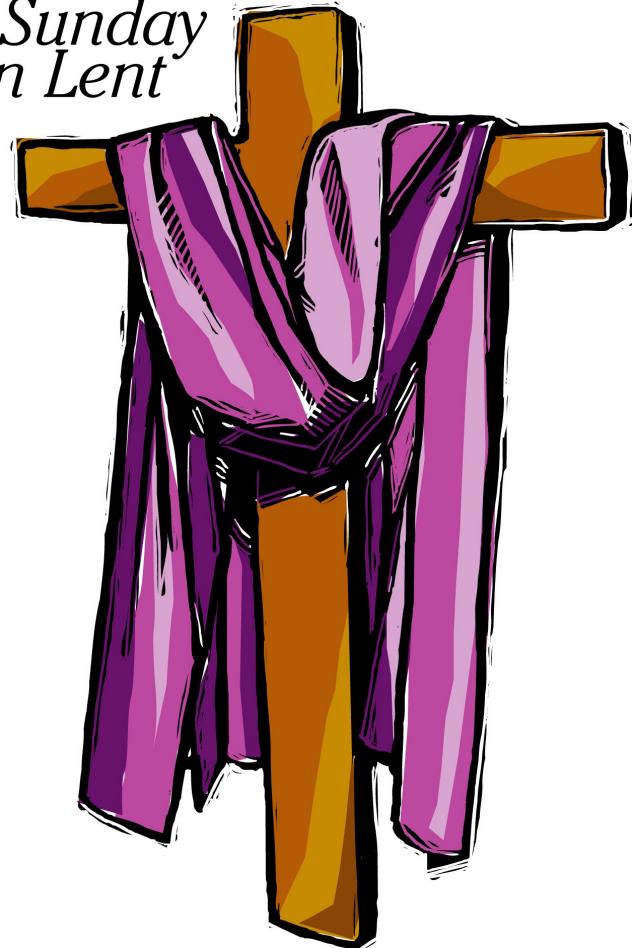


Fourth  
*Sunday*  
*in Lent*



*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*March 30, 2025*

## *Service of the Word and HOLY COMMUNION*

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

**We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.**

**We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.**

**We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.**

**Please inform Assisting Minister or Pastor of your need.**

**Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.**

**During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.**

**As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.**

**Gathering**

**Gloria Patri**



**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



**Gathering Hymn:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

“Whoever believes and is  
baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16, NIV



*We sit.*

**Word**

### First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua:

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 32**

***We read responsively.***

**1**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**2**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**3**While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**4**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**5**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**6**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

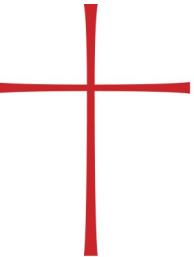
**7**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**8**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**9**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**10**Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

**11**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.



Happy are those whose  
transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin  
is covered.

PSALM 32:1, NRSV

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from : 2 Corinthians:

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**We stand.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.



<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

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### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.



### Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.*

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name  
of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**Amen.**

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

*Please greet those around you and offer a sign of peace to one another.*

*We sit.*

Offertory

*We stand.*



## Offertory Response

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12  
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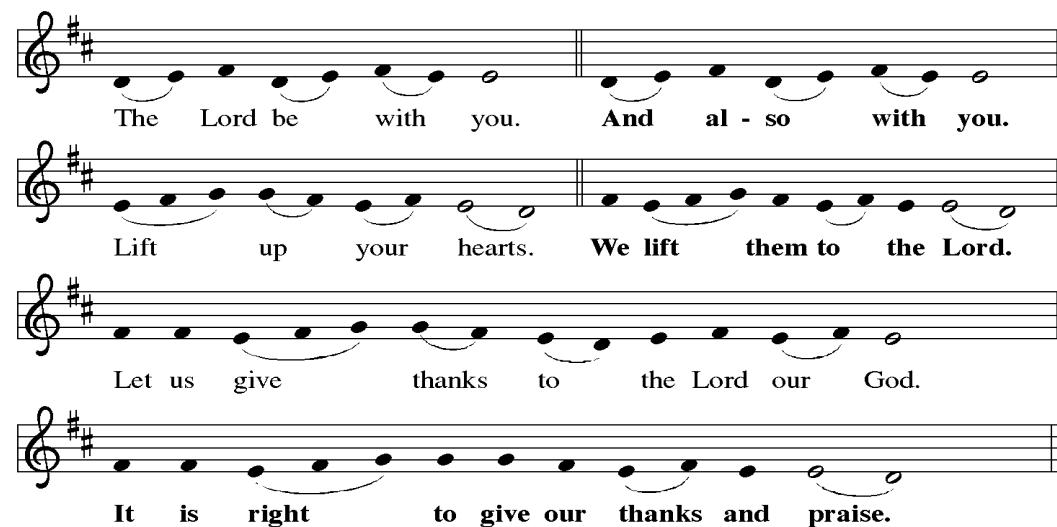
### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

DEUTERONOMY 26:10, NRSV  
  
So now I bring  
the first of the  
fruit of the ground  
that you, O Lord,  
have given me.

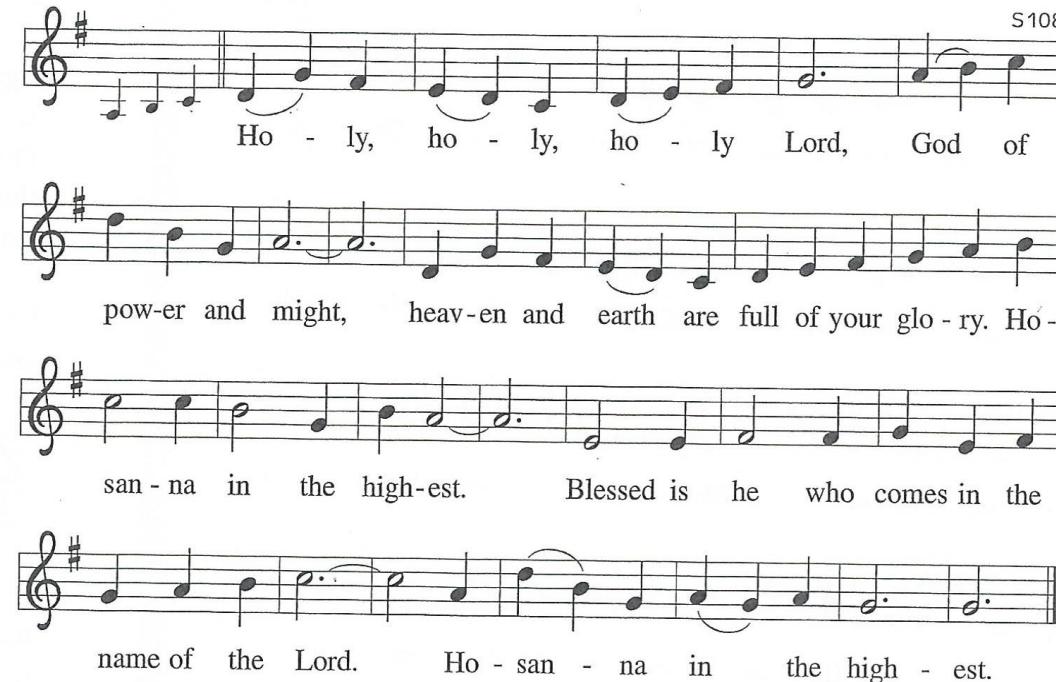
### Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And, so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these  
gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and **Holy Spirit**, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now  
and forever.

**Amen.**



### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

### Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

Thanks be to God!

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako urike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



*“Lamb of God” may be sung.*

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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.

### The Holy Communion

*We sit.*

*OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)*

*Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. We commune at the railing, filling up the rail from the center out. Grape juice is available on the center table as you come forward, or you will receive the wine from the Communion Assistant. You may kneel or stand at the railing. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister at the railing, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive the wine/grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your seat via the side aisle.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

Communion Hymn: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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*We stand.*

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Generous Host,  
**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Sending**

**Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The God of all grace  bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

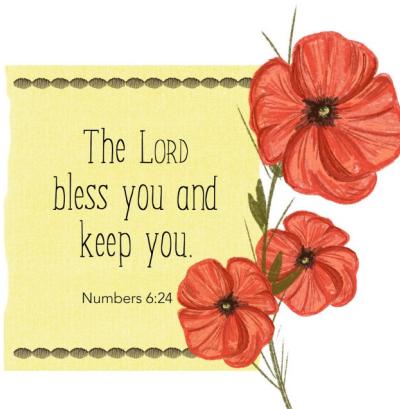
**Sending Hymn:** *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**



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*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



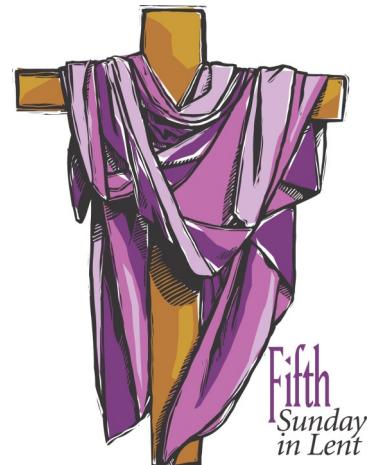
*Worship Assistants*

*Altar Flowers:* Berenice Archambeault  
*Altar Guild:* Jim & Gloria Nelson  
*Assisting Minister:* Becca Dolan  
*Communion Assistant:* Linda Meyer  
*Communion Assistant:* Tami Radecke  
*Council Person of the Week:* Jean Morgan  
*Offering Stewards:* Pat Brady  
*Ushers:* Fred Biggers  
*Ushers:* Andrew Sell



*Altar Flowers*

*Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of and thanksgiving to God!*



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Next Sunday's Schedule*  
*Sunday, April 6, 2025*  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*Service of Holy Communion*  
*and via You Tube*  
*Pastor Paul Pingel*  
*Presiding and Preaching*  
*Isaiah 43:16-21*  
*Psalm 126*  
*Philippians 3:4b-14*  
*John 12:1-8*



*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet on the podium located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of the Grace congregation, the community and the world around us, names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks and names on the on-going prayer list will remain for three (3) months. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office.*

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**BK Wilson**

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**David Boitnott**, Son of Pastor Phyllis Diamond and Friend of Pastor Pingel

**Charles Carrington**, CCE&J Friend

**Judy Drayer**, Mother of Peggy Caister

**Susan Duvall**, Sister of Pastor Pingel

**Pastor Dan & Ruth Feldscher**, Friends of the Proctors

**Kathy Hale**, Friend of BK Wilson

**Joe Keesee**, Friend of BK Wilson

**Jim Mahoney**, Grandfather of Zoey & Kiera Mahoney

**Taunya McDonald**, Friend of many at Grace

**Lyn McRee**, Friend of the Wertman Family

**Pete Moore**, Friend of many at Grace

**Zach Nelson**, Son of Jim and Gloria Nelson

**Judy Timm**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Genevieve Arneson**

**LizAnn Binns**

**Beth Brady**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Bill Kelley**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Dwight Moomaw**

**David Schwiesow**

**Carol Wolf**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Lisa Barmore**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Bishop C. D. Brown**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Paul Brown**, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

**Harold Dickerson**, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

**Charlie Fairchilds**, Brother of BK Wilson

**Hugh Hall**, Friend of Sarah Kite

**Rebecca Ray**, Friend of the Schwiesows

**The Sipe Family**, Friends of Many at Grace

**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

**Blythe Van Bremen**, Sister of Raegan Van Bremen

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family of Nina Crow**, Mother of Cathy Crowder and Friend of Many at Grace

**Family of Mark Lotts**, Friend of Marsha Howard

**Family of Dennis Mabry**, Jackson Chaffin's grandfather

**Family of Kevin Rankin**, Brother of E. G. Rankin

**Family of Carol Varner**, Grace Member, Mother of Susie Driskill

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Peggy Marks (3/30)**

**Prayers for the World**

**For the peace that only our God can give in the "Holy Land".**

**For the nation of Ukraine.**

**For continued recovery from natural disasters - wildfires and mudslides; winter storms and flooding; hurricane recovery from last year.**

**For the Church's witness and courage in a changing world.**

**For the poor, unhoused, for the diversity of our city and area, and the hospitality and compassion God calls us to.**

**The Church**

**For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) Cold Weather Shelter now in operation and for its Board and future operations.**

**For our sisters and brothers at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, in their Mission, and in our partnership through the Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J).**

**Pope Francis, Head of the Roman Catholic Church.**

**Our partner congregations in Lent: Bethlehem, St. James, St. John Episcopal, and Zion and their pastors: Karen Van Stee, Gordon Putnam, Carl Trost, Tom DuMontier, and Wes Smith.**



## Worship Schedule for Lent

**The Psalms: Glad, Sad, Mad...Scared...Bad:** The Psalms are our Prayer Book, our Song Book. We join with our friends in Christ at Bethlehem, St. James and Zion; and welcome St. John Episcopal - our neighbors! - to the five Wednesdays in Lent. The Psalms help us communicate with God: to give voice, and to hear what God says, when we're Glad, Sad, Mad, Scared, and Bad. Here's our schedule: Join us for Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday, then for Worship at 7:00 p.m. at:

- **April 2** - Bethlehem Lutheran Church - **Scared**
- **April 9** - Zion Lutheran Church - **Bad**



### Palm Sunday—April 13

- Begin with Outdoor Palm Sunday Gathering and Procession with other local congregations
- 10:15 a.m.—Worship

### Maundy Thursday—April 17

- 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service in Grace Chapel
- 7:00 p.m.—Worship Service with Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday—April 18

- 3:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross on the streets of Waynesboro; shared with other downtown congregations
- 7:00 p.m.—Viewing the Gospel of John: Adoration of the Cross

### Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Vigil—April 19

- 7:00 p.m.—Service of the Word, Affirmation of Baptism and Holy Communion



**Easter Breakfast**—Grace will be hosting our Easter Breakfast on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please plan to join in fellowship on this celebration day. Children, members, etc. are asked to bring flowers and greenery to share for the Easter Cross. Breakfast will be a potluck, please consider bringing a favorite dish. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Nave. For more information you can contact Donna Yobs at (650) 248-4882 or [dmyobs@yahoo.com](mailto:dmyobs@yahoo.com).



**Easter Sunday, April 20**—10:00 a.m.—The Resurrection of our Lord Holy Communion



**Record of Holy Communion** – In order to update our 2025 membership record for Holy Communion, please complete a communion card if you have not done so for this year. If you have already completed a card, you will **not** need to complete another card until next year as the church's records will show that you have communed for this year.



**Altar Flowers** - Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, that God has created a very good world for us to live in. Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on the flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**The Flower Girl**—as of Monday, March 31, The Flower Girl, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Suite 6, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477, (540) 414-8221 will be providing Grace's altar flowers. If you would like to provide Altar Flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the Nave. About a week before your Sunday, please call The Flower Girl and let them know your preferences and arrange payment directly with them. Also, please let the Church Office know how you would like to have them dedicated in that Sunday's bulletin by Wednesday morning.



**Conference Room Chairs Available** - Grace's Property Committee purchased a new (to us) set of Conference Room Chairs to replace the current chairs, which have provided decades of service. The old chairs are available for a minimum donation of \$25 - though some no longer have functioning adjustments or signs of "wear and tear," others still are fully functional. Consider a larger donation for a fully functional chair. If you are interested, please contact Fred Biggers or Rew Walck.



**Virginia Synod Assembly in June (13-15) at Roanoke College!** - The theme this year is "Intertwining Hope" - taken from the passage from John's gospel: *"I am the vine, you are the branches...We gather together to experience and express what it means to be Church."* We have two delegate positions available (Grace is allotted three delegates). Please contact Pastor Paul, Allison Fink (Council President), or the Church Office if you would like to represent Grace!



CCE&J invites all Grace members to participate in a Lenten service project to collect materials for students with need, many of whom are from homeless families, at Waynesboro High School and Kate Collins Middle School. Products needed include hygiene products (e.g., deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, etc.) and foods that would be easy for students to prepare (e.g., canned ravioli, mac & cheese packets, canned sausages, ramen noodles, crackers and cheese, or protein bars, but not sweets). Donations can be placed in bins in the back of the sanctuary marked "CCE&J School Donations". Thanks in advance for your generosity.



**Hello 3Rs-FRIENDS! (Raising Resources for Readers)- Update** - more volunteers needed! Just a quick reminder that we need lots of volunteers this year to help with our FIELD TRIPS! Please see the message below for more details. **And**, we're adding a few more volunteer opportunities to each ... **We need an additional three (3) volunteers** each day/each shift to help with the check-out process - helping the Green Valley Book Fair staff as they check-out each student to ensure we get the right bags in the right boxes. We may also add a **Story Teller** to each field trip the first week ... after students shop and check out, they can enjoy a story before loading back into the buses and heading back to school.

We are actively planning our 2025 **Field Trips** for next month! We are taking the students from Wenonah Elementary, William Perry Elementary, Berkeley Glenn Elementary and 6th grade from Kate Collins Middle School to the Green Valley Book Fair (GVBF) to select the **books they want** to read over summer break! If you would like to participate, please let me know and I'll add you to the 2025 Field Trip List for more information/details!

#### **April 8 - 11 and 15-16, 2025 Shifts for Volunteers**

Tuesday, April 8	10:45 - 12:45
Wednesday, April 9	9:15 - 10:45 and/or 10:45 - 12:45
Thursday, April 10	9:15 - 10:45 and/or 10:45 - 12:45
Friday, April 11	9:15 - 10:45
Tuesday, April 15	9:15 - 10:45
Wednesday, April 16	9:15 - 10:45

THANK YOU EVERYONE! Feel free to share this with your friends.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Myers 434-760-1660 call or text (please do **not** leave a voice message)  
or sparkelmyers@gmail.com or 3rsmyers@gmail.com



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,113** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-one** deliveries, twenty-two to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



**Opportunity to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings!** Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithe.ly, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



#### Monday

Jeremiah 16:10-21  
Romans 7:1-12  
John 6:1-15  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 6

#### Thursday

Jeremiah 22:13-23  
Romans 8:12-27  
John 6:41-51  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 102

#### Tuesday

Jeremiah 17:19-27  
Romans 7:13-25  
John 6:16-27  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 91

#### Friday

Jeremiah 23:1-8  
Romans 8:28-39  
John 6:52-59  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 130

#### Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Romans 8:1-11  
John 6:27-40  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 51

#### Saturday

Jeremiah 23:9-15  
Romans 9:1-18  
John 6:60-71  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 143



March 30—  
April 6, 2025

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday <small>Fourth Sunday in Lent</small> 	03/30	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Adult Sunday School Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching and Presiding Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class
Monday	03/31	7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	04/01	9:30 a.m. 	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/02	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Lenten Soup Supper—Bethlehem Lutheran Lenten Worship—Bethlehem Lutheran
Thursday	04/03	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J—Grace
Friday	04/04		Office Closed
Saturday	04/05	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation—Grace Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday <small>Fifth Sunday in Lent</small> 	04/06	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> Adult Sunday School Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching and Presiding Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class



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