

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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

Jeremiah preaches to those amidst the ruins. The covenant is broken. The people languish in exile. What hope do they have? The covenant may have been broken but God's love for them is not. Jeremiah speaks of a time when a new covenant will be made, a covenant no longer dependent upon our ability to hold up our side of the deal. In Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the fulfilling of this covenant. If you want to see the great love of God at work in the world, look upon Christ as he is glorified on the cross. This love, forever now alive, is inscribed upon your hearts. You belong to Christ, the great priest who brings you into the very presence of our God.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth, BWV 653

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.

G 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.

G 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

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself,
 and in mercy you receive our prayers.

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
 that through life and death we may live in 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: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1–13

Antiphon by Carl Schalk

ANTIPHON: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

℣ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness,*
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

☞ **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,*
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

℣ For I know | my transgressions,*
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

☞ **Against you only | have I sinned*
and done what is evil | in your sight.**

℣ And so you are justified | when you speak*
and upright | in your judgment.

☞ **Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,*
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

℣ For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,*
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

☞ **Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure,*
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.**

℣ Make me hear of | joy and gladness,*
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

☞ **Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all | my iniquities.**

- ℣ Create in me a clean | heart, O God,*
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- ☩ **Cast me not away | from your presence,*
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.**
- ℣ Give me the joy of your saving | help again*
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Verse and Chorale for Lent

Paul D. Weber

The verse is sung by the choir and repeated by all.

☩ The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to
give him-self, give him-self a ran-som for man - y.

(Mark 10:45) Music by Paul D. Weber © 2003

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L Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.

Choir Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

We sing:

C Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Loud-er still and loud-er Praise the precious blood.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20–33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: We Wish to See Jesus

Pastor David R. Lyle

John 12:20-33; Jeremiah 31:31-34

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Word of God Is Source and Seed

(blue) **WOV #658**



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die	and	sprout	and	grow.	So	make	your	dark	earth
heal	and	wake	and	save.	So	let	the	Spir	- it
sing,	to	laugh	and	cry.	So	dare	to	be	as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau-de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!
in the Lord let us re - joice!

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Music: GAUDEAMUS DOMINO, David Hurd, b. 1950

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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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Restore in Us, O God

Raymon Haan

We stand as the gifts are presented.

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

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a three-part setting. 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 lyrics are: "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 score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a repeat sign. The fourth system ends with a final double bar line.

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

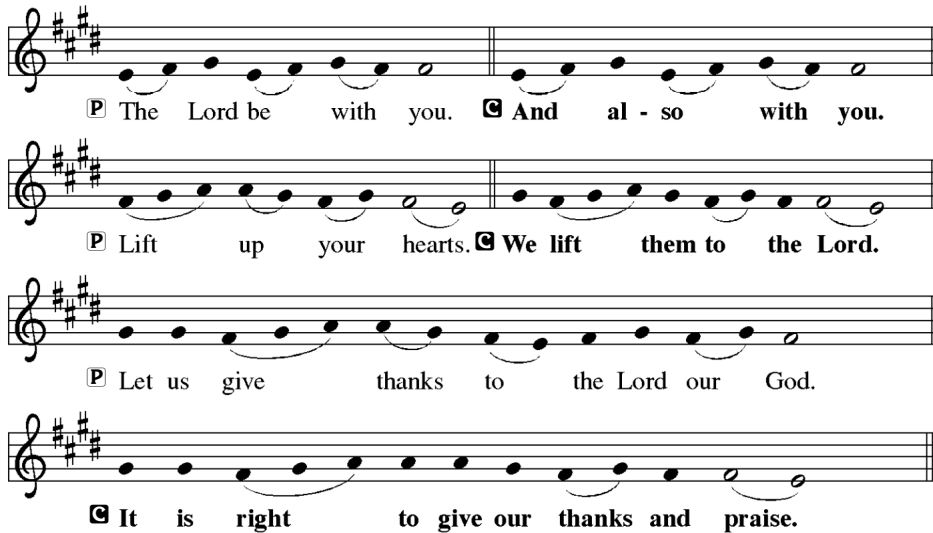
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Music: FRANCKE, J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

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



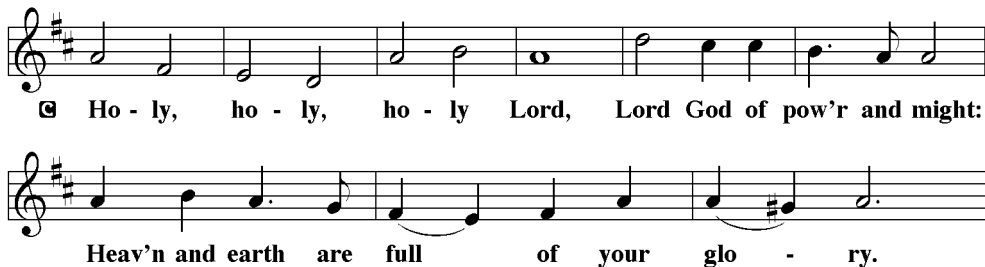
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

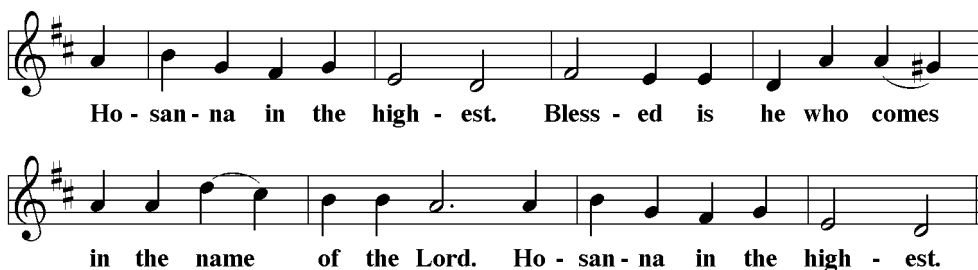
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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.



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.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: The Days Are Coming

Jennifer Kerr Breedlove

The days are coming, says our God, the Lord, when on the heart I'll write my living Word.
All then shall know me, greatest to the least, and come, forgiven, to the endless feast.

The hour has come, the grain shall surely die and in this death be glorified on high.
Thus Jesus said, "When lifted from the earth, I draw all to myself and give new birth."

Son though he was, Christ Jesus did obey, salvation's source became for us today.
Clean hearts creating in the breasts of all who, sin confessing, answer Jesus' call.

J. Michael Thompson



HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

(green) LBW #105



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth
2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend,
3 He an - swered from his ten - der heart
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid;



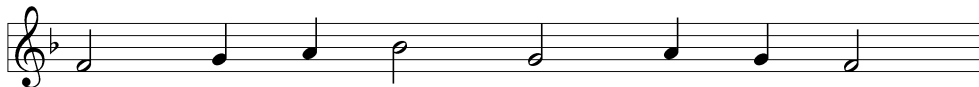
to save a world of sin - ners.
the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
that he would take the bur - den:
his dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone,
the one, his on - ly Son, God sent
"My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand;
He clothes me in his roy - al robes



dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
to win us reb - els o - ver.
I'll do as I am bid - den."
that he is al - ways giv - ing.

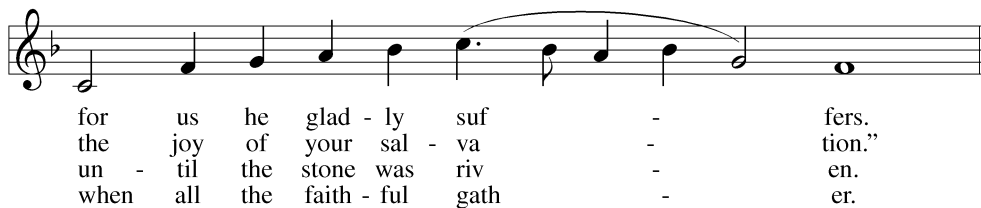
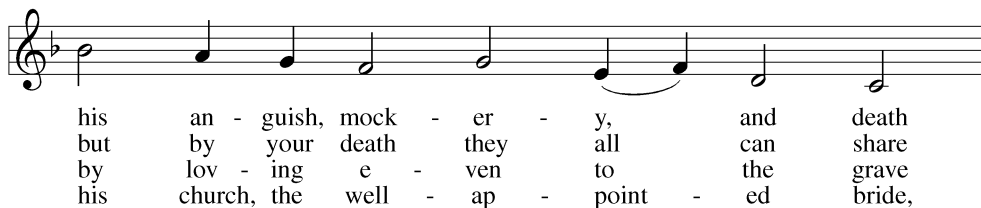
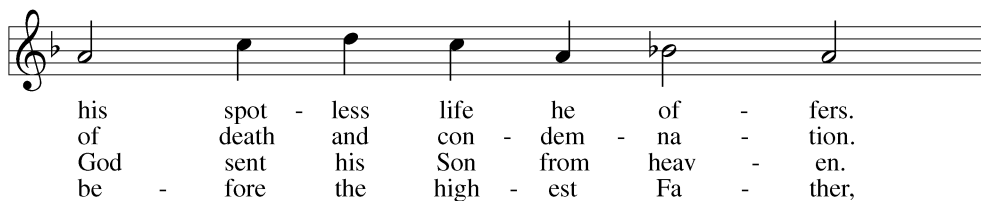


He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint,
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said,
Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might!
His love is dress e - nough for me



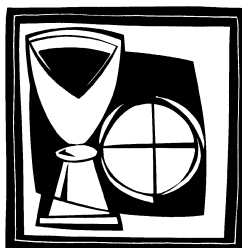
is led to die with - out com - plaint;
"and free my chil - dren from their dread
To right what mor - tals can - not right
to wear through all e - ter - ni - ty

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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.

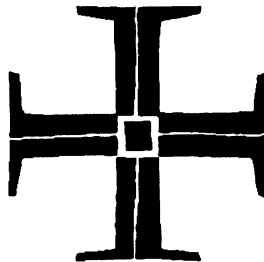
C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Restore in Us, O God

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love;
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r;
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;
4 Three per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,

re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: SOUTHWELL, Daman, *Psalmes*, 1579

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)
Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
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Kathy Challengren (*sister-in-law of Ruth Reko*)
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James Crone (*son of Valerie Crone, grandson of Eunice Spurgat*)
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Sharon Hoglind (*friend of Virginia Walker*)
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Rina Jacobius (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)

Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Scott Kibler (*relative of April Kibler, father of John, Dan, and Olivia Kibler*)
Fred Klawiter (*friend of Carolyn and Larry Garber*)
Claudia Kraft (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
Marcia Kruse (*mother-in-law of Carl Wahlstrom*)
John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)
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Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)
Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
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James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
Joan Seevers (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)
Leah Stanger (*daughter-in-law of Carol and John Stanger*)
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Jill Sunderman (*mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski*)
Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
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Adelaide Ward (*sister of Carl Gruendler*)
Amy Wischhusen (*relative of Ann Mason*)
Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA World Hunger

For those who mourn

Scot Johnson (*nephew of Ed Mason*)

Those serving in the armed services

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

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

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Karen McMahon

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@graceriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 17

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 Shared Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Witness Preparation (Conference Room).....	11:15 a.m.
Chicago Choral Artists Concert (Sanctuary)	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Community Conversations (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Knitting Group (Church Library).....	1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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 21

GriefShare (Conference Room)	9:00 a.m.
Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library).....	9:30 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts (3 rd Floor Commons)	7:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room)	8:30 a.m.
Men of Grace (Youth Center)	9:00 a.m.

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