



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

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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.

Altar Flowers

Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please see the front desk for details.

As We Gather

Nobody, it seems, expects the risen Christ. But that doesn't keep him from showing up. Today's reading comes at the end of the Emmaus story, in which Jesus makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. Back in Jerusalem, he shows up again. He stands among them as if out of thin air. Fear follows. Is he a ghost? But he speaks peace. And, as if to prove he's real, he asks for dinner. Again, around shared food and hospitality, the risen Christ makes himself known. He is really present, and his presence is peace. To us, we who are God's children now, he gives a commission. Go, and be witnesses of these things, that all may come to abide in Christ.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Two Hymn Settings for Easter

Michael D. Costello

The Day of Resurrection!
With High Delight Let Us Unite

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: The Day of Resurrection!

ELW #361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Women sing parts marked I. Men sing parts marked II.

All sing parts marked C.



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



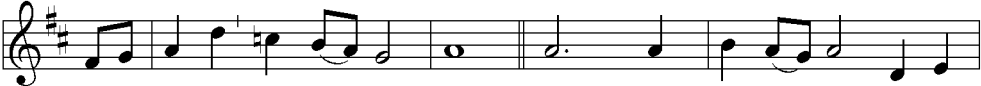
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God,
you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.
Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
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: Acts 3:12–19

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

ANTIPHON: The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

Jeremy Young

- ℣ Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ☩ **"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"**
- ℣ Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;*
when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.
- ☩ **Tremble, then, and | do not sin;***
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ℣ Offer the appointed | sacrifices,*
and put your trust | in the Lord.
- ☩ **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.**
- ℣ You have put gladness | in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
- ☩ **I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;***
for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.
Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b–48

▫ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-fourth chapter.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

▫ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Peace, and a Piece of Fish

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 24:36b–48; 1 John 3:1–7



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: With High Delight Let Us Unite

(green) **LBW #140**



1. With high de-light let us u - nite In songs of sweet ju - bi -
2. True God, he first from death has burst Forth in - to life, all sub -
3. Let prais-es ring; give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord ad - o -



la - tion. You pure in heart, each take your part, Sing Je - sus Christ,
du - ing. His en - e - my shall van - quished lie; His death has been
ra - tion. His hon - or speed by word and deed To ev - 'ry land,



our sal - va - tion. To set us free for - ev - er, he Is ris'n, and
death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be like vic - to - ry O'er death and
ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love give us a - bove, From mis - er -



sends to all earth's ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
grave," said he, who gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
y and death set free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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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,
G **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.
G **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/ANTHEM: Love One Another

Hal H. Hopson

Love one another, love as I have loved you.
This is a new commandment I give you: to love,
Love one another with all your heart,
By this I will know you are mine.

Hear, oh, hear me:
See the hungry, then share your food.
Hear, oh, hear me:
See the homeless, then build a house.

You are my hands.
You are my feet and my voice.
For when you help all those in need
You do it for them and for me.

Hear, oh, hear me:
See the suffering, then share a word.
Hear, oh, hear me:
See the captives, then set them free.

John 13:34–35; Matthew 25:35–40

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Q** **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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

☩ Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

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

☑ **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.**

Ⓟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Ⓟ Come, for all is now ready

We sit.

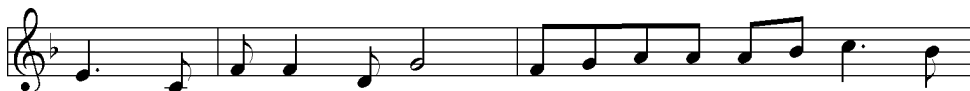
AGNUS DEI



☑ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Paul D. Weber

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

Little drops of water
Little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

So the little moments
Humble though they be
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

Cecil F. Alexander, Julia Fletcher Carney

HYMN: Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

(blue) **WOV #703**



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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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.

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

Eternal God, through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table with the food and drink of the promised land.

Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HFW #176



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ser - vant, but a friend,
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the first and last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev-'ry - one!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

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DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Timothy Shaw

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Al Swanson, deacon

Grace School 3-4 Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Eileen Maggio, Carol Ewald, lectors

Jackson Brayton, Sophie Galeener, crucifer/Bible bearer

Kathryn Jandeska, Paulette Reddel, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Eliza Grahnke, Mike Gillespie, John Roberts, John Sanger, ushers

Tina Baird, Christina Starrick, altar guild

Susie Calhoun, Ann Mason, Ruth Reko, greeters

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Fran Benson (<i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i>)	Arnold Krubsack (<i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i>)
Karen Berglund (<i>friend of Carol Stanger</i>)	Kathryn Krubsack (<i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i>)
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Khadija Boudim (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	Pam Mattox (<i>former member of Grace</i>)
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Randy Ernst (<i>friend of Valerie Spiller</i>)	Elaine Pierce (<i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i>)
Debbie Frederick (<i>friend of Bob and Margaret Burke</i>)	James Powers (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)
Benjamin Galiher (<i>nephew of Paul May</i>)	Susan Prather (<i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i>)
Steven Grupe (<i>friend of Susan Messerli</i>)	John Riley (<i>father of Karin Danganan</i>)
Therese Haderlein (<i>sister of Joe Modrich</i>)	Joan SeEVERS (<i>niece of Eunice Spurgat</i>)
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Sharon Hoglind (<i>friend of Virginia Walker</i>)	Jill Sunderman (<i>mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski</i>)
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Judy Johnson (<i>Grace School alum</i>)	Mary Lou Wagoner (<i>sister-in-law of Stan Reddel</i>)
Maureen Jordan (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	Adelaide Ward (<i>sister of Carl Gruendler</i>)
Scott Kibler (<i>relative of April Kibler, father of John, Dan, and Olivia Kibler</i>)	Amy Wischhusen (<i>relative of Ann Mason</i>)
Fred Klawiter (<i>friend of Carolyn and Larry Garber</i>)	Don and Arleeta Yeske (<i>friends of Eunice Spurgat</i>)

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Ursula Merten (*mother of Grace student Quinn McClurg*)

Joan Kohlmeier (*aunt of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse, great-aunt of Meghan Beatty*)

Jean Buettner (*friend of Phyllis Kersten*)

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 McMahan

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, APRIL 14

Library Open (self service)..... **8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)..... **8:45 a.m.**
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery) **9:00 a.m.**
Sunday School, Gr 1-4 (3rd 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.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
8th Grade Mentor Sunday (School Library)..... **11:15 a.m.**
Seminex Panel (Fellowship Hall)..... **11:30 a.m.**
Heritage Chorale Concert (Sanctuary)..... **4:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Evangelism Committee (Offsite)..... **7:00 p.m.**
Endowment Committee (Online)..... **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

School Chapel Service..... **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**
Worship – Morning Prayer **11:30 a.m.**
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) **12:00 p.m.**
Festival of Hymns for Seminex 50th Anniversary..... **7:30 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal..... Following Hymn Festival

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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.**
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Religion in Literature (Offsite)..... **7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room)..... **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers **3:45 p.m.**

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