



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 23, 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

In the face of suffering, it's natural to ask why it happened. But another question is often quick to follow: Who? Whose fault is? This is the conversation happening in our gospel reading today. Two tragedies have occurred. The first is the result of human violence, the second an accident. In both cases, people are wondering what sins were committed by those who have died. They allege that surely some great sin must be underneath the suffering. Jesus, however, speaks clearly, calling them back to themselves. Those who died are no worse than those who live. Suffering and death happen. What we are called to do is repent, to return to the Lord our God. Our divine gardener will be patient with us, coaxing fruit out of us. And, when Jesus' life is cut short upon the cross of Calvary, a new tree, the Tree of Life, shall rise to give us life. All have sinned yet in Christ shall we live.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: *Interludium in Modo Antico* (from 5 Novelettes)

Alexander Glazunov

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.

C 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.

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!

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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Help us to hear your word and obey it,
and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives,
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: Isaiah 55:1–9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: O God, eagerly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

- O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there | is no water.
- Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,*
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**
- For your lovingkindness is better than | life itself;*
my lips shall | give you praise.
- So will I bless you as long | as I live*
and lift up my hands | in your name.**
- My soul is content, as with mar- | row and fatness,*
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- when I remember you up- | on my bed,*
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**
- For you have | been my helper,*
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- My soul | clings to you;*
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:17

Aaron David Miller

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Hints and Allegations

Pastor David R. Lyle

Luke 13:1–9



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Whatever God Ordains Is Right

(green) **LBW #446**



p 1 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; his will is just and ho - ly.
p 2 What - ev - er God or - dains is right, and he will not de - ceive us.
Choir 3 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; all that he does is for us.
p 4 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; he guides our joy and sad - ness.



He holds us in his per - fect might; in him, our lives are god - ly.
He leads us in the way of light and will not ev - er leave us.
He heals our souls and gives us sight and puts no ill be - fore us.
He is our life and bless - ed light; in him a - lone is glad - ness.



He is our God and all we need, the Fa - ther who pre -
In him we rest, who makes the best of all the stum - bling
Our God is true; he makes us new; our lives are built up -
We see his face, the way of grace; he holds us in his



serves us still; to him we bend each heart and will.
turns we take and loves us for his mer - cy's sake.
on his rock, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
might - y arm and keeps us safe from ev - 'ry harm.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: WAS GOTT TUT, attr. Severus Gastorius, c. 1675

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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: *Garoun a* ("It is spring")

Komitas

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G minor, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. 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 music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some melodic lines in the Soprano part. The piece concludes with a 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

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.



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.

G 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: Come, Ye Disconsolate

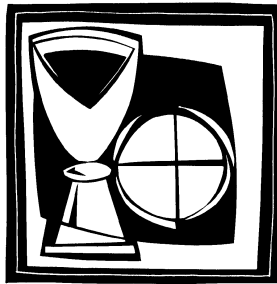
Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

Thomas Moore



HYMN: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

(green) LBW #356



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with
 3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 all to call on you; to those who seek you, you are
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 good; to those who find you, life is new.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

HYMN: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

(green) LBW #327

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

☞ Amen.

A 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

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On

(green) **LBW #341**



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Allie Switala, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Mary Margaret Bartley, Sandy Lentz, lectors

Anders Lyle, Sam Schueler, crucifer/book bearer

Lois Harb, Julie Modrich, gift bearers

Paul Koester, Dan Lehmann, Julie Lehmann, Susan Weber, ushers

Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Deborah Stonich, altar guild

Neal Armstrong, Ruth Reko, greeters

Eunice Eifert, Liz Hanson, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Cathy Barker	Karen Eckstein	John Lattyak	Gick Schmidt
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Miriam Bretscher	Carol Forrest	Susan Messerli	Frank Senn
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Franzone	Joe Modrich	Linda Webb
Marilyn Busse	Hena Gantepalli	Karen Murphy	
Dan Cattau	Susan Hammon	Carol Prinz	
Scott Christopher	Kathy Hale	Bill Pullin	

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 Felicia Baker (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
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 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*)
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 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)
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 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
Elaine Kruse (*sister of Margaret Kruse and Roberta Gillespie*)
 Dorothy Kubala (*mother of Cindy Rohlfing and Lori Marchi*)
 Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Chuck Leininger (*uncle of Greg Rohlfing*)
 Roger Loosen (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
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 Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
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 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)
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 Kathy Spies (*daughter of Dot Wilkie*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Chris and Sue Swanson (*cousins of Al Swanson*)
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 Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)
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Benevolence ministries

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In thanksgiving for

The marriage of **Jennifer Irvine and Philip Spahn**

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 23

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Building Hours – 8:30am – 3:30pm (M-Th)

Spring Break – Grace School	All Week
Stephen Ministry (Church Library)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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.
Post-worship Conversation (Church Library)	7:45 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library)	9:30 a.m.
Grief Share (Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Compline Prayer (via Zoom)	9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Building Hours – 8:30am – 12:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Preconcert Lecture (Sanctuary)	6:00 p.m.
Mass in B Minor	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Preconcert Lecture (Sanctuary)	3:00 p.m.
Mass in B Minor	4:00 p.m.

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