



*Fifth*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

*March 22, 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 the plate beside the 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.*

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

*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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Word**

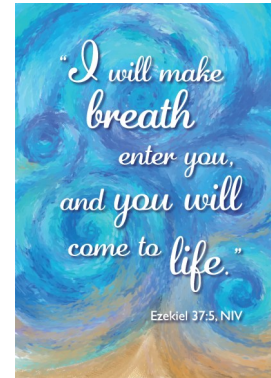
**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

A reading from **Ezekiel:**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

**Psalm: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11**

A reading from **Romans**:

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

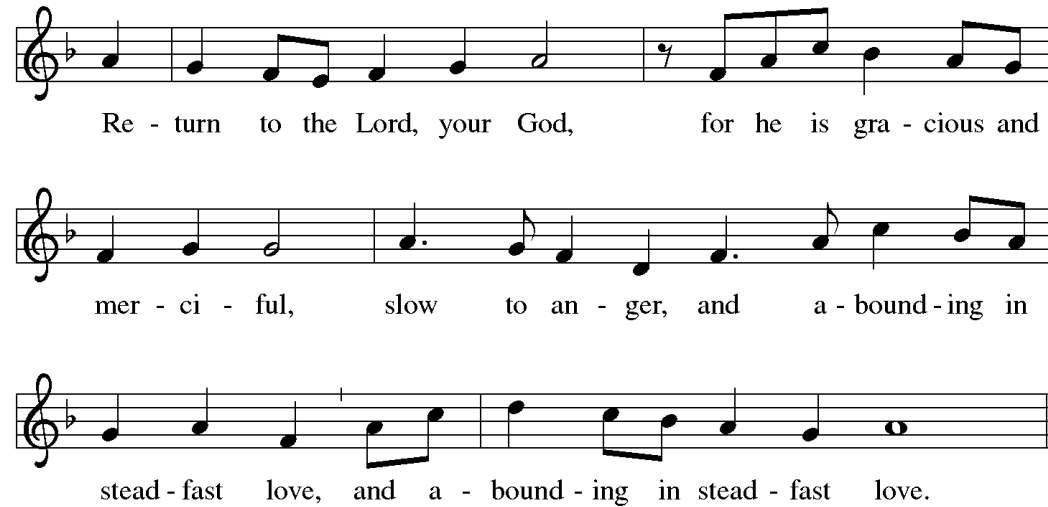
<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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



**Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*

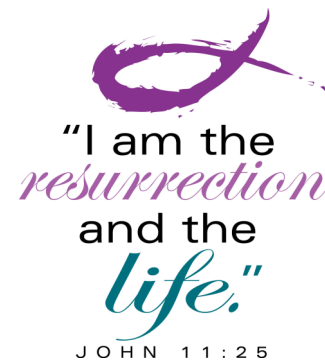


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

The holy gospel according to John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.  
<sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

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<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

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<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

*We sit.*

**Children's Message**

**Rev. Pat Nabers**

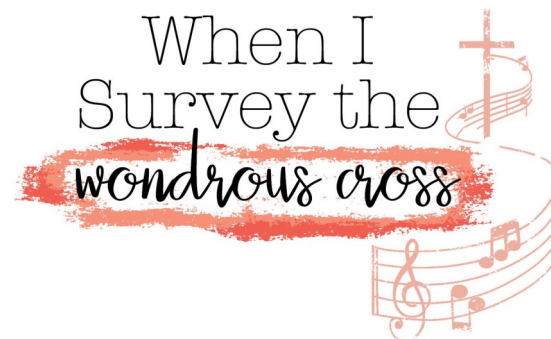
**Sermon**

**Rev. Pat Nabers**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day:** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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## 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.**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

## 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**

### 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.*



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.

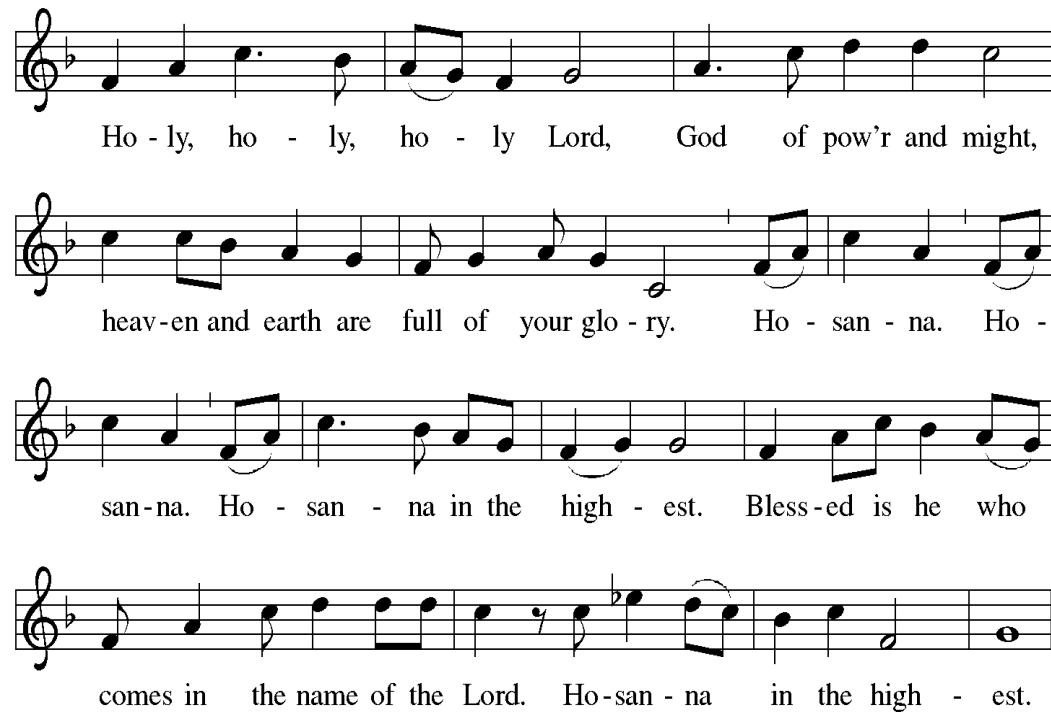
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.***



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:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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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:** *"You Are The Way"*

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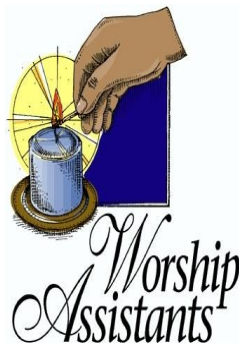
**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**



*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



*Altar Flowers:* Chuck and Judy Goodrich  
*Altar Guild:* Gigi Werner Winslow  
*Assisting Minister:* Donna Gum  
*Communion Assistant:* Karen Walck  
*Council Person of Week:* Jack Eckstrom  
*Offering Stewards:* Pat Brady  
Jean Morgan  
*Ushers:* Jack Eckstrom  
Jim Nelson



*The Chancel flowers are  
given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of our parents,  
Julia Holland Wing and  
Charles Winston Wing*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Palm Sunday, March 29  
Gathering and Procession of the Palms  
Service of Holy Communion  
Rev. Walter Bouzard  
Presiding and Preaching  
  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14—27:66*



*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)**

**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**

**Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth**

**Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer**

**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\*)*

**Family of Bill Macy**, Friend of Holly Carper  
**Family of Melissa Oskvig**, Friend of BK Wilson

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

**Minnie Moyer** (3/22)

**Frannie Knicely** (3/24)

**Nancy Dowdy** (3/25)

**Mapendo Denis** (3/22)

**Vernette Nichols** (3/25)

**Sharon Lynch** (3/26)



**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 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**

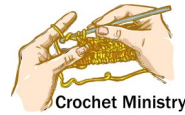
Grace members are invited to attend Easter Vigil Service at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. The service begins in their cemetery and then moves into the sanctuary which includes Holy Communion. Donna Gum has been asked to read one of the Lessons. After the service, you are invited to break the “fast”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

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 or Gigi Werner Winslow at (571) 970-8909 or wernerwinslow@googlemail.com

- 10:00 a.m.** The Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion, Rev. Colleen Hetrick, Preaching and Presiding.



**Volunteer Opportunity!** for knitters/crocheters...to make 36" x 48" (ish) lap blankets for area nursing homes. I can provide yarn, if needed. For more information, call/email Kathy Meicke 540-470-0588 meickewc@outlook.com<mailto:meickewc@outlook.com> Thank You!



**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.



Paul Ericson, son of **Loretta Boteler**, asked that we remember her near the anniversary date of her death, March 11, 2018.



## *Meditations*

### **Monday**

Exodus 4:10-20, 27-31  
1 Corinthians 14:1-19  
Mark 9:30-41  
Morning Psalm 119:73, Evening 121

### **Tuesday**

Exodus 5:1—6:1  
1 Corinthians 14:20-33a, 39-40  
Mark 9:42-50  
Morning Psalm 34, Evening 25

### **Wednesday**

Exodus 7:8-24  
2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6  
Mark 10:1-16  
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 27

### **Thursday**

Exodus 7:25—8:19  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Mark 10:17-31  
Morning Psalm 27, Evening 126

### **Friday**

Exodus 9:13—35  
2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Mark 10:32-45  
Morning Psalm 22, Evening 105

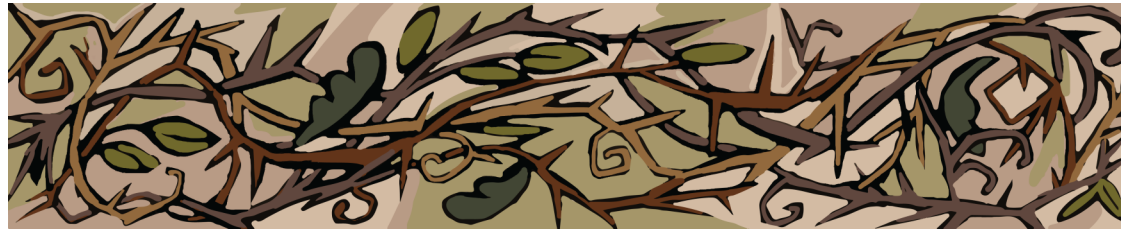
### **Saturday**

Exodus 10:21—11:8  
2 Corinthians 4:13-18  
Mark 10:46-52  
Morning Psalm 43, Evening 31



*Life of Grace Church*  
*March 22-29, 2026*

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	03/22	10:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> Service of Holy Communion Rev. Pat Nabers, Presiding and Preaching  Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class (Seminar Room)
Monday	03/23		
Tuesday	03/24	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/25	9 :00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Backpacks  Prayer Group (Chapel)  Yoga (Seminar Room)  Lenten Soup Supper and Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church  Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	03/26	12:30 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)  CCE&J at Christ Tabernacle
Friday	03/27		Church Office Closed
Saturday	03/28	11:00 a.m.	Yoga
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	03/29	10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Palm Sunday Gathering and Procession Service of Holy Communion Rev. Walter Bouzard, Presiding and Preaching  Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class (Seminar Room)



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