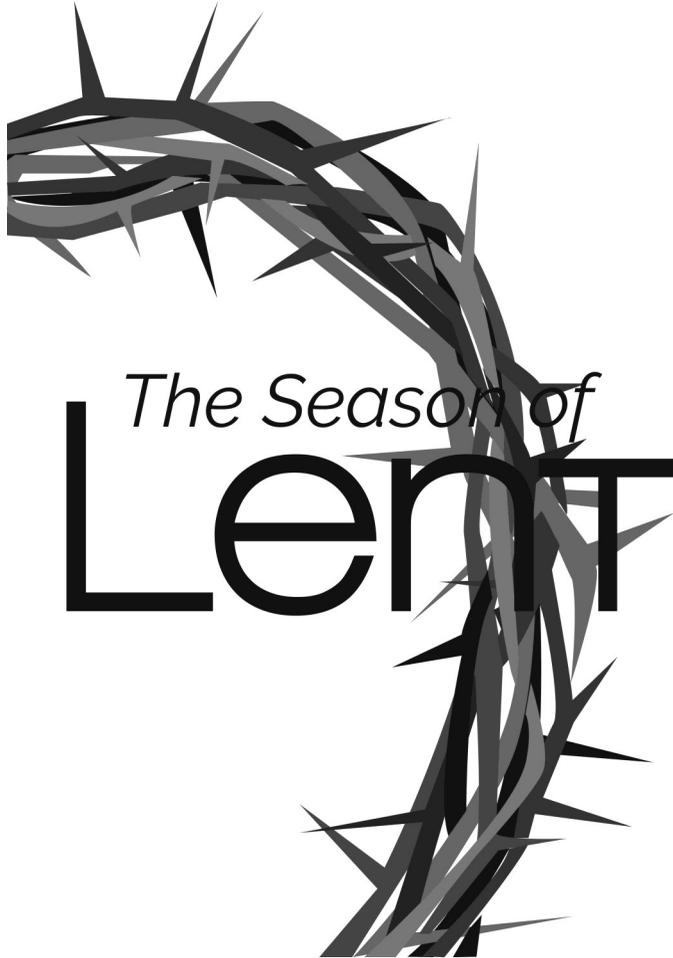


# *Grace Lutheran* *Worship Folder*

*March 14 & 15, 2026*



*The Season of*  
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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**

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

*(The assembly stands as you are comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God:

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, pours God's love into our hearts, and gives us life and peace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

R779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

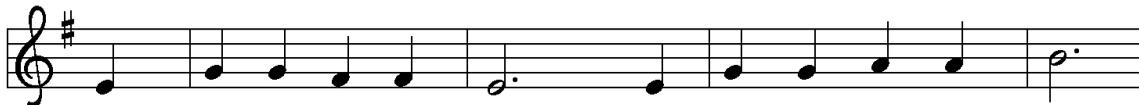
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## GREETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

<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."

<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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

*You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD <sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>|</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down <sup>|</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>|</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my <sup>|</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>|</sup> for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>|</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>|</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>|</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>|</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>|</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>|</sup> LORD forever. R**

### Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<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.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

<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.”

<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.

<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.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HOMILY**

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**R614**

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,

2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.

you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, “He died for all.”

and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual    This selection is in the public domain.

**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.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**C: 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.**

### 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: 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.

**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, 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



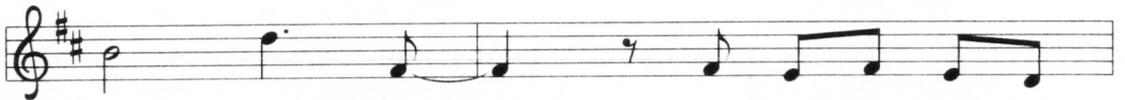
- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Beautiful Things"

ACS925



- 1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll
- 2 All this earth; . . . could all that is
- 3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing

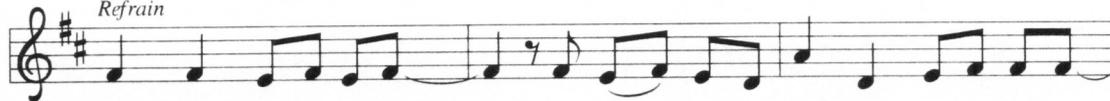


ev - er find my way. I won - der if my  
lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den  
up from this old ground. . . Out of cha - os,



life could real - ly change at all.  
 come up from this ground at all?  
 life is be - ing found in you.

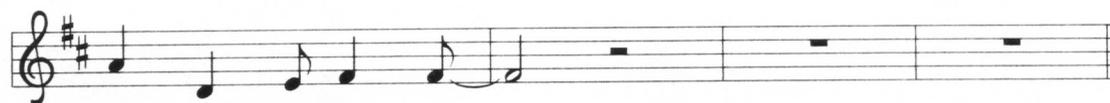
*Refrain*



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



ful things out of us.

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray...God of our salvation,

**C: 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**

**P:** 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 us now and always.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

R793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

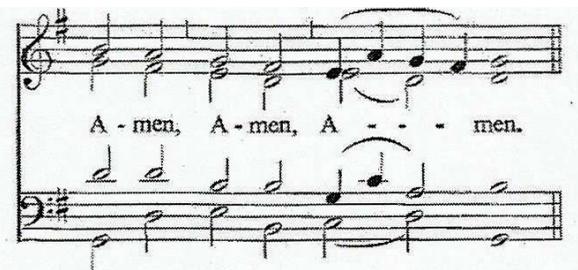
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**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 worshipping 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.

### **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Myra Cross, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Tamyra Rychlinski, Tom Watson, Amy, Chuck, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Daphne Flack, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Children's Sunday School at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Prince of Peace Lutheran/Portage, Rev. Rachel Laughlin; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and Synod Staff.

### **PRAYER LETTERS**

*Please sign* the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - MARCH 15**

### **Discipleship - Is it declining?**

A recent study says discipleship is declining among church members. Do you agree? How DO you define discipleship? How is your discipleship? The Christian faith is less prevalent in society today. Is that the result of less discipleship. Lets talk about discipleship and how we live it out in our class. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

## **FOOD DELIVERY FOR LFP - HELP NEEDED MARCH 16**

On Monday March 16, a major shipment of food is coming in for our Little Food Pantry at Saint Vincent de Paul at 11 AM. Help is needed to load 70 some boxes up there on US 23 South and then unload and take it all to the basement here. We got a trailer to do the transfer. And can use some more people there and here to get it all stored away. Sign up Office Lobby. Thanks to Untied Way for this support.

## **LENTEN SERVICES - MARCH 18 AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

This year we will learn more about the Biblical Prophets with a video series during our soup supper and some discussion afterwards until time for service. This year the services will be evening prayer services from each of the traditions that are participating. **SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM** with the video starting after everyone has soup. Our **SERVICES WILL START AT 6:45 PM** and with the shorter format of prayer services for the second through fifth weeks will be done by 7:30 PM.

## **SOUP AND BREAD NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

Grace is hosting the midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Service on March 18. We are in need of several soups and breads to share. If you are able to contribute, please sign up in the Office Lobby. Volunteers are also needed to help with setup and cleanup. Thank you for your willingness to help as we gather in fellowship and worship during this Lenten season.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

This year we are asking for donations for Easter flowers for the church in lieu of individual plants. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone. Several larger plants will be ordered with the money collected to beautify our sanctuary for our Easter service. **Forms are available on the table in the Office Lobby. Deadline to have your information printed in the bulletin is March 22.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK**

We will not meet on March 29 and April 5. Sunday School will resume on April 12.

## **BAPTISM CELEBRATION MARCH 22**

With great joy and thankfulness, we ask that you join us in the celebration of faith, hope, and love as we baptize Shirley and Jeff Diemond's grandchildren, on Sunday, March 22nd. Please help us welcome them into the family of God. The celebration continues as some of the children will also be making their first communion. Join us after church for cake and to also recognize and celebrate all March Baptism Anniversaries.

## **EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK APRIL 5**

We are planning an Easter Breakfast Potluck following our 9:30 am Easter Worship Service on April 5. Sign-up sheets for the potluck (#attending, dish you are bringing, help with clean up) are located in the Office Lobby. **Please sign up by March 29 if you plan to attend and if you are able to help.** Thanks!

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Our Little Food Pantry is being used a lot during these cold winter months and things are depleting fast. If you can help, we are in need of nonperishable items such as small boxes of cereal, bread and peanut butter and canned or packaged items that can make a meal. We have existed for over 6 years and we make a difference.

## **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

## **CANNING JARS NEEDED**

The ladies of Grace are collecting canning jars. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church kitchen. Thank you!

## **2025 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST**

2025 Annual Giving Statements are available by calling (989-354-2640) or emailing ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) the church office. Statements can be mailed or emailed to you.

## HERE YE! HERE YE!

### The GREAT FACEBOOK CHALLENGE is upon us!

We want an active presence on Grace's Facebook page and need your help. Your "LIKES" are good, but your "COMMENTS" and "SHARES" are GREAT!!!

Beginning March 1st, Grace Lutheran Church challenges YOU to be one of our TOP FACEBOOK FANS by "liking" "sharing" and "commenting" on all of Grace's Facebook posts until the end of April. The winners will be awarded a gift card to Cabin Creek Coffee.

For more information, text Kat at 989.255.8750 or Donna at 989.590.3327. An informational flyer (with more details) is also included in this week's bulletin.

### 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.



## Lenten Services 2026

The Ash Wednesday service on February 18 will be at Grace Lutheran Church. This year the services will be evening prayer services from each of the traditions that are participating. **SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM** with the video starting after everyone has soup. Our **SERVICES WILL START AT 6:45 PM** and with the shorter format of prayer services for the second through fifth weeks will be done by 7:30 PM. The Maundy Thursday Service will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal. The Tre Ore Service will be hosted by First Presbyterian from Noon – 3 pm on Good Friday, April 3. All are welcome!

Service	Host Church
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 18</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	Grace Lutheran
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 25</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	First United Methodist
<b>Maundy Thursday April 2</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	Trinity Episcopal
<b>Good Friday Tre Ore April 3</b> Noon – 3 PM	First Presbyterian





## Birthdays



### Anniversaries of Baptism



**March 3**  
Arnold Jahnke

**March 11**  
Hadleigh Suszek

**March 17**  
Patricia Schultz  
Adam Urlaub  
Brody Yuchasz

**March 19**  
Joel Suszek

**March 23**  
Robert Greene

**March 26**  
John Kuligowski

**March 27**  
Eleanor Coddington

**March 28**  
Allison Urlaub



**March 1**  
Gene Domrase  
Anna Greene

**March 3**  
Brandi Stone

**March 6**  
Patrick McCourt  
Tiffany Oliver

**March 8**  
Dorene Schultz

**March 9**  
Matthew Gillard

**March 11**  
Norm Timm

**March 12**  
Donice Ziberna

**March 14**  
Barbara Mudge

**March 15**  
Janet Bettega  
Kathy Piontkowski

**March 17**  
Patrick Daly

**March 18**  
Kayla Bertrand  
Vicki Cripps

**March 19**  
Bonnie Cross  
Tyler Suszek

**March 21**  
Anna Lewis

**March 22**  
Karen Klee

**March 24**  
Tracie Granata

**March 25**  
Larry Rettell  
Sheri Smith  
Emmett Suszek

**March 29**  
Jeanette Chroninger

**March 31**  
Emma Barber

### GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JANUARY 2026

Average needed in January (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 19,252.00

Monthly Giving - January 13,517.58

#### We received:

70 envelopes, 60 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
5 Thrivent Choice donations, and 9 Give+ payments made from our website

### GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Average needed in February (4 weeks) to meet budget \$ 19,252.00

Monthly Giving - February 18,058.87

#### We received:

88 envelopes, 59 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
5 Thrivent Choice donations, and 10 Give+ payments made from our website

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 15th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Worship**  
11:00 am Adult CE - Lounge

### Monday - 16th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Tuesday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastor's Text Study

### Wednesday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
12:00 pm Book Club - Hall  
1:00 pm Ruth Circle  
5:30 pm Soup Supper &  
**6:45 pm Worship** at  
Grace Lutheran

### Thursday - 19th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
1:30 pm ReBoot Mtg.  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Friday - 20th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 21st

10:00 am Baptism/1st Communion  
Class  
**5:00 pm Worship**

## SERVING MARCH 14/15

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**.....Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,  
Cindy Domrase

**Lector** ..... Ruby Haske  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

**Greeters** .....Dawn Anderson, Pat Schultz,  
Bruno Hirzel

**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,  
Stephanie Suszek

**Coffee Hour** .....Rick & Sharon Engstrom

## SERVING MARCH 21/22

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**.....Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,  
Cindy Domrase

**Lector** .....Bob Greene  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

**Greeters** .....Mary Rowader, Cindy Domrase  
**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
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Stephanie Suszek

**Coffee Hour** .....Ruby Haske & Family

**Large print worship folders & hearing  
assistance devices are available from ushers**

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