



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

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

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

Faced by the temptations in the wilderness, Jesus finds himself in a position with which we're familiar. This is not only a case of being tempted and tested, although that is certainly true. Even more, it is a test brought on by a possible crisis of identity. The devil comes at Jesus with a litany of "ifs." So does the devil come at us. If I'm good enough. If I work hard enough. If this one thing just goes my way. We bargain and barter our way but never move forward. Jesus, however, doesn't traffic in "ifs." He knows who he is. His Father has spoken: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus, in perfect faith, needs nothing else. In a world that still suffers hunger, we do well to ground ourselves in God's Word. In a world in which many are perfectly willing to sell their souls in search of power and authority, we confess Christ alone. During Lent, we get ready for the challenges ahead of us by returning to the promises already made: "You are my child, my beloved; with you, for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased."



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*, BWV 622

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 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

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 of 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



L 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!

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 hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Music: "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

KYRIE, GOTT VATER
 PM

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness
 and brought them to the promised land.
 Guide us now, so that, following your Son,
 we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world
 toward the life you alone can give,
 through 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: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

℣ The Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1–2, 9–16

Carl Schalk

ANTIPHON: God will give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

℣ He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

☩ **He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge | and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

℣ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,*
and the Most High your | habitation,

☩ **there shall no evil hap- | pen to you,*
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**

℣ For he shall give his angels charge | over you,*
to keep you in | all your ways.

☩ **They shall bear you | in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

- Ⓐ You shall tread upon the li- | on and the adder;*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.
- ⓐ **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.**
- Ⓐ He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;*
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.
- ⓐ **With long life will I sat- | isfy him,*
and show him | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- Ⓐ The Word of the Lord
- ⓐ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:4

Michael D. Costello

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1–13

- Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- ⓐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🗣️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Get Ready

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 4:1–13



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: As Your Spirit in the Desert

ACS #923

1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to
Choir 3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us

dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the

cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the

wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.
wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.
wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.
wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.
wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979
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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: Jesus, Lead Thou On

Paul Manz

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 voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady harmonic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the right hand.

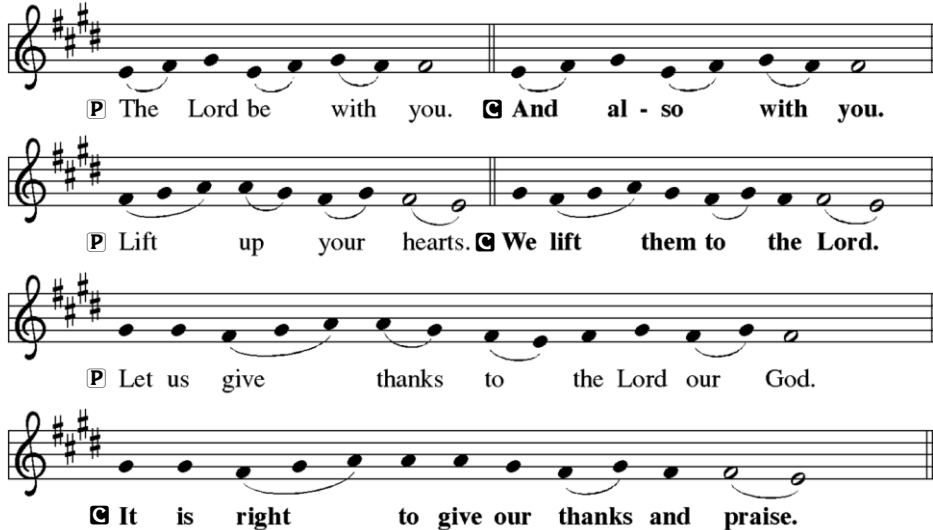
Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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



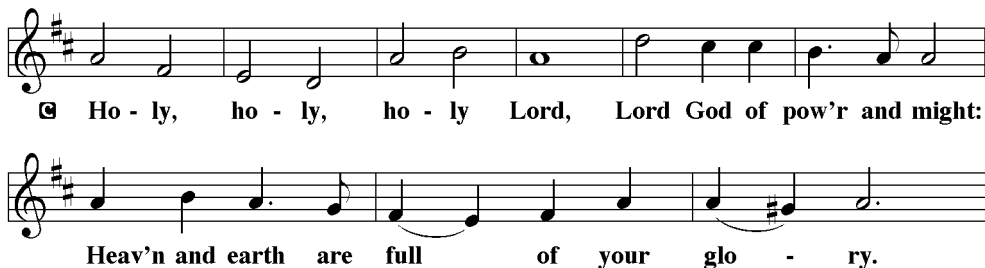
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

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.

☒ 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: To Dust

Karen Marroli

Let my crying come to dust.
Let my grief be turned to ashes.
Let my heart be cleansed with flame.
Kyrie eleison.

Let my mourning turn to song.
Let my sorrow turn to sunrise.
Let my broken spirit rest.
Kyrie eleison.

Let your healing waters rise.
Let your deserts bloom with bounty.
Let your Holy Spirit come.
Christe eleison.

Let our crying come to dust.
Let our grief be turned to ashes.
Let our hearts be cleansed with flame.
Kyrie eleison.

Karen Marroli

HYMN: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(blue) **WOV #660**



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

HYMN: O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

(green) **LBW #99**



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

☑ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW #326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Thomas Schmidt, organist/choir director

Laney Juel, Al Swanson, lectors

Mae Hutton, Mikey Starrick, crucifer/book bearer

Susan Scherer, Donna Serpico, gift bearers

Tom Swanson, Susan Weber, Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

Donna Serpico, Christina Starrick, altar guild

Susie Calhoun, Ed Mason, Ruth Reko, greeters

Kat Starrick, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Pat Anderson	Yvonne Daniels	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger
Cathy Barker	Karen Eckstein	Margaret Kruse	Gick Schmidt
Ann Bresnen	Louis Elia	John Lattyak	Linda Schwab
Miriam Bretscher	Carol Forrest	Susan Messerli	Frank Senn
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Franzone	Diane Moses	Linda Webb
Marilyn Busse	Hena Gantepalli	Karen Murphy	
Dan Cattau	Susan Hammon	Carol Prinz	
Scott Christopher	Kathy Hale	Bill Pullin	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 Felicia Baker (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
 David Benson (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)
 Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Paul Cordes (*son of Bruce Cordes*)
 James Crawford (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Laurel Marie D. (*neighbor of Pat Anderson*)
 Joe Dahlstrom (*brother-in-law of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)
 Chris De Vries (*sister-in-law of Melissa and Jayson De Vries*)
 Will Edwards (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)
 Patti Enslin (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
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 Carrie Grams (*cousin of Sandy Grams*)
 Elizabeth Hammon (*daughter-in-law of Susan Hammon*)
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 Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Emily Hildner (*relative of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Don Hinz (*friend of Sandy Grams*)
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 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Dorothy Kubala (*mother of Cindy Rohlfing and Lori Marchi*)
 Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Chuck Leininger (*uncle of Greg Rohlfing*)
 Maria Lobato-Martinez (*friend of Grace*)
 Roger Loosen (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
 Cordy and Mike MacDonald (*friends of Jen Murtoff*)
Russ Milne (*brother of Patty Engebretson*)
 Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
 Tom Moeller (*brother of Sharon Kluge*)
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 Gloria Nuechterlein (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 John Pecoraro (*cousin of Susan Hickey*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)
 Mara Schmidt (*friend of Dan and Christa Krout*)
 John Slover (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Kathy Spies (*daughter of Dot Wilkie*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Chris and Sue Swanson (*cousins of Al Swanson*)
 Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)
 Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)
 Chris Thannum (*cousin of Chrissy Nelson*)
 Gaylord Thomas (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Marty Walsh (*husband of Grace teacher Carrie Walsh*)
 Jim Wind (*friend of Grace*)
 Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA World Hunger

For those who mourn

Kenneth LaPlante (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)

Those serving in the armed services

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*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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*)

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

Those studying abroad

Charlotte Meyer (*Iceland*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Christopher Davis

David Franzone

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Dave Moeller

Tim Sandvoss

Pat Scala

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@gracriverforest.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 9

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Book Study (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Gr 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Confirmand Witness Prep (School Library)	11:15 a.m.
Health Cabinet (8 th Grade Classroom)	11:30 a.m.
Worship Committee (1902 Room)	11:30 a.m.
Cub Scouts (Gym)	1:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Finance Committee (Virtual)	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Faith Forum (Seminar Room)	10:00 a.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)	7:00 p.m.
Property Committee (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (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.
Post-worship Conversation (Church Library)	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Grief Share (Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
Scout Meeting (3 rd Floor Commons)	6:30 p.m.
Strategic Planning Team (1902 Room)	7:00 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.
Compline Prayer (via Zoom)	9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Finding Hope (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Leipzig Thomanerchor Concert (Sanctuary)	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

High School Service Opportunity (Beyond Hunger)	10:00 a.m.
Graceful Evening (Nineteenth Century Club)	5:30 p.m.

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