

Fourth  
SUNDAY IN  
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*March 15, 2026*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 South Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980*

*A community of servants sharing in the  
word and work of Jesus.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three)*  
*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 on plates beside the tray of grape juice.*

*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

Temple Talk

Susan Myers

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son ✝, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**



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 mer - cy.**

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

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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 mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Prayer of the Day

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

A reading from 1 Samuel:

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

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*"People judge by  
outward appearance,  
but the LORD  
looks at the  
heart."*

*1 Samuel 16:7, NLT*

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”  
<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**



**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

A reading from **Ephesians**:

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

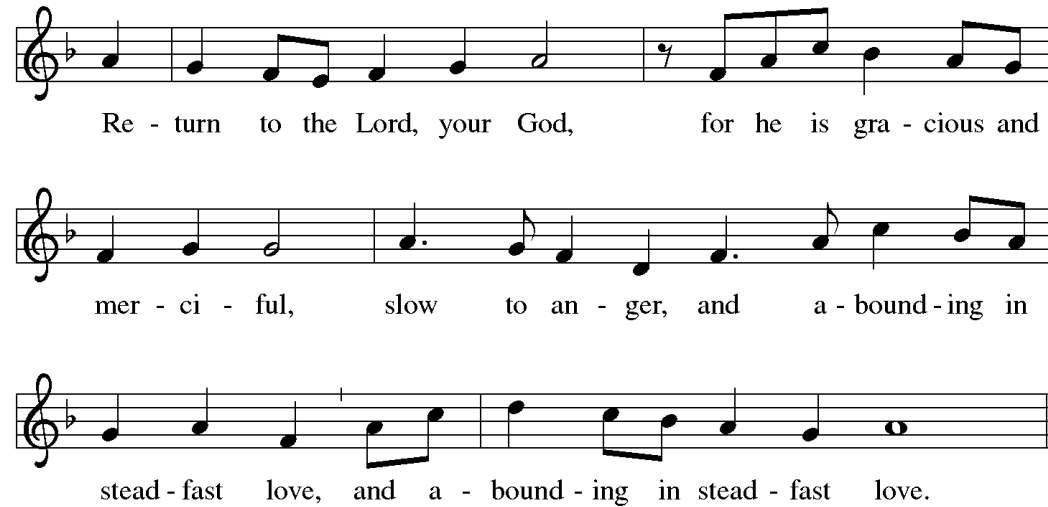
“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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



## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Gospel: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John:

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

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<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

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**"LORD,  
I BELIEVE."  
JOHN 9:38**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

*We sit.*

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Wisco**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Wisco**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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### Prayers of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**Amen.**

### 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.*

**Meal**

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**



### Offering

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle. If you give electronically, you can use the QR Code below to make your gift on your cell phone through Tithely. (Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

### Offertory

*We stand.*





### **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

Offertory Response:



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
**your steadfast love embraces all creation.**  
**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth**  
**and bring forth its bounty.**  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
**We ask this in Jesus' name.**  
Amen.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

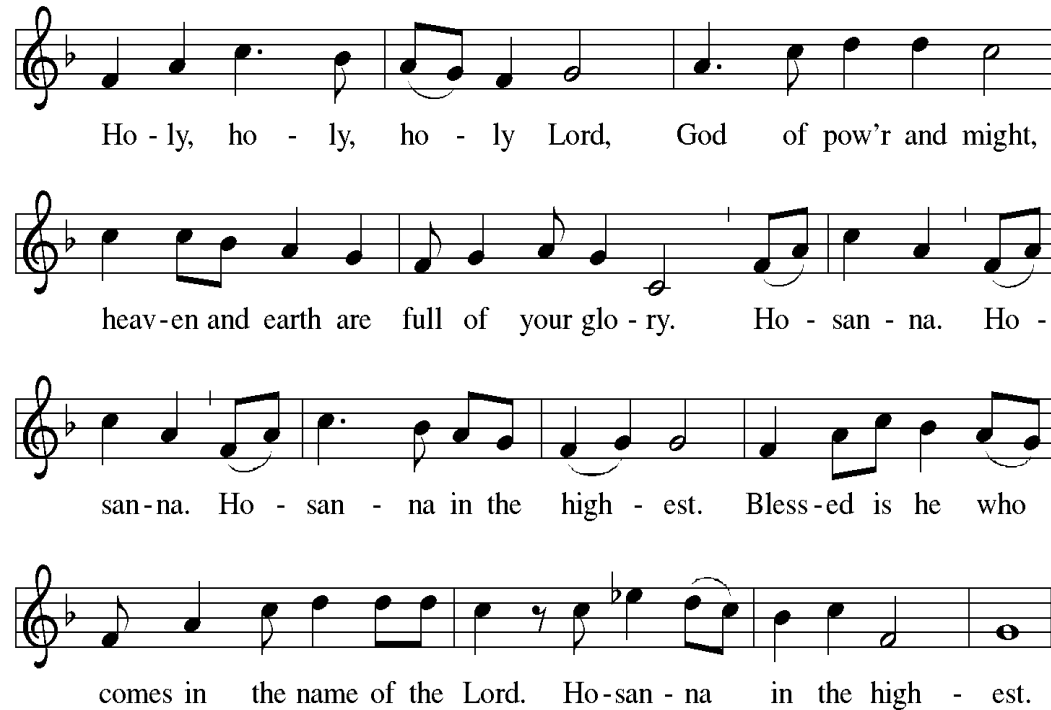
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God,  
we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*

Our  
Father



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.

### 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 and gluten free wafers are available on the center table as you come forward, or you may receive the bread and wine from the Pastor and/or Communion Assistants. You may kneel or stand at the railing. The Pastor or assisting minister will announce "the body of Christ" as you receive/eat the bread/wafer, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive/drink 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.

**Communion Hymn:** “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

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**The Communion Blessing**

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

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of our salvation,  
**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ’s body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

**Blessing**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"*

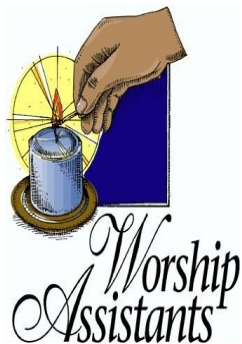
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

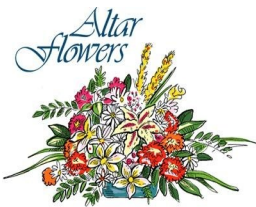
**Postlude**





*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*

*Altar Flowers: Jim & Gloria Nelson*  
*Altar Guild: Glen & Lisa Gray*  
*Assisting Minister: Peggy Caister*  
*Communion Assistant: Gloria Nelson*  
*Council Person of Week: Jacob Dolan*  
*Offering Stewards: Pat Brady*  
*Vivian Proctor*  
*Ushers: Fred Biggers*  
*Andrew Sell*



*The Chancel flowers are  
given to the Glory of God*

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*  
*Sunday, March 22, 2026*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Rev. Pat Nabers*  
*Presiding and Preaching*

*Ezekiel 37:1-4*  
*Psalms 130*  
*Romans 8:6-11*  
*John 11:1-45*



*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)**

**Frannie Knicely**

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

**Jack Cameron**, Friend of Sandy Johnson  
**Brian Dorsey**, Father-in-Law of Crowders' Son  
**Jayne Freed**, Sister of Marsha Howard  
**The Horn Family**, Friends of Schwiesows  
**Alec Gunn**, Executive Director of WARM  
**Sharon Karst**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Sharon Macken**, Sister of Linda Tomey  
**Carolyn Moser**, Sister of David Schwiesow  
**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer  
**Stephanie Woben**, Friend of Linda Tomey

**Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

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

**Berenice Archambeault**  
**Phyllis Kite**  
**Lee Lynch**

**Liz Ann Binns**  
**Ron Knicely**  
**Vivian Proctor**

**Bob Shumate**

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

**Niel Harris**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Judy Timm**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Dr. Gary Murray**, Friend of Gail Johnson

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

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

**Owen Keefer** (3/16)

**Caroline Biggers** (3/21)

**Raegen Van Bremen** (3/19)



**Prayers for the World**

**For world leaders to lead toward justice and mercy in all countries.**

For those in danger from wars and violence, particularly in Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, and here in the United States.

**Prayers for Our Community**

**For safety and well-being for those who are poor, incarcerated, unhoused, and for the foreigner among us.**

For those who are suffering from severe weather across our nation.

**Prayers for the Church**

**For the Christian church at large that it might lead the world toward peace and justice.**

For Christians in this world who suffer for their faith.

**For our Call Committee:**

**Mike Trauscht, Chair  
Libby Caister,  
Bethanie Glover  
Jerry Kite  
Jean Morgan  
Andrew Sell  
Kate Van Bremen**

For our congregation at Grace that we may be led to call a pastor who will preach, teach, and lead as led by the Holy Spirit and in faithfulness to the Gospel.



- ◆ **March 18**—St. James Lutheran Church, with Soup Supper, The Rev. Gordon Putnam, *Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Through Word and Deed*
- ◆ **March 25**—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Soup Supper, The Rev. Karen VanStee, *Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus*



### **Palm Sunday—March 29**

- 10:15 a.m.** Begin with Outdoor Palm Sunday Gathering and Procession with other local congregations.
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship and Holy Communion, Rev. Walter “Chip” Bouzard Presiding.

### **Maundy Thursday—April 2**

- 7:00 p.m.** Worship Service with Holy Communion, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar, Rev. Sandy Wisco Presiding.

### **Good Friday—April 3—Tenebrae Service**

- 7:00 p.m.** Adoration of the Cross—Ron Almarode will lead the Service and Brian Lundstrom will be the Assisting Minister.

### **Easter Vigil—April 4**

Grace members are invited to attend Easter Vigil Service at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. The service begins in their cemetery and then moves into the sanctuary which includes Holy Communion. Donna Gum has been asked to read one of the Lessons. After the service, you are invited to break the “fast” by bringing a chocolate dessert to share at the reception after the service.

### **Easter Sunday—April 5**

- 8:30 a.m.** Before the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Grace will be hosting our **Easter Breakfast**. 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.**
- 10:00 a.m.** **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. The Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion, Rev. Colleen Hetrick, Preaching and Presiding.



Beth Ann Brady's memorial service will be held on **Saturday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m.** at Grace.



The term **Critical Race Theory (CRT)** often provokes strong reactions, pro and con. But many of these responses arise without a basic understanding of what CRT entails. Before his retirement, Pastor Paul shared with All God's Children summaries of presentations by Critical Race Theorists at the ELCA Synod Racial Justice Leader Gathering in Chicago last autumn. Come join us on **March 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Grace Conference Room for the first of three sessions as we seek a more detailed understanding of CRT. For further information consult the March Grace Notes or contact Rick Bump at [rcbump0621@gmail.com](mailto:rcbump0621@gmail.com).



Last Chance - please support WARM! We have a few tables remaining for **The Return of Men Who Cook** - a fun-filled evening of taste-testing appetizers, sides, entrees and desserts. And **you** get to vote for Best in all 4 categories! The event is Saturday, **March 21, starting at 6:00 p.m.** at the Best Western Plus, Waynesboro. This includes a Silent Auction with some terrific local artisan items! 100% of funds go to WARM programs to serve our homeless neighbors! Tickets are \$60/person. Please see/call/text Susan Myers 434-760-1660 - call soon, tickets are going! **P.S. Our own Jim Nelson is a cook and Pastor Paul Pingel is making his "Famous German Potato Salad".**



**Reminder—Church Office hours**—the Church Office hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with the **office closed from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. for lunch.** If you call the office outside of office hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned. If you do not have a church key, please note these hours and plan your visits accordingly as no-one will be available to let you into the church!



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. Your donations are much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,561** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-seven deliveries**, twenty-seven to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. All diapers will be, and have been, delivered to Calvary United Methodist. In addition, 20 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.



**Monday**

Genesis 41:46-57  
1 Corinthians 4:8-20  
Mark 3:7-19a  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 6

**Tuesday**

Genesis 42:1-17  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Mark 3:19b-35  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 91

**Wednesday**

Genesis 42:18-28  
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11  
Mark 4:1-20  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 51

**Thursday**

Genesis 42:29-38  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Mark 4:21-34  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 102

**Friday**

Genesis 43:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 130

**Saturday**

Genesis 43:16-34  
1 Corinthians 7:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 143



*Life of Grace Church*  
*March 15-22, 2026*

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	03/15	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<p><i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>            Service of Holy Communion            Rev. Sandy Wisco, Presiding and Preaching</p> <p>Children's Sunday School            Confirmation Class (Seminar Room)</p>
Monday	03/16	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<p>Critical Race Theory Discussion (Conference Room)</p> <p>Worship and Music (Seminar Room)</p>
Tuesday	03/17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<p><b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> Backpacks</p> <p>Quilting (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Wednesday	03/18	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<p>Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>Encircle (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Grace Women's Book Group—Stella, Bella &amp; Lucy's</p> <p>Yoga (Seminar Room)</p> <p>Lenten Soup Supper and Worship at St. James Lutheran Church</p> <p>Bell Choir Practice            Choir Practice</p>
Thursday	03/19	8:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<p>Newcomers Club</p> <p>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Friday	03/20		Church Office Closed
Saturday	03/21	11:00 a.m.	Beth Brady's Memorial Service and Reception
Sunday	03/22	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<p><i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>            Service of Holy Communion            Rev. Pat Nabers, Presiding and Preaching</p> <p>Children's Sunday School            Confirmation Class (Seminar Room)</p>



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