



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

How can this birth be? Our story starts with Abram and Sarai, the two people through whom God chooses to continue his reclamation project in spite of the fact that they are the two people who can't have children. The story continues with Nicodemus wondering if he has to crawl back into his mother's womb. In both cases, new life is impossible. But not for God. God, Paul reminds us, is the one who creates out of nothing. Nicodemus is told he must be born from above. He has to look up! And what will he see? He will see Jesus, the Son of Man lifted high upon his cross. Without this new birth from above, we will perish. But God does not desire our death. Look up, see Christ, the one sent by the God who so loved the world, and live.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Kyrie! O Christ, Our King, BWV 670

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand to face the cross at the tolling of the bell.

PROCESSION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

APOSTOLIC 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

(green) LBW #168



P Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove,



you a - bound in gra - cious love, of all things the mak - er



and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, sal - va - tion for



all you came to bring. O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me -



di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup -



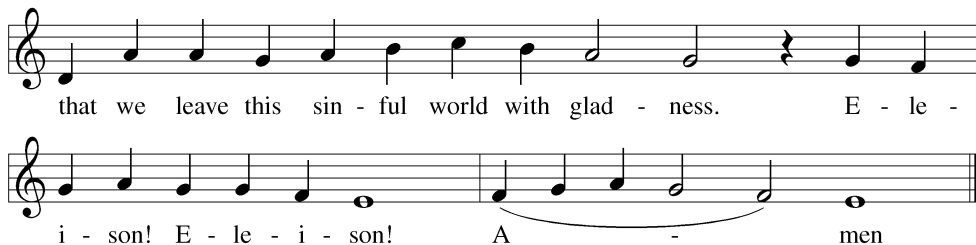
pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our



faith, the gift we need the most. And bless our life's last hour,



Text: Latin, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER. "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1–4a

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. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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.”

⁴So 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

ANTIPHON: It is the Lord who watches over you.

Aniello R. Barone

- L** I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?
- C** **My help comes | from the Lord,***
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- L** He will not let your | foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
- C** **Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel***
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- L** the Lord himself watches | over you;*
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
- C** **so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,***
nor the | moon by night.
- L** The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.
- C** **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,***
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

[St. Paul writes:] What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Galatians 6:14

Michael D. Costello

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
By which the world is crucified to me and I to the world.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷Indeed, 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 the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Once More From the Top

Pastor David R. Lyle

John 3:1–17; Genesis 12:1–4a; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is the Life

ACS #927



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✚ MEAL ✚

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/MISSION MOMENT: Lutheran Schools Week

Bill Koehne

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in both hands. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.
Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs
to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
 for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son
 that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
 through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
 and rose again to make us living branches,
 drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
 to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
 who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.

Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or anxiety, for yourself or a family member.



MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

HYMN: God Loved the World

ELW #323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
the body and blood of your Son.

In your mercy, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage,
that faith in you might be revealed in acts of fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross


(green) LBW #377

(11:00) The choir will sing stanzas two and four in a setting by Carl F. Schalk.

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lift High the Cross

Charles Ore

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
Owen Augustine, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Paulette Reddel
Ruth Nelson, Henry Schueler
Lukas Cohen
Stan Reddel
Diana Sicuro, Bob Jandeska
John Sanger, Susan Weber
Linda and Scott Street

Mary Jane Keitel, Bill Koehne,
Allison and Avery Tan
Eunice Eifert, Liz Hanson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Gift Bearers
Anointers
Ushers
Altar Guild
Choir
Greeters

Livestream audio/video

11:00

Val Spiller
Carrie and David Simpson
Sadie Berg
Beth Reynolds, Esther Armstrong
Joanna Schubkegel, Donna Serpico
Mary Rasmusson, Ted Anton
Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Ellie Schnack
Parish Choir
Susan Bogner, Susie Calhoun,
Kathryn Jandeska, John Reynolds

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LET US PRAY. . .

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Marnie Rourke
Marge Sanger

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Jim Scherer
Rhea Sprecher
Jill Sunderman
Al Swanson
Jane Thompson
Carole Walther

Joe Anderson (*nephew of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
Collene Berghaus (*daughter-in-law of Len and Judy Berghaus*)
Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
Emmet Bindon (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
Jim Brandt (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)
Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)
Brendan Cameron (*friend of Scott and Linda Street*)
Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
Charles Dietz (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)
Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)
Dawn Dooley (*niece of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)
Caryl Ecklund (*relative of Carol Prinz*)
Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)
Lynne Exley (*cousin of Kathryn and Bob Jandeska*)
Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)
Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)
Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
Cathy Gould (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
Larry Graves (*son-in-law of Scott and Linda Street*)
Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
John Haubenstricker (*friend of many at Grace*)
Beth Grams Haxby (*niece of Evelyn Grams*)
Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
Julia Hickey (*daughter of Susan Hickey*)
Susan Hickey (*former member of Grace*)
Clarence Hinz (*father of Julie Hinz*)
Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)

Owen Huffman (*son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman*)
Ruth Jandeska (*daughter-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
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Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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Eunice Larsen (*mother of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)
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Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

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Those who are homebound

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 5

Confirmation Retreat at Lutherdale All Day
Library Open (self-service, coffee)..... **8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**
Sunday School (3rd Floor Commons) **9:45 a.m.**
Teen Talk (Youth Center) **9:45 a.m.**
(No Adult Education)
Chicago a cappella concert **4:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Stewardship Committee (virtual) **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Breakfast Group (Conference Room) **10:15 a.m.**
Health Cabinet (Church Library)..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

School Chapel..... **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library)..... **9:30 a.m.**
Morning Prayer..... **11:00 a.m.**
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) **11:45 a.m.**
Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall)..... **6:00 p.m.**
Lent Worship..... **7:00 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:45 p.m.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) **6:30 p.m.**
Leyden High School’s
 Winter Choral Festival (Sanctuary) **7:00 p.m.**
Worship Committee (1902 Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

GriefShare (Church Library) **9:00 a.m.**
Finding Hope (Church Library) **11:00 a.m.**
Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons) **7:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Graceful Evening (Nineteenth Century Club) **5:30 p.m.**

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