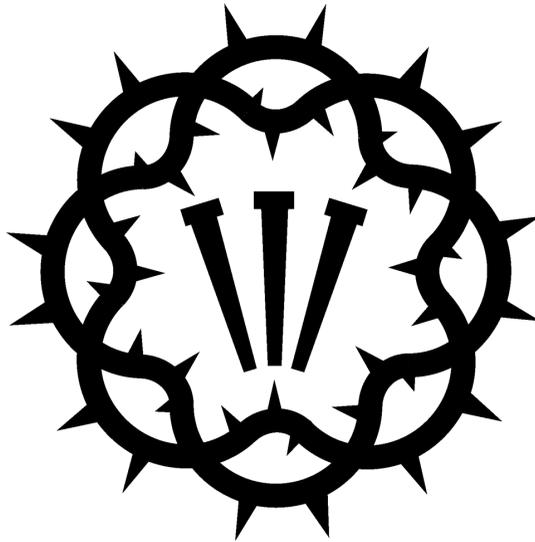


Third Sunday in Lent



March 7, 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 worshipers) 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.

Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - *arr. Al Roberts*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - *arr. Robert Buckley Farlee*

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.**

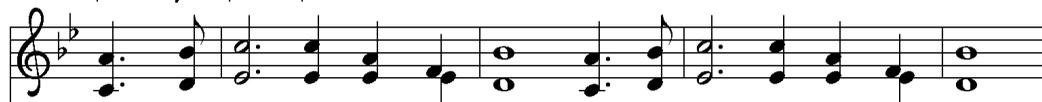
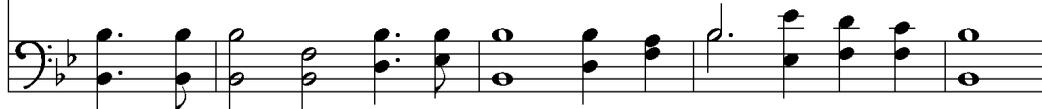
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,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

GATHERING HYMN

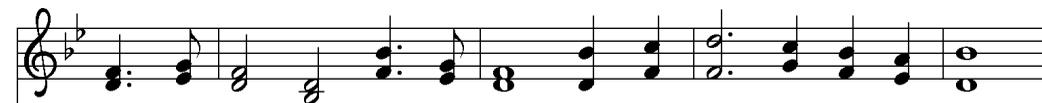
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"



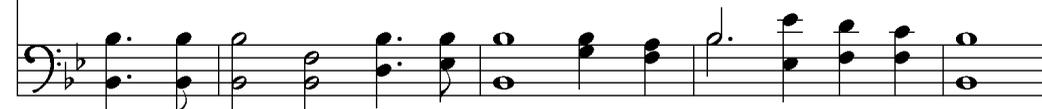
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



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.**

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

Refrain

The com - mand - ment of the LORD
gives light to the eyes.

Psalm Tone

Psalm Tone

L ¹The heavens declare the glo-¹ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

C ²**One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**

L ³Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,

C ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**

L ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.

C ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of¹ it again;
nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat. Refrain**

L ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

C ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**

L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.

C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. Refrain**

L ¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

C ¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13-25

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

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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

"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.

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



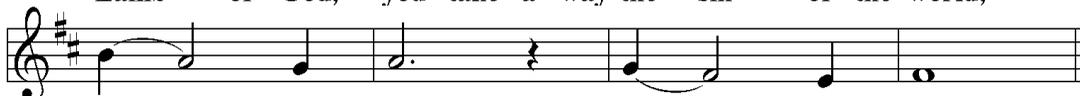
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" with "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - arr. Cindy Berry

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" - arr. Carol Wahl

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in A Minor" - arr. Jan Pieter Sweelinck

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.

Today's flowers are given by...

*Vanessa Stewart in celebration of husband Ric's birthday.
Jodi Arreguin in celebration of her 10th wedding anniversary.
Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Maggie's birthday.*

Remember in our prayers... *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*

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.

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.



TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

Ruth Circle meets Monday, March 8 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.

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 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 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, 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

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.

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.

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" – arr. Al Roberts

A single four-line stanza of this text (containing parts of the present first and third stanzas) first appeared in the *Gospel Magazine* published by Augustus Toplady (1740-1778) in 1775. It came at the end of an article titled "Life – a Journey," a message of hope for all who had fallen into sin. The complete poem appeared in the same magazine in March, 1776 with the heading "A living and dying Prayer for the Holiest Believer in the World." The same year it was hymn No. 337 in Toplady's *Psalms and Hymns*. The metaphor of the Rock of Ages is found variously in Isaiah 26:4, Exodus 33:22, and 1 Corinthians 10:4. It is a hymn about sin and salvation, about our helpless need, and about the all-sufficiency of Christ's atonement.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

This text by Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748), possibly based on Galatians 6:14, has been acclaimed by some as “the finest hymn in the English language”. It first appeared in Watts’ *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* (1707) and was intended to be sung principally at Communion Services. In the text, our gaze is fixed entirely on the cross, but stanza two warns us not to glory in ourselves. In stanza three we see the unveiling of the heart of God, filled with sorrow and love for us. A fourth stanza, often omitted, refers to “His dying crimson like a robe.” In the text we feel something of the horror of the crucifixion as we are confronted with the demand of the cross: “my soul, my life, my all.”

“What Wondrous Love Is This” – arr. Linda Wells

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 19th century hymnals, including *The Sacred Harp* (1844). Each stanza has a single thought which is underscored by repetition. This arrangement uses an alternative tune to the usual Southern Appalachian tune associated with the hymn.

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” with “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” – arr. Cindy Berry

The text for “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” was written by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) to fit an existing tune by William Doane (1832-1915). The hymn was first published in “Bright Jewels” in 1869. Doane was Crosby’s principal collaborator over the years. He was a wealthy business man in Cincinnati, as well as a gospel composer and publisher, and left much of his fortune to philanthropic causes. The scriptural references for the text come from Colossians 1:19-20 and Revelation 22:1-2.

Based on Galatians 6:14 (“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”), the text for the hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” was written by John Bowring (1792-1872). Tradition has a disputed story that Bowring was inspired by a view of the cross on the spire of the fire-gutted St. Paul’s Church in the Portuguese colony of Macao, on the coast of China (Bowring at one time was Governor of Hong Kong). The words first appeared in his *Hymns* (1825) and the opening line was inscribed on his tombstone.

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” – arr. Carol Wahl

This hymn by Marty Haugen (b. 1950) is about the tree of life, who also turns out to be Jesus the Christ. The hymn is constructed with the first three stanzas leading from the tree of life to wearing Christ’s body to following Christ as river follows sea to light and faith. The final five stanzas reflect the Year A cycle readings for the Lenten Season, with each stanza fitting one of the five Sundays in Lent. They move from creation to blessing to the living water of salvation to shining gospel to beyond fear and sorrow.

“Tocatta in A Minor – Jan Pieter Sweelinck”

Jan Pieter Sweelinck (1562-1621) was a great Dutch organist and composer. He was a pupil of his father, and assumed his position as organist of the Old Church of Amsterdam around 1580. As a player and teacher, he was celebrated far and wide, and most of the leading organists in northern Germany, of the next generation, were his students. He was known as “deutscher Organistenmacher” – the maker of German organists. He was the first to employ the pedal in a real fugal part, and he originated the organ fugue built up on one theme with the gradual addition of counter-themes that leads up to an involved finale – a form perfected by Bach.



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

Weekly Worship Attendance

First Wednesday in Lent, February 24: 7:00pm: 66

Second Sunday in Lent, February 28: 8:30am: 55, 11:00am: 67, Total:122

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 10	Simon, The Innocent Bystander, performed by Jim Caldwell; His sons, performed by Brice Graves and Benny Hoch
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)



This Week at Grace: March 7-14, 2021

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) and High School (Rose Garden 1)

11:00 am Worship Service

MON 1:00 pm Ruth Circle

TUES 12:00 pm Blood Drive (Gathering Space)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED **THIRD 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 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

Serving Today

PRESIDER/PREACHER

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

ASSISTING MINISTER

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister

CANTOR

Stephanie Foos

ORGANIST

Linda Hoch

SACRISTAN

Fred Pfanz

LECTOR

8:30 Randy Stoll 11:00 Ron Hoch

ALTAR GUILD *team 3*

Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Dorothea Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Joann Hensley

USHERS

8:30 Randy Stoll, Katherine Stoll, Will Stoll

11:00 Jim Claflin, Craig Robinette, Dave Fuhrman

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush

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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.