



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome 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.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed 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.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

Electronic Devices

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

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

What would Jesus do? If anyone ever asks you that question, remember that angrily overturning tables and driving away people and animals with a whip is a perfectly acceptable answer! Who is this guy? Here in John's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple at the beginning of his ministry. What right does he have to do this? Jesus' actions in the Temple go beyond an assault on human malpractice or extortion. Jesus is overturning more than tables; he is overturning the entire system of how humanity interacted with God. No longer will he be contained in temples or approached through sacrifices. He's now as likely to show up at a wedding at Cana as in Jerusalem. And to see him most clearly? Well, it's in the foolishness of the cross. God is no longer far off, approached in special places on special days. God in Christ is present everywhere, even in suffering and death. What sort of Savior would locate himself there? The One who loves us with foolish extravagance.



✠ 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 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.



C 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!

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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,
 that we leave this sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le -
 i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy God,

through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.

Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace,

and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.

- ℣ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
- ☩ **One day tells its tale | to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- ℣ Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,
- ☩ **their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,*
and their message to the ends | of the world.**
- ℣ In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ☩ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;***
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ℣ The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- ☩ **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;***
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- ℣ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ☩ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
- ℣ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ☩ **Who can tell how often | he offends?***
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ℣ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- ☩ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1:23–24

Aaron David Miller

We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God, the wisdom of God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13–22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: All My Hope on God Is Founded

(blue) **WOV #782**

Stanza 3 is sung by the choir in a harmonization by David Brackley.



1. All my hope on God is found-ed who will all my trust re - new, who through
2. Mor - tal pride and earth-ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust; what with
3. Great thy good-ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom, pass - ing thought; splen - dor,
4. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -



change and chance will guide me, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
care and toil we fash - ion, tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy
light and life at - tend thee, beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er -
bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall



known, from thy throne call my heart to be thine own.
pow'r, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
more from God's store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
call one and all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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.**

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/VOLUNTARY: All My Hope on God Is Founded

Charles Callahan

We stand 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 voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 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

ANTHEM: Jesus Went With His Disciples

Michael D. Costello

Jesus went with his disciples to the temple's holy place;
There within the sacred confines, fiscal business robbed prayer's place.
Grabbing up a whip to strike them, Jesus drove them, scolding sore:
"This, my Father's house, you mock now—Get them out! Do this no more!"

Then, when challenged by the leaders, charged by them to give a sign,
Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days you will find
This same temple rise in splendor." This they mocked, took as a joke,
Unaware that 'twas his body, soon to die, of which he spoke.

"Jews want signs and Greeks seek wisdom," but the mystery we preach
Is the crucified Messiah, stumbling block, absurd to each;
But God's weakness is far stronger than the greatest human powers
And God's foolishness is wiser than the wisest thoughts of ours.

J. Michael Thompson

HYMN: 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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HYMN: Seed That in Earth Is Dying

ELW #330



1. Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2. We were bap-tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and
3. Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
grave, to res - ur - ec - tion's prom - ise:
fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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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: God of Grace and God of Glory

(green) LBW #415



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19 "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

Susie Calhoun, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Evelyn Walsh, Carson Krischke, crucifer/Bible bearer

Roberta Gillespie, Bob Jandeska, gift bearers

Esther Armstrong, Diana Sicuro, anointers

Julia Lehmann, Mary Rasmusson,

John Sanger, Susan Weber, ushers

Cindy Rohlfing, Donna Serpico, altar guild

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Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

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

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Karen McMahon

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Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 3

Library Open (self service).....	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall).....	8:45 a.m.
Belonging Book Study (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Gr 1-4 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation, Gr 5-6 (3/4 Share Room)	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Voice Masterclass (Music Room)	11:15 a.m.
Health Cabinet (8 th Grade Classroom)	11:15 a.m.
Confirmation Witness Prep (School Library)	11:15 a.m.
Slovakia Mission Team (Conference Room)	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room).....	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast Group (Conference Room)	10:15 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Worship – Morning Prayer	11:30 a.m.
Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
Worship – Evening Prayer	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

GriefShare (Conference Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Social Ministry (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Finding Hope (Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite).....	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Clean Slate Teach-In (Seminar Room)	2:00 p.m.
Graceful Evening (Offsite)	5:30 p.m.

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