959) was arranged and dedicated to Larry Wolf, Music Director at Big Beaver United Methodist Church in Troy, Michigan for his 25 years of faithful service.

### **“I Gave My Life for Thee” – arr. Mark Hayes**

As a young girl, Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) saw the motto “I did this for thee; what hast thou done for Me?” under a picture of the crucifixion in the study of a prominent German pastor. She quickly penciled these lines on a scrap of paper. On reflection, she thought the poem was unworthy and threw it on the fire, only to have it fall out untouched. Her father encouraged her by writing a melody for it. The hymn appeared in leaflet form in 1859, and then was published in the magazine *Good Words*, February, 1860. The current tune KENOSIS was written by Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876) especially for this text, and was dedicated to the “Railroad Chapel Sunday School, Chicago”. It was first published in Bliss’ *Sunshine for Sunday Schools*, 1873. “Kenosis” is a Greek word and refers to Christ’s self-humiliation.

**“Christ, the Life of All the Living” – arr. Anne Krentz Organ**

Ernst Christoph Homburg (1605-1681) wrote this hymn about Christ suffering on our behalf and our “thousand, thousand thanks”. He became a lawyer in Naumburg, Germany and was a highly-regarded secular poet in his younger days in addition to writing love songs and drinking songs. Domestic troubles, including his illness and that of his wife, led him to turn to God. He wrote nearly 150 hymns intended primarily for his own private use to strengthen his faith and trust. They were published in his *Geistliche Lieder* (1659).

**“Fugue sure les Jeux D’Anches” – François Couperin**

François Couperin (1668-1733), surnamed “le Grand” on account of his superiority in organ playing, was the most illustrious member of a distinguished family and one of the greatest of early French composers. He was the son of Charles Couperin, his first teacher. He later became a student of Jacques-Denis Thomelin, organist of the King’s Chapel. In 1685 he became the organist of St.-Gervais, a post he held until his death. In 1693, after a successful competition, he succeeded Thomelin as organist of the King’s chapel, receiving the title of “organist du roi”. He was music master to the Dauphin and other members of the royal family, and ranked high in the favor of King Louis XIV.



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January 2020	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 37,083	\$ 42,119	\$ 5,036

**Weekly Worship Attendance**

**Second Wednesday in Lent, March 3:** 7:00pm: 55

**Third Sunday in Lent, March 7:** 8:30am: 65 , 11:00am: 79, Total:144

## **THE SEASON OF LENT AT GRACE – 2021**

Come join us for Wednesday evening services during Lent.

The service starts at 7:00 pm.

The Drama Series this year is called "Will You Betray Me?" This was Jesus' question to Judas in the Garden Of Gethsemane on the night he was arrested. In our lives of faith as Jesus' disciples, it is a question that could be asked of each of us as well. This five-part drama series focuses on "betrayal" as a central theme. The monologues feature biblical characters that knowingly or unknowingly contributed to the betrayal and death of Jesus.

March 17	Dinah, The Forgiven Adulteress, performed by Heather Bush
March 24	Judas, The Good Disciple, performed by Larry Schaller

### **Holy Week Schedule**

April 1st	Maundy Thursday
April 2nd	Good Friday
April 4th	Easter (Registration Required)

## Serving Today

PRESIDER/PREACHER	Pastor Nicholas Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
CANTOR	John Troutman
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	8:30 Allie Kotik 11:00 John Westenhaver
ALTAR GUILD <i>team 3</i>	Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Dorothea Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Joann Hensley
USHERS	8:30 Steve Young, Bob Andrews, Don Slemmer 11:00 Mike Grubb, Bev Grubb, Tom Seamon
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush



## This Week at Grace: March 14-21, 2021

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### March 14 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and High School (Rose Garden 1)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Council Meeting (Online Meeting)

MON

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### WED **FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**

- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm Service (Sanctuary)

THURS 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Online Meeting)

FRI 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

### March 21 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and High School (Rose Garden 1)
- 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.