# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

March 4 & 5, 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.

# **GATHERING HYMN** "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

**R448** 



- 1 This is the Spir it's en try now: the wa ter and the word,
- 2 This mir a cle of life re born comes from the Lord of breath;
- 3 Let wa ter be the sa cred sign that we must die each day
- 4 Re-new-ing Spir it, hear our praise for your bap-tis mal pow'r



and heard. the cross of Je - sus your brow, the seal both felt on the sin - less one from life was torn; life comes through his death. our to rise a - gain by his de - sign fol - l'wers of his as way. that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

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Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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# **GREETING**

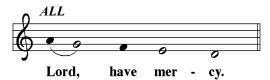
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**

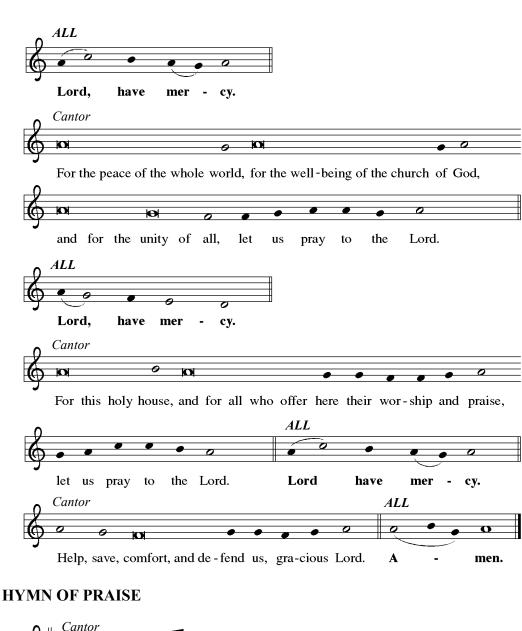


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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







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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a** 

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

# <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

# Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

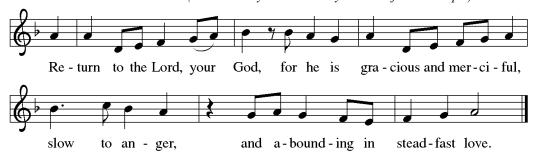
In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

# John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

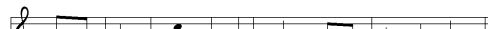
<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above. The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

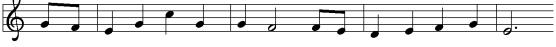
**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

# **HOMILY**

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus" (The assembly stands as they are able)

R451





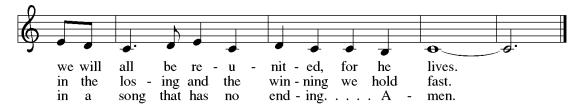
- We are bap - tized in bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are his death;
- In the wa - ter and the wit - ness. in the break-ing of the bread.
- to Christ the 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry he Son.



life. that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead, the Ho - ly Spir - it, three and ev - er glo - ry to ev - er one;



we have been u dread-ful death like his. in God has made a new be gin - ning from the ash - es of be - gin - ning, glo - rv was in the now re-sounds a - gain



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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.

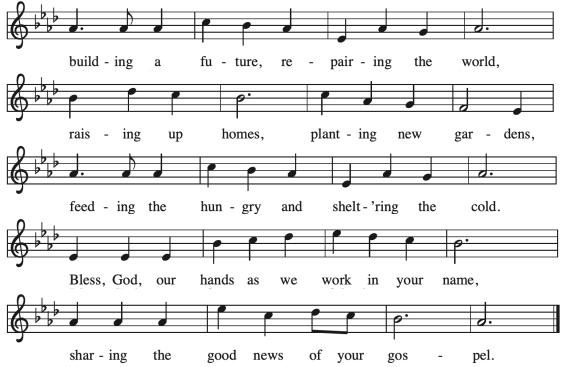
# **MEAL**

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... 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.

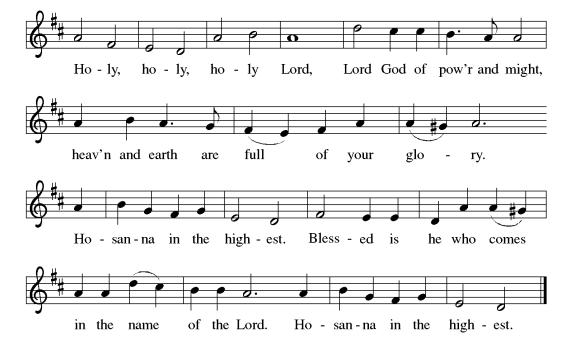
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



- 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;

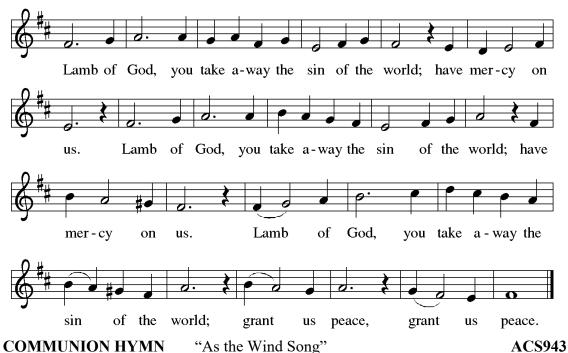
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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)





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Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

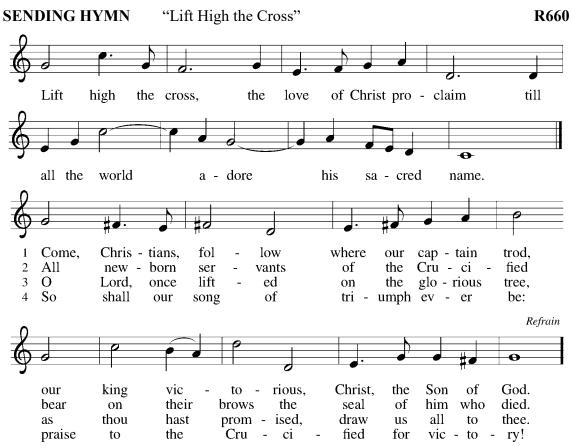
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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.** 



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#### 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 -- Kaye Harry, Stretch (Steve) Lee, 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, Matthew & Rebecca, Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Al Smolinski, 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 Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), who passed away February 18th. 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 all who work on Ecumenical Projects/ Interfaith Dialogue at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. John's Lutheran Church/Baroda, Rev. Kenneth Babcock, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

# NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH 5

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

### 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.

# LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> & 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



# 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!**

Sunday –5th 8:50 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Sunday School <b>Worship</b> Adult CE - Lounge
8am-noon 6:00 pm	Church Office Open ROC - Lounge
Tuesday - 7th 8am-noon 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastors Text Study - Lounge
Wednesday - 8th 8am-noon 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Church Office Open Soup Supper & Ecumenical Worship at Grace Lutheran
Thursday - 9th 8am-noon 4:00 pm	Church Office Open Lounge Reserved
Friday - 10th 8am-3pm 8am-noon	Kitchen Reserved Church Office Open

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

Worship

#### **SERVING MARCH 4/5**

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

# **SERVING MARCH 11/12**

Ministers	God's People	
	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Schreiber	
Organist/Pianist.	Amy Truth	
	Anne Gentry	
Communion	•	
Assistants	Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis	
Ushers	Clarence & Bonnie Cross,	
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**Saturday - 11th 5:00 pm**