

Grace Lutheran Church April 8 & 9, 2022

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 "Let Joyful Alleluias Ring" Bell Choir

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(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, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of life,

- C: By the resurrection of your Son, You make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism we have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that our sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in us both now and forever.
- C: Amen.



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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



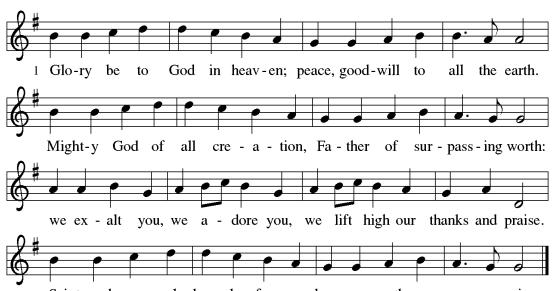
- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



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



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They

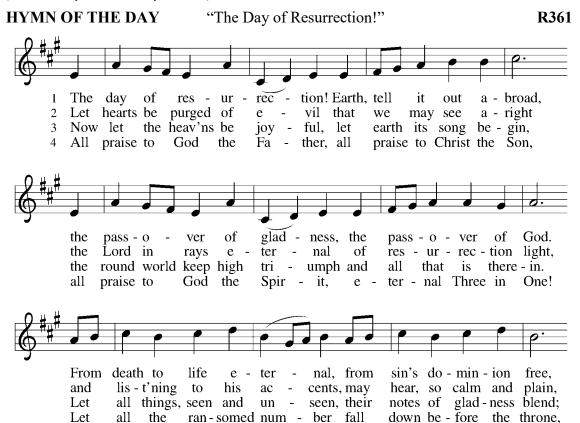
have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and

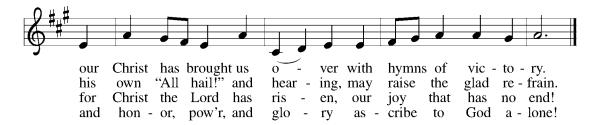
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.C: Praise to You, O Christ.

she told them that he had said these things to her.

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)

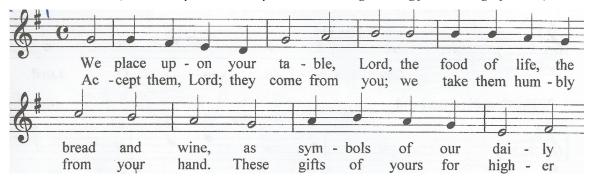
P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

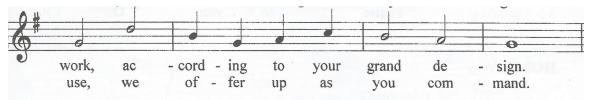
MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

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



(Offertory continued on next page)



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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

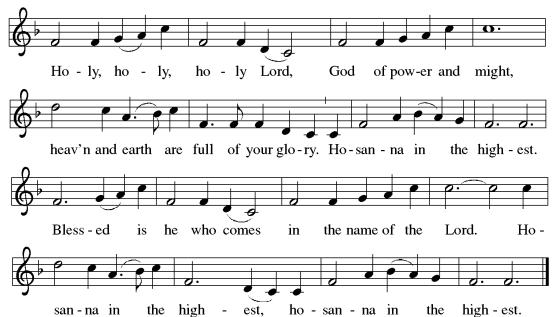
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

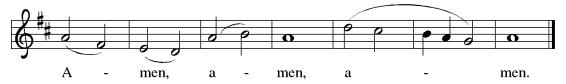
P: O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.

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

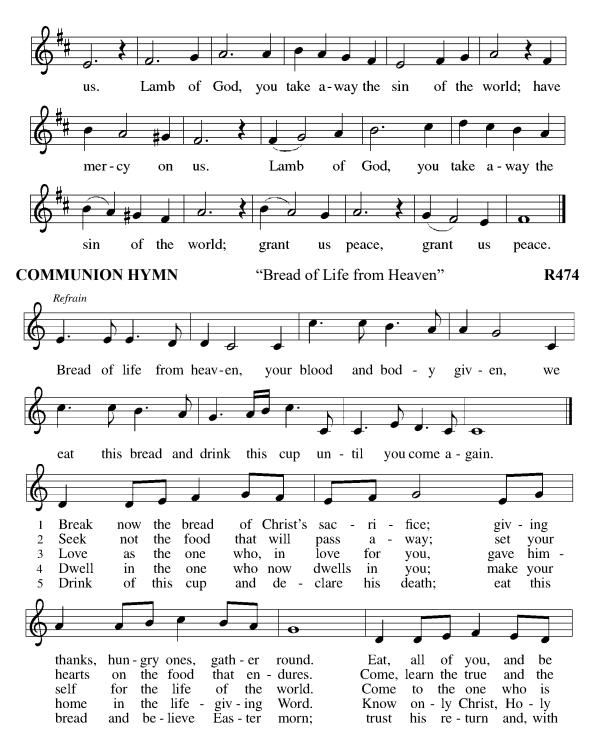
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(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





sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound. liv - ing way, the full - ness of life may vours. food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more. One of God. and be - lieve in the truth you have heard. praise the ev - 'ry breath, one in whom you are

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(the assembly stands as they are able)

P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.



"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

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- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al le lu ia! Ris en our vic to rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! o - pen gates of glad-ness he through the re-turns to life once more: glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing now has found a of to - day. We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver

(Hymn continued on next page)



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground; All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears. an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found. hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



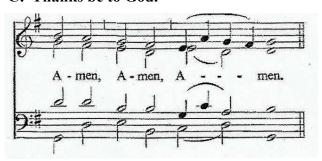
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Share 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 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.

EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK

Please join us for our Easter Breakfast Potluck following the 9:30 Sunday morning worship service.

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the LARCC Clergy/St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Immanuel Lutheran Church/Big Rapids, Rev. Daniel Ward & Rev. Bob Garrels and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - APRIL 16

Food Social Security

Several European cities had a trial of "Food Social Security," "the idea that quality, nutritious and organic food should be accessible to everyone -- regardless of income," Another person commented "you can't really talk to people about the Bread of Life, as we Christians say, if they don't have enough bread for life." So lets ask about the idea and what role church should play in caring for people. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 9. There will be an Easter egg hunt, along with a lesson, on April 16.

IT'S COMING - HOLY HUMOR RETURNS ON APRIL 22 & 23

Be Prepared. Start thinking of your jokes to share. And get them to Pastor Tom so they can be put in the right spot at the services.

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 or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 19th.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

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

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).

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.





Anniversaries of **Baptism**

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

April 4 Norm Timm

April 5 Larry Rettell

April 7 Tyler Suszek

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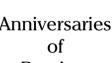
April 9 Janet Bettega Patrick Daly

April 11 Shane Jaroch

April 14 Jeanette Chroninger

April 15 Anna Greene

April 21 Taylor Agius



April 22 Vicki Cripps

April 24 Donna Czarnecki

April 25 Denise Timrick

April 26 Reed Lappan

April 27 Patrick McCourt

April 28 Chloe Hayward

April 29 Michael Herrmann Sophia Kamyszek



April 1 Jim Clemens Larry Suszek

April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7 Robert Greene Everett Haske

April 8 June Daly Tyler McKenzie

April 9 Phran Ludington

April 10 Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

April 11 James Malaski

April 13 Jeanne Pankev Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

April 15 Wesley Garant Myles Granata

30th

April 16 Pamela Agius

April 18 Alecia Lewis

April 19 Ryan Reynolds

April 20 Connor Freel

April 22 Stacey Piontkowski

April 23 Mike Schiller

April 24 Madison Timmreck

April 25 Terry Bertrand Jordyn Cieslik

April 26 Sharon Engstrom Lorah Lappan

April 27 Nancy Amelotte

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



Wedding Anniversaries

Donald & Myra Cross 8th Rich & Sherie McTaggart 12th 17th Joel & Corinne Fraley Michael & Donna Morgan Richard & Janet Carlson 18th

Douglas & Staci Chroninger



In Memory of

Given by

Michael & Kimberly Moors

Herb & Betty Hansen

Ernest & Dorothy Shores D. H. & Virginia Riley

Don & Kevin Furze

George & Phyllis Van Wormer Rena Prevost

My Niece, Carla Wagner

Jim Clemens, Husband & Dad

Jeannine Clayton

Judy & Lester Fettes Cornelius Haske Geraldine Moors

Steve & Janie Hansen

Clarence & Bonnie Cross

Wife & Mother, Verna Daughter & Sister, Tammy

Randy & Diane Prevost

Dorene Schultz

Margaret Clemens, Wife & Children

Janet Bettega

The Haske Family

In Memory of

Given by

Jack Tucker

Patti Tucker

Harry & Jeanette Grove Martin Suszek Joel & Cindy Suszek

Jim Dekett

His Family

Ryan Marie Szymanski, With All Our Love Mom, Dad, Madi & Izzy

Sandra & John Carlson

Sharon & Rick Engstrom

Betty & Keith Bordine Alice & John Bordine Ruth & Ed Lee Amy Truth

In Honor of

Given by

Ann Suszek Our Children & Grandchildren Joel & Cindy Suszek

Ann Haske

The Haske Family

My Children My Grandson Audrey Garant

Our 28th Wedding Anniversary

Janet Bettega

Our Children: Jennifer, Brian, Billy, Karen, Michelle Wright, Gina Birnbaum

Bill & Nancy Platt

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -9th

8:50 am Choir Practice

NO Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

Easter Breakfast Potluck

follows the service

Monday - 10th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - 11th

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

Lounge

Wednesday - 12th

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

Thursday - 13th

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

Friday - 14th

8am-noon Church Office Open

Saturday - 15th

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING APRIL 8/9

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Organist/Pianis	stAmy Truth
Lector	Joe Gentry
Communion	
	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
Ushers	.Matt, Everett & Olivia Haske,
	Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
	Clarence & Bonnie Cross
	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre	
	Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek
Coffee Hour	Easter Breakfast Potluck

SERVING APRIL 15/16

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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