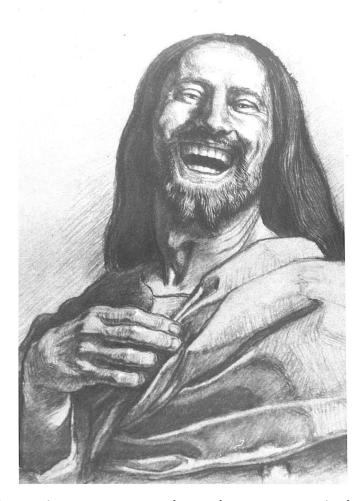
# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

April 22 & 23, 2023



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# Grace Lutheran Church

# **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

# **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WELCOME

# **PRELUDE**

(the assembly stands as they are able)

# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

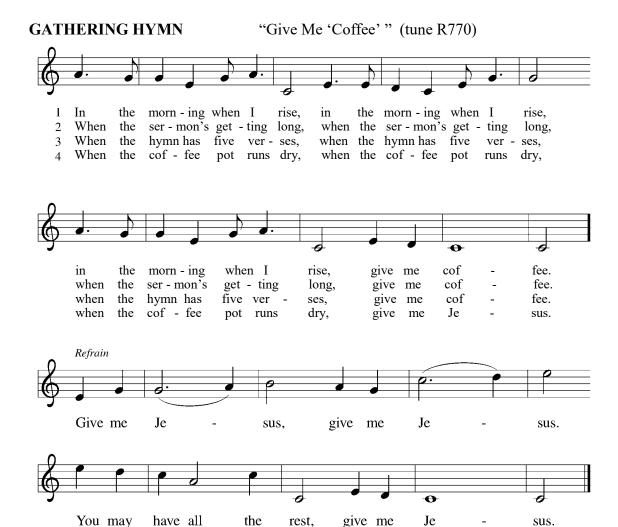
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

- C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
- C: Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

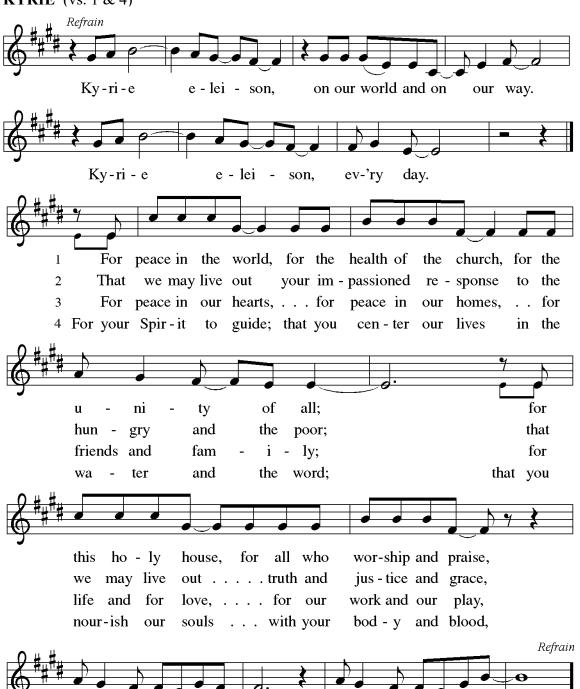
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

# **GREETING**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

# **KYRIE** (vs. 1 & 4)

let us



pray to the Lord,

let us

pray

to the Lord.

# **HYMN OF PRAISE**





P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WORD**

# God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

# <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

# 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

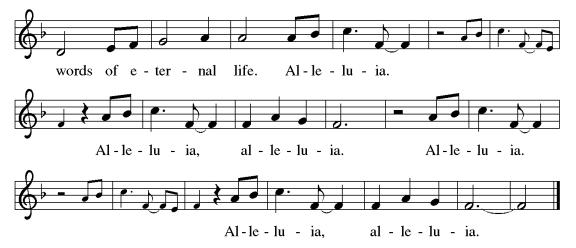
L: The word of the Lord.

# C: Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands as they are able for the Gospel)

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

# Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

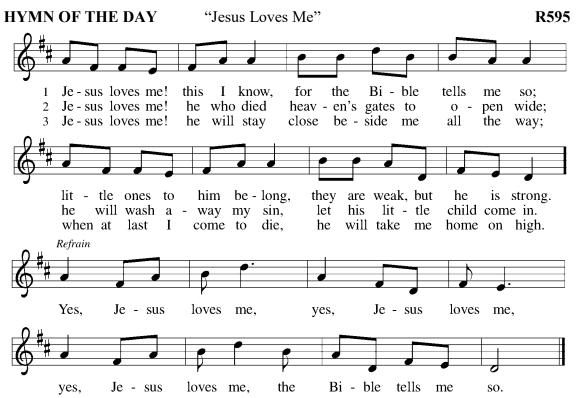
<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them

the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.C: Praise to You, O Christ.

# **HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as they are able)



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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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

# <u>MEAL</u>

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

# **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (the assembly stands as they are able and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



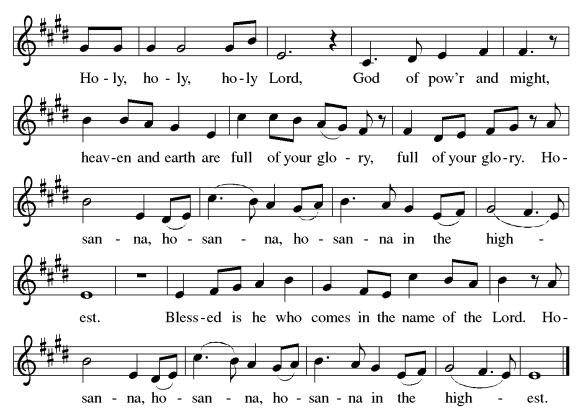
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P: Let us pray...Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
  With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.

- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

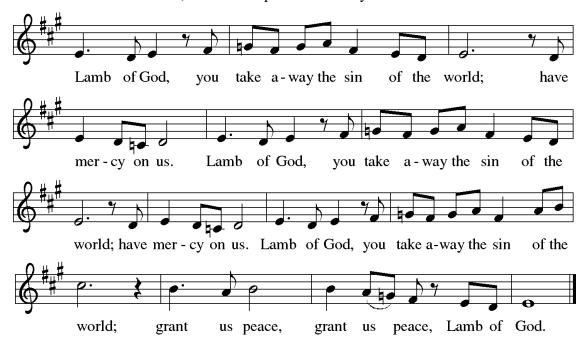
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Come to the Table"

R481



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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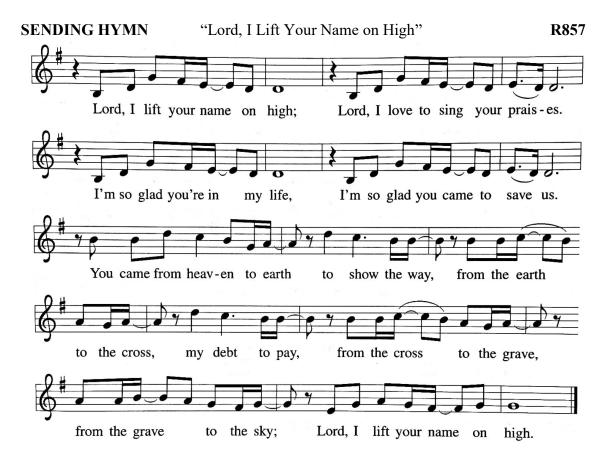
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(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...Gracious God,
- C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### BLESSING

- P: The God of all, who raised  $\pm$  Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C: Amen.



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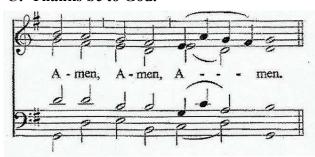
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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.



**POSTLUDE** 

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP - HOT DOGS & CHIPS Join us for hot dogs and chips, along with coffee/tea/juice and treats, in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

# PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Marge Weber, Jeanne Pankey, Patti Tucker, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Linda, Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, Sandra Beck, Daniel Spaulding, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Matthew & Rebecca, Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Galyn Hoeft (Grace Hoeft's brother), who passed away on April 10th.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Program at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Zion Lutheran Church/Cadillac, Rev. Scott Torkko and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - APRIL 23

# **Changing National Values**

Recent polls show changes in the values that people hold highest over the last 25 years. The concern is that it represents a change in how we function as an American society and relate to each other. Do find the polls represent your experience of people around you and your life? What role should church play in shaping values of society v. just individuals? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we discuss the role our faith plays in our lives in our society today.

# **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - APRIL 30**

# **Christian nationalism - What is it?**

The term *Christian Nationalism* has been in the news a great deal in this last year or more. What does it mean? How do the two words relate to each other? What has been the response of the ELCA and other denominations? Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we discuss our faith in the world today.

# NEXT ADULT ED CLASS - SPECIAL SERIES - BEGINNING JUNE 4TH

**Together by Grace** is the book for our next ACE series class. From the editor's Introduction: "The articles in this book explore the rich and lasting legacy of Martin Luther and the Reformation. This legacy consists not only in the theology Luther articulated or the churches that resulted but also in the witness of many individuals who have been shaped by the Lutheran Christian tradition past and present, ..."

In forty some short articles by over 2 dozen authors, topics such as The Faith We Confess, From the Sixteenth Century to Today, Worship and the Arts, Faith Active in Love and more are explored. We will spend 6 weeks exploring the book and having conversations about the Lutheran foundations of our faith beginning Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in the class, please let Pastor Tom or the office know by Sunday April 23 and we will order books for everyone. They are \$13 each.

# LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - MAY 6 & 7

For this collection, we would like to concentrate on personal hygiene items like soaps, shampoos, deodorants, feminine hygiene products etc. On that weekend, please place the items at the altar and we will bless them along with our offering. Thank you.

# SPRING CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, MAY 13 - OUTSIDE & INSIDE

Join the Spring Clean Up Day starting at 10 AM on Saturday May 13 going through about noon. Lawn and landscaping will be cleaned up, some exterior painting done as well as some special interior cleaning. Bring garden tools of rakes, bush trimmers and brooms. Other things supplied. There will be pizza afterwards for everyone. Thanks!

# JOIN IN A RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - MONDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM

Join with church members as we fill bags with meals for students to take home on the weekend, the Feeding Kids Ministry program. Meet at the old Sunset School on Hobbs Drive using the kitchen entrance on the left side of the building toward the back. We could use 15 - 20 people including children 5 and older to do this project for about 1 - 1½ hours. It involves gathering all the items together for the meals sent home with students on the weekend. Please sign up in the Office Lobby. Thanks.

#### **SWEETS & TREATS**

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

# NEW CARPET SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who gave input for the new carpet to go in the Sanctuary. The results are in and we will be having a broadloom carpet of a similar color to what is there now installed.

# CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

# **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MARCH 2023**

Average needed in March (4 weeks) to meet budget \$18,344.00 Monthly Giving - March \$18,475.95

(Includes \$2,100 gross distribution/\$2,700 quarterly donations)

# We received:

115 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments, 4 Give+ payments made from our website and 5 Thrivent Choice contributions





# Anniversaries of Baptism

April 22

April 24

April 25

April 26

April 27

April 28

April 29

Vicki Cripps

Donna Czarnecki

Denise Timrick

Reed Lappan

Patrick McCourt

Chloe Hayward

Michael Herrmann

Sophia Kamyszek

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

April 4 Norm Timm

April 5 Larry Rettell

April 7 Tyler Suszek

April 8 Don Cross

**April 9**Janet Bettega
Patrick Daly

April 11 Shane Jaroch

**April 14**Jeanette Chroninger

**April 15** Anna Greene

**April 21** Taylor Agius



April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7 Robert Greene Everett Haske

April 8
June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9 Phran Ludington

April 10 Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

**April 11** James Malaski

April 13 Jeanne Pankey Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

**April 15** Wesley Garant Myles Granata **April 16** Pamela Agius

**April 18** Alecia Lewis

**April 19** Ryan Reynolds

**April 20** Connor Freel

**April 22** Stacey Piontkowski

**April 23** Mike Schiller

**April 24** Madison Timmreck

**April 25**Terry Bertrand
Jordyn Cieslik

April 26 Sharon Engstrom Lorah Lappan

April 27 Nancy Amelotte

April 30 Molly O'Connor Bethany Popour Anna-Marie Struble



# Wedding Anniversaries

8th Donald & Myra Cross

12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart

17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
Michael & Donna Morgan

18th Richard & Janet Carlson

30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

8:50 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Humor Weekend Choir Practice Sunday School Worship Adult Ed - Lounge
Monday - 24th 8am-noon 8am-3pm	Church Office Open Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - 25th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge

# Wednesday - 26th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
6:00 pm	Bell Choir

#### Thursday - 27th

8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-3pm	Kitchen Reserved
4:00 pm	Lounge Reserved

# Friday - 28th

8am-noon	Church Office Oper
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# Saturday - 29th

5:00 pm	Worship
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Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

# **SERVING APRIL 22/23**

Ministers	God's People
	Rev. Tom Orth
<b>Music Director</b>	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianis	stAmy Truth
Lector	Sharon Engstrom
Communion	C
Assistants	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers	.Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,
	Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Tea	am Dawn Anderson, Jan
Char	ter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	. Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

# SERVING APRIL 29/30

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Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
Organist/PianistAmy Truth
Lector Bob Greene
Communion
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