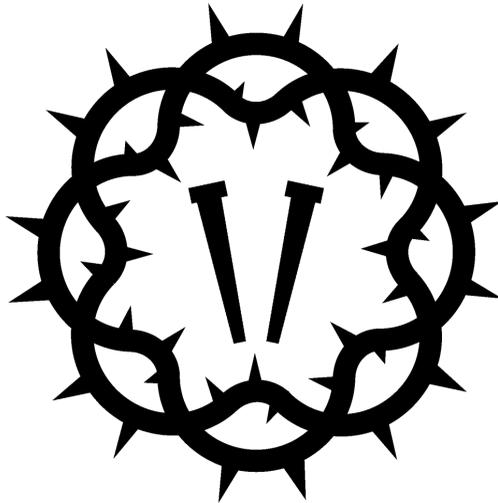


**Second Sunday
in Lent**



February 28, 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.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Jesus instructed his disciples and the crowd that gathered around him that to live as the Son of Man lives, they must be willing to suffer. If anyone thought they wanted to follow after him, they must be ready to deny themselves and take up the cross. The paradox of following Christ is that life is found in giving it up rather than holding onto it with a white-knuckled grip. This is the truth for all generations!

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Passion Chorale" - arr. Charles Callahan

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" - arr. Wilbur Held

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

"O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.

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 Eternal and Immortal God,
C **only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life's trials and tragedies; through 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

New Member Welcome

HYMN OF PRAISE

Andrea Bush - violin, Linda Hoch - piano

"Jesus Paid It All/ O Sacred Head Now Wounded" - *arr. Brant Adams*

The Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

God made promise to Abram in his old age, and changed his name to Abraham. The promise was that Abraham would be the father of many nations and God's covenant would last for all succeeding generations.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:23-31

Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

Psalm Tone

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- L ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹spring of Israel.
- C ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face ¹hidden from them;
but when they cry out, ¹the LORD hears them.**
- L ²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹fear the LORD.
- C ²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹
live forever! Refrain**
- L ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹before God.
- C ²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ver the nations.**
- L ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel
be- ¹fore the LORD.
- C ³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹tions to come.**
- L ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹LORD has acted!" **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as

dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

Jesus asked his disciples who others think he is, and their answers included John the Baptist, Elijah or even another prophet. Jesus was more concerned with who the disciples thought he was, so he asked them the question. Peter stepped forward, confessing that Jesus is the Christ — but then just as quickly balked when Jesus explained that he must suffer, die, and on the third day rise again.

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸Those who are

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 'Take up your cross,' the Sav - ior said, 'if you would my dis - ci - ple be; for - sake the past, and come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.'"

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

"Give Me Jesus" - arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" - arr. Mark Albrecht

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 \dagger grant you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise" - arr. Michael Burkhardt

Linda Hoch

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.



Join us in welcoming the following new members to Grace:

Michael and Carol Russell
Jim Shore
Roy Truemper

Today's flowers are given by...

Béla Bernhardt in celebration of wife Lois Bernhardt's birthday.

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

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 around 11am.

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

A note of Thanks:

Mary and I thank you all for your prayers during this sad time for our family.

We also thank you for your cards. We thank Fred Pfanz for organizing meals for us and thank everyone who contributed your delicious food.

In Christ,

Pastor Hopman

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. There are two ways to sign-up to attend the Easter services at www.grace43081.org, then click on the sign-up link (registration through [Sign-up Genius](#)) or by calling the church office (614-882-3026) with your name, phone number, and number attending.



Registration is on a first come, first served basis. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins Easter morning. The 8:30am service will be recorded and posted to our website.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2021 Vacation Bible School: 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! There are some things I would like to start collecting:



- Paper tubes/wrapping paper rolls

Contact Molly King: m.king@grace43081.org or 614-882-3026.

Kroger Click List bags: Save your Kroger Click List bags. Youth and Family is collecting them for upcoming events. Please contact Molly with any questions, m.king@grace43081.org.

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, under "Giving" a line for "Rice Bowls" has been added. More information is at ricebowls.org. If you have any questions contact Molly King, 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.



REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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

February Grocery List:

Hot and cold cereal; peanut butter and jelly; cake and brownie mix, frosting; mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise; pancake mix and syrup; quart size Ziploc bags; laundry and dish soap; toilet paper and paper towels. 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.

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. Last year Westerville Habitat asked you to donate based on the number of rooms, electrical outlets and sinks in your home. 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.



Blood Drive: On Tuesday, March 9, 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, sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information. The drive will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY - no walk-ins! All workers AND Donors will be required to wear a mask (if they don't have one the Red Cross will provide one).



Donors will be answering a list of questions and having their temperature taken by a Red Cross employee before coming into area to be checked in. There will only be packaged snacks, water and juice provided by the Red Cross. Vanessa Stewart will be the only volunteer from Grace involved with the blood drive. She will greet and register donors. Direct any questions/concerns to Vanessa. The need for blood is greater than ever.

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

Katharine Circle will meet Monday, March 1 at 1pm.

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.

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

“Passion Chorale” – arr. Charles Callahan

The chorale tune HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN is the tune for our Sending Hymn “Our Father, We Have Wandered”. This hymn by Kevin Nichols (1929-2006) is based on the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). He wrote this hymn while he was working for the International Commission on English Liturgy (ICEL), which was set up in 1963 as a joint commission of the Roman Catholic bishops' conference to make available a common translation of the Latin liturgy. The hymn was first published in the ICEL *Resources Collection of Hymns and Service Music for the Liturgy* (1981).

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” – arr. Wilbur Held

Charles W. Everest (1814-1877) first published this hymn when he was 19 years old as “Take up thy cross” in his *Visions of Death, and Other Poems* (Hartford, 1833). It is one of only two American hymns to be included in the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). The tune BOURBON first appeared in the shape-note tune-book Freeman Lewis (1780-1859) compiled called *Beauties of Harmony* (Pittsburgh, 1814). The tune may have come from Bourbon County, Kentucky, a county popularly known for its association with a particular type of corn whiskey distilled according to a process invented by a Baptist preacher, the Rev. Elijah Craig.

“Jesus Paid It All/ O Sacred Head Now Wounded” – arr. Brant Adams

In 1865, Elvina M. Hall (1818-1889) wrote the hymn “Jesus Paid It All” on the flyleaf of a hymnal, *New Lute of Zion*, during a Sunday morning service at a Methodist church in Baltimore. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told Peter to “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:38 ESV) Mark goes on to record how Peter was unable to stand by his Lord to the end, but fell away during the trial. In this hymn, the first stanza echoes Jesus' words to Peter, and the following stanzas and refrain are our prayer back to Christ, in which we repeat that we are unable to attain righteousness in our own strength, but only through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross.

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” comes from part seven, *salve caput*, of a longer Latin poem *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (1656) that addressed the seven Aspects of the Crucified: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart and face. Known as the “crucifix hymns” they were designed for long, intense devotions while kneeling at the altar. The seventh part was translated into German by the famous hymn writer, Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) and then into English by James W. Alexander (1804-1859) where it was first published in *The Christian Lyre* (1830) – an early American hymnal with many folk tunes.

“Give Me Jesus” – arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

“Give Me Jesus” is an African American spiritual that in some versions begins “I heard my mother say.” It was part of the repertoire of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, the group that formed at Fisk University in the 1870’s and moved African American spirituals to the public and world-wide stage. This piece was printed on p. 19 in their *Jubilee Songs* (New York, 1872), where it began “O when I come to die.” The narrative moves from morning to midnight to the break of day to death – that is, back and forth across all of life as it rises, wails, and dies. To encompass everything, it wants to sing the song “Give me Jesus”.

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” – arr. Mark Albrecht

This hymn and its music are by Jeremy Young (b. 1948). It was first published in *With One Voice* (1995). The stanzas are paraphrases of Psalm 34:1-10. Young came up with the idea for the song while sitting in the chapel at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, Maryland where his older daughter was a student. He named the tune STONERIDGE.

“The God of Abraham Praise” – arr. Michael Burkhardt

The text for this hymn was written by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) while staying in the home of John Bakewell in Westminster, London in 1770. It was inspired by hearing “Yigdal” sung in the Great Synagogue, Duke’s Place, London. Olivers commented that he had given it a “Christian character” with his reference to the Holy Trinity. It was first published in a leaflet, “A Hymn to the God of Abraham,” ca. 1770.



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Dec. 2020	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 50,977	\$ 14,310
YTD	\$440,000	\$ 457,142	\$ 17,142

Weekly Worship Attendance

Ash Wednesday, February 17: 7:00pm: 66

Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 21: 8:30am: 53, 11:00am: 81, Total:134



This Week at Grace: February 28-March 7, 2021

Feb. 28 **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 am Worship Service

MON 1:00 pm Katharine Circle

TUES 5:00 pm CareTeam Meeting (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED **SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT**

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

THURS 1:00 pm Arts and Environment Meeting
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 7 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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