Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

February 25 & 26, 2023



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Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

<u>GATHERING</u>

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(the assembly stands as they are able)

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

- C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.
- P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for us! God embraces us with divine mercy, + forgives us in Christ's name, and revives us in the spirit's power.

C: Amen.



Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

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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.

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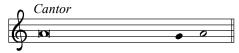
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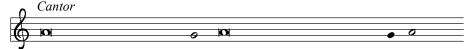
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

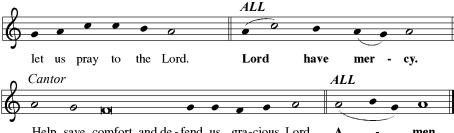


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



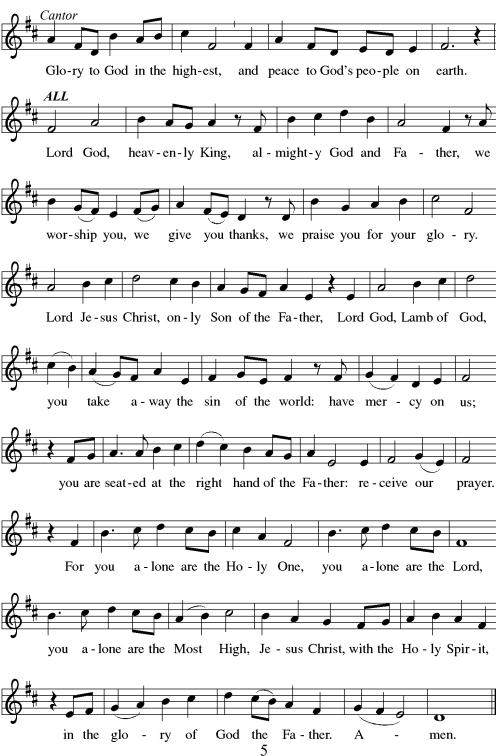


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

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

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

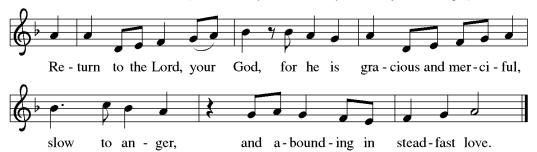
¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to

justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

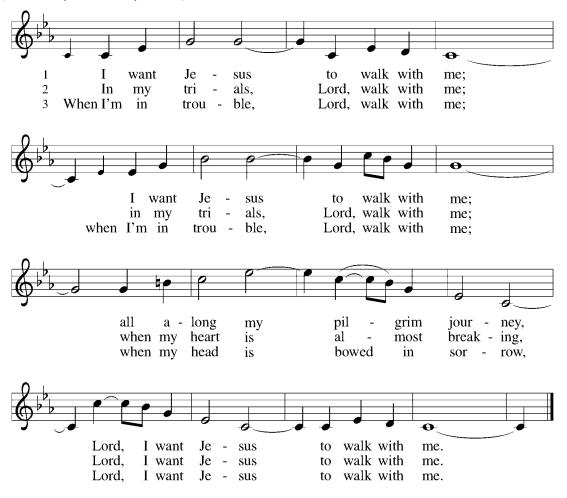
¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ³Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹¹Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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: Lord in your mercy... C: hear our prayer.

<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)



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

Music: EARTH AND ALL STANS, David in Sounds, 1921 1.7.

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P: Let us pray... God of good gifts,

C: receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

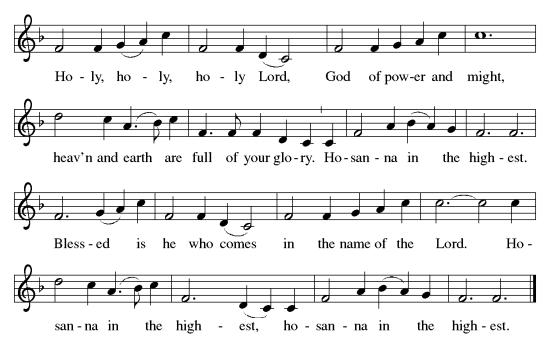
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 right, our duty and our joy, ...(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:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

- 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.



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

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

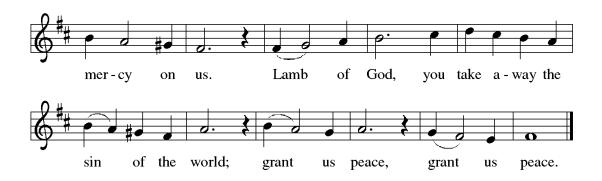
(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)

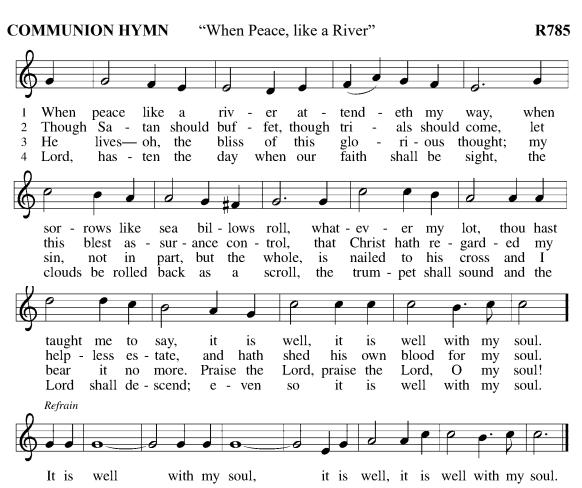


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

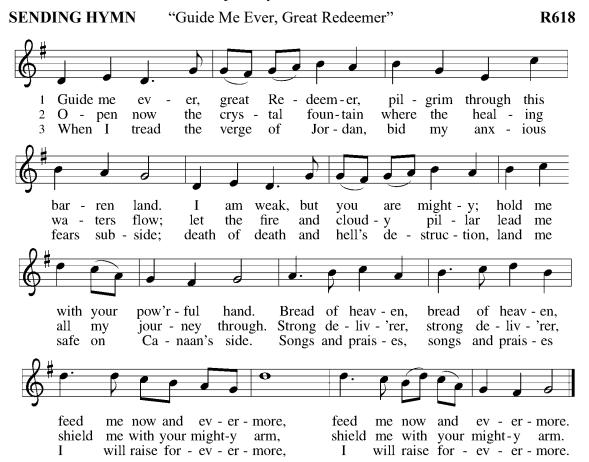
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(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray... Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless us in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932 This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

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.

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

Verna Furze, 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, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Sandra Beck, Daniel Spaulding, Kevin Carlson, Nina, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Candee and Neviah Fetty, Matthew & Rebecca, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Al Smolinski, Donna 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, Lucas David, and Joseph Hansen.

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).

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Prayer Group at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Au Gres, Rev. Max Miller, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in memory of Harry Grove, by his family.

VALET PARKING COMES TO GRACE

With maybe the winter really here and the difficulty of getting the parking spaces at the street clear of ice, we are offering to park your car for you. Drive up to our Office entrance, come right into the building on the clear heated driveway. One of our volunteers will park your car for you. And then have your car brought back to the entrance when you are ready to leave. If you would like to take advantage of this please arrive a few minutes earlier than usual so the volunteers can be in church too at the start of worship.

GRACE'S ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE -WEDNESDAY MARCH 8 - SOUPS & BREADS NEEDED

Grace is hosting the Lenten service on Wednesday March 8. The format is again soup and bread supper at the new time of 5 PM. Signup for providing soups and/or breads is in the Office Lobby. Please bring the soups to the church by at least 4 PM. Someone will be here all day to receive the soups. This year the service time is 6 PM.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!!!!

The church directories have arrived. If you had your photo taken, part of the company's program was a directory for you. Grace purchased additional copies for anyone who could not make the photography times. Pick up your copy at worship times or from the Church Office during the week.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH 5

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, March 5. We will resume on Sunday, March 12.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - MARCH 4TH & 5TH

As part of our Community Outreach, we are having another collection for our Little Food Pantry. Special needs right now are for toilet paper, bread, jam and peanut butter along with non-refrigerated milk. As you shop, if you could add an item or two to your list it would be greatly appreciated. When you come into worship that weekend, you can place your gifts in front of the altar in the Chancel. Watch the collection grow as together we can *make a Christ-like difference for others in our community. THANK YOU*

SUNDAY SWEETS AND TREATS

Wouldn't it be fun to share our favorite sweets and treats during Sunday's fellowship hour? Let's do it! The goal is to have a few people to bring their goodies each Sunday. Use the sign-up sheet on the table in the Office Lobby so we know which Sunday you will share. The goal is to have a few people each week. *Join your Grace family on Sundays after the service to enjoy one another's company and to share and enjoy yummy sweets and treats!* See you there. Brought to you by your REBOOT team.

2022 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual statements may be picked up in the Office Lobby at your convenience. If you would like your statement mailed (or emailed) to you, please call the office (989-354-2640).

2023 FLOWER CHART

The 2023 Flower Chart is now available in the Office Lobby. To place flowers on the altar, please sign the flower chart and complete an Altar Flowers Form, located on the table by the flower chart, indicating what you would like listed in the bulletin.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SPECIAL COLLECTION

THANK YOU to church members who have contributed to the Boys and Girls Club gift. We are sending \$735 to them in support of their match for a \$50,000 grant. Thank you for sharing God's Love in the community.

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 Series 2023

Series Theme "I lift up my eyes to the mountains...My help comes from the Lord." Psalms 121:1-2

Soup Supper begins at 5pm, serving until 6pm. Worship services at 6pm.

This year's offering goes to Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room.

Date	Host	Preacher	Theme
March 1	First United Methodist	Rev. Tom Orth	Sermon on the Mount Kingdom of God Matthew 5
March 8	Grace Lutheran	Rev. Bill Rayment	Mount of Transfiguration Revelation Matthew 17:1-8
March 15	First Presbyterian	Rev. Gene Bacon	Faith to move mountains Faith Matthew 17:20
March 22	First Congregational United Church of Christ	Rev. John Shipman	Mount Moriah - The Temple of Jerusalem
March 29	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Rob Nystrom	Mount of Olives End Time Questions Mark 13:3-4
Maundy Thursday April 6	Trinity Episcopal	Rev. John Shipman	Mt. Zion The Last Supper
Tre Ore (Noon-3 pm) Good Friday April 7	Grace Lutheran		

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JANUARY 2023

Average needed in January (5 weeks) to meet budget Monthly Giving - January \$ 22,930.00

25,382.70

(Includes \$10,000/several pension RMD distributions)

We received:

98 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments, 6 Give+ payments made from our website and 3 Thrivent Choice contributions



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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 2 Alisha Poirier

March 6 Patrick McCourt Tiffany Oliver

March 8
Dorene Schultz

March 9 Matthew Gillard

March 10 Lois Westergard

March 11 Norm Timm

March 12 Donice Ziberna

March 14 Barbara Mudge

March 15 Janet Bettega Kathy Piontkowski March 17 Joan Brennan Patrick Daly

March 18 Kayla Bertrand Vicki Cripps

March 19 Bonnie Cross Tyler Suszek

March 21 Anna Lewis

March 22 Karen Klee Gerald Lancaster

March 24 Tracie Granata

March 25 Larry Rettell Sheri Smith

March 29 Jeanette Chroninger

March 31 Emma Barber

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!		
8:50 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship Adult CE - Lounge	
Monday - 27th 8am-noon	Church Office Open	
Tuesday - 28th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge	
<u>Wednesday - 1st</u> 8am-noon 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Soup Supper & Ecumenical Worship at First United Methodist Bell Choir Practice	
Thursday - 2nd		

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

Friday - 3rd

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 4th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING FEBRUARY 25/26

	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Schreiber	
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth	
	Cindy Domrase	
Communion	•	
Assistants	Roger & Jeanne Pankey	
Ushers Gary & K	ay Grove, Rick Engstrom,	
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)		
Greeters	Joel & Cindy Suszek	
Altar Guild Arl	is St. Charles, Kelli Liske,	
Kat	thy Piontkowski	
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, I	Oon Barnard, Don LaBarre	
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove	
Coffee Hour Wayı	ne & Chris Christopherson	

SERVING MARCH 4/5

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Schreiber	
Organist/Pianist	Amy Truth	
Lector	Corinne Fraley	
Communion		
	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis	
Ushers	Clarence & Bonnie Cross,	
	Wayne Lewis (Sat.)	
Greeters	Roger & Jeanne Pankey	
Altar Guild N	Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips	
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan		
Charter	, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
	Clarence & Bonnie Cross	
Coffee Hour	Dale & Pat Schultz	

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