

*Grace Lutheran  
Worship Folder*

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*Lent*

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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**

#### **GATHERING**

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

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

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ our sins are forgiven. We have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

R597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

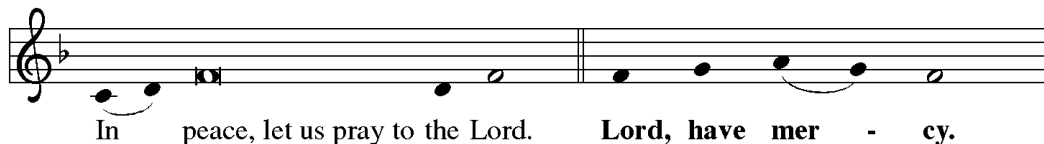
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**GREETING**

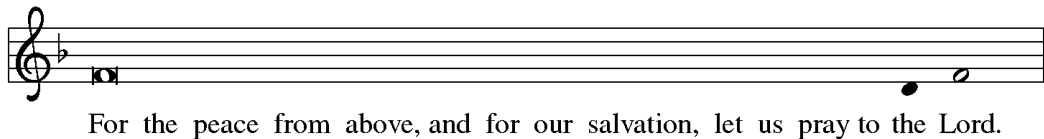
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

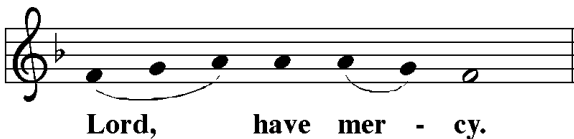
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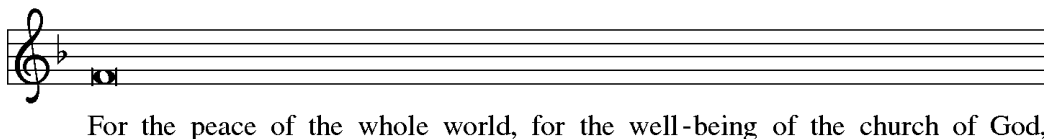
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



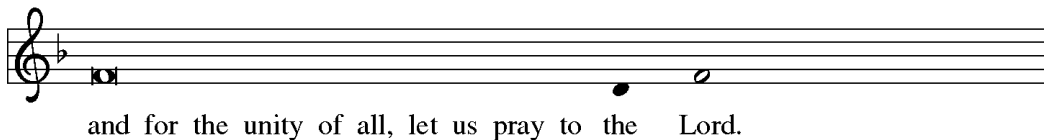
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



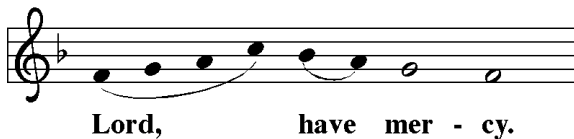
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



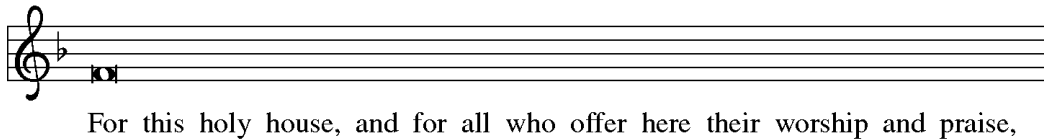
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



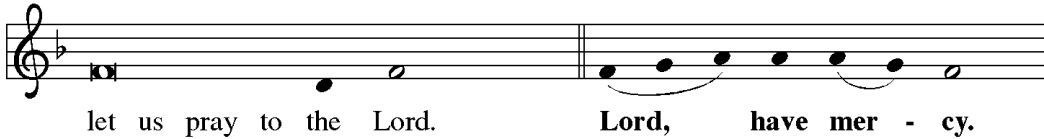
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



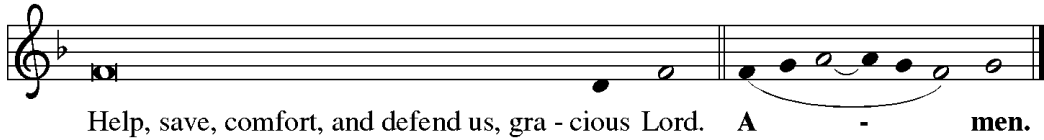
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."<sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"<sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.     C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I  
will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my  
salvation.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## Philippians 3:17—4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

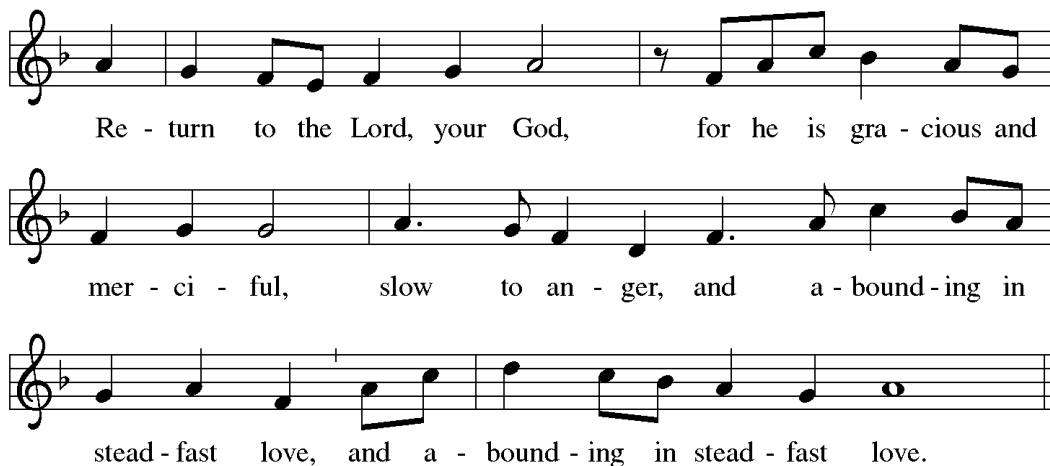
L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’ <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

### HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY    “Thy Holy Wings”

**R613**



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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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:** God, in your mercy,

**C:** receive our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray...God of grace,

C: **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

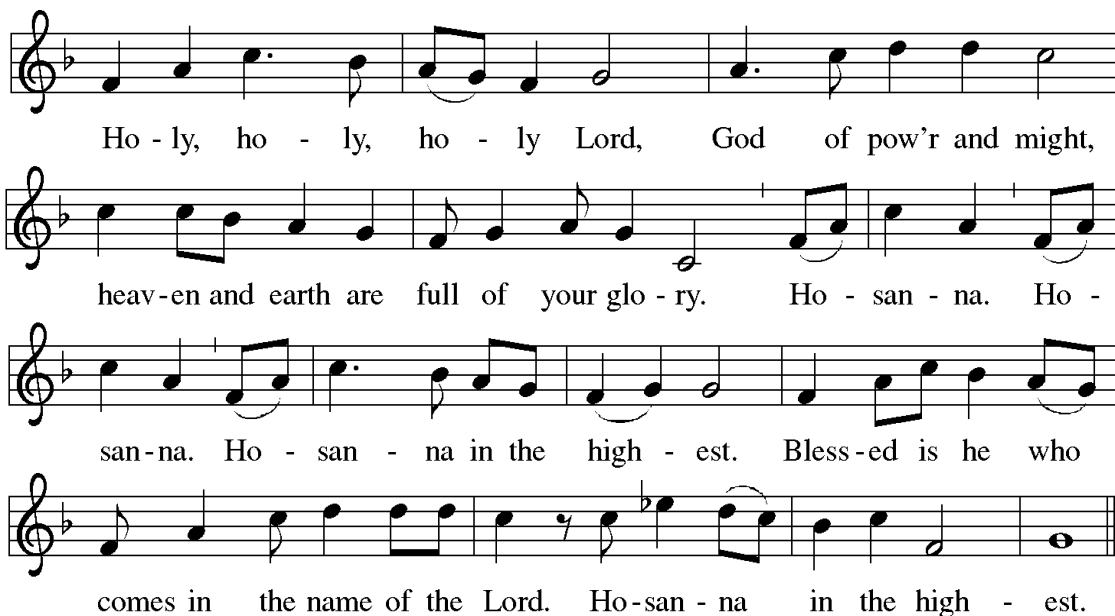
P: The Lord be with you.      C: **And also with you.**

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, 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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### 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

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

### HOLY COMMUNION

*(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 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN "Bread of Life from Heaven"

R474

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- |   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  |           |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's   | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will       | pass             | a - way;  |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in         | love             | for       |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now        | dwells           | in        |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de - clare | his              | death;    |
|   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  | eat       |

thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly		
bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with	

*Refrain*

sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may
food	for	you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst
One	of	God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth
ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you
							are
							re - born.

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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...Generous Host,

C: you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

R768

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

Detailed description: The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me, Guide Me'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and B-flat major. The first staff is the 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;'. The second staff contains 'for if you lead me, I can - not stray.' and features a triplet of eighth notes under 'lead me'. The third staff contains 'Lord, let me walk each day with thee.' and features a triplet of eighth notes under 'let me walk'. The fourth staff contains 'Lead me, O Lord, lead me.' and ends with a double bar line. The fifth staff contains three numbered verses: '1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r', '2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,', and '3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
 Irregular

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**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**

Kay Grove, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski--Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Danielle Lawrence, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Catholic Women of Alpena at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Evangelical Lutheran Church/ East Jordan, Rev. Matt Deames and Bishop Craig Satterlee 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.

### **SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2:30 - 4 PM – COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

***Meet, Greet and Treat with the residents of Samaritas Manor (Luther Manor).***

Join us as we meet with residents of Samaritas Manor for some fellowship and conversations. We are bringing some treats to them. We did this last September and had a great time. Sunday, March 16th with 2 pm setup and 2:30 Fellowship Time. Sign up in the Office Lobby or call the Church office if you can join us or if you can supply some treats for us to take.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED – March 16 The Gospel of Luke**

If you want to learn more about the Gospel of Luke, join us for the Adult CE class. We are now at Chapter 4, reading through and asking questions about what it means and how does it apply to us today. We meet at 11 in the Church Lounge. Hope to have you be part of the discussion.

## **RUTH CIRCLE**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, in the lounge. All women of Grace are welcome. Please join us!

## **SOUPS/BREADS NEEDED FOR MID-WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & EVENING PRAYER SERVICE**

On Wednesday, March 19th, Grace will be hosting a simple soup supper while viewing a video series at 6:30 p.m. A short Prayer Service will follow the supper. We are looking for 4-5 people to bring a crock pot of soup and 3-4 people who would like to bring bread. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet available in the Office Lobby or contact Donna Morgan at 989-590-3327.

## **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS**

March 16 and 23 - Spring Break

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 20 - Easter Sunday

## **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.

## **QUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE**

With spring cleaning right around the corner, please consider donating to the rummage sale we have for our fundraiser. It will be August 22 and 23. Please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. More information will be posted as the dates draw near. Thanking you in advance. -- Grace Quilters

## **2024 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST**

Statements are now available. Please call or email the office if you would like yours mailed or emailed to you.

## **CLOTHING NEEDED FOR FIRE VICTIM**

A female victim of the house fire at the corner of N. Second Ave./Spratt St. is in need of clothing (pant and shirt size XL, shoe size 11). If you have good clean used clothing or new clothing that you would like to donate, please drop off at the church office. Thanks!



## Birthdays

### Anniversaries of Baptism



**March 3**  
Arnold Jahnke

**March 23**  
Robert Greene

**March 11**  
Hadleigh Suszek

**March 26**  
John Kuligowski

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

**March 27**  
Eleanor Coddington

**March 19**  
Joel Suszek

**March 28**  
Allison Urlaub



**March 1**  
Gene Domrase  
Anna Greene

**March 2**  
Alisha Poirier

**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 Bettiga  
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

### 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 2025

This year's Ecumenical evening Lenten services will be different than past years. The Ash Wednesday service on March 5 will be at St. Paul Lutheran church at 6:30 PM (soup at 5:30 PM). The Tre Ore Service will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal from Noon – 3 pm on Good Friday, April 18.

For the other weekly Wednesday services, each church is choosing their own format and hosting their own. Grace Lutheran is combining with Trinity Episcopal for a weekly series here at Grace. We will be viewing a video series over a simple soup supper starting at 6:30 PM and then having a Holden Evening Prayer service afterwards (from a Lutheran retreat center in Washington State), expecting to be done by 7:45 PM or so. All these services will be held at Grace Lutheran. Trinity Episcopal will supply the soups for 3 of them.

Maundy Thursday service will here at Grace with clergy from Trinity Episcopal participating with soups at 6 and the service at 7 PM.

Service	Host Church	Providing Soups
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 19</b> 6:30 PM	at Grace with Trinity	Grace
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 26</b> 6:30 PM	at Grace with Trinity	Trinity
<b>Wednesday Weekly April 2</b> 6:30 PM	at Grace with Trinity	Grace
<b>Wednesday Weekly April 9</b> 6:30 PM	at Grace with Trinity	Trinity
<b>Maundy Thursday April 17</b> 6 PM Soup/7PM Worship	at Grace with Trinity	Grace
<b>Good Friday Tre Ore April 18</b> Noon – 3 PM	Trinity	No meal



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 16th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Worship**  
11:00 am Adult Ed - Lounge  
2:30 pm Samaritas *Meet, Greet & Treat*

### Monday - 17th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

### Tuesday - 18th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Quilting/Sewing  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study - Lounge

### Wednesday - 19th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
1:00 pm Ruth Circle - Lounge  
5:30 pm Bell Choir  
6:30 pm Mid-Week Lenten Soup  
Supper & Prayer Service  
at Grace

### Thursday - 20th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-2pm Kitchen Reserved

### Friday - 21st

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 22nd

5:00 pm Worship

## SERVING MARCH 15/16

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Diane Prevost (Saturday)  
**Lector** ..... Mike Urlaub  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,  
Mike & Tracey Urlaub; Diane Prevost (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

## SERVING MARCH 22/23

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Diane Prevost (Saturday)  
**Lector** ..... Nancy Platt  
**Ushers** ..... Dale Schultz, Bruno Hirzel,  
Mike & Tracey Urlaub; Diane Prevost (Saturday)  
**Greeters** ..... Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel,  
Patti Tucker  
**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble  
**Counters**.....Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Dale & Pat Schultz, Darlene Freel

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

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