



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
April 6, 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

The fragrance of life has chased away the stench of death. Jesus, in this moment between his public ministry and his impending Passion, is at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Mary, knowing what's coming, anoints Jesus for the burial that awaits him. Judas claims to smell something rotten, arguing that this is nothing but extravagant waste. But Jesus isn't having it, nor will he let Judas shame Mary. It is through Jesus' coming death and resurrection that the world's problems will be finally and fully addressed. In the meantime, how will we live? Selfishly, like Judas and the other jackals? Will we bury our heads in the sand like ostriches? Or will we work for the poor who are always with us? The hope of all people, wealthy and poor, is in Christ alone. As we near Holy Week, let our focus rest upon Christ. May we behold one another through him.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Lento molto (from *Two Pieces for String Quartet*)

Aaron Copland

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness,
 and your grace waters our desert.

Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,
 that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love
 given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.



ANTIPHON: Those who sowed with tears shall reap with joy.

- ℣ When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,*
then were we like | those who dream.
- ☩ **Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
- ℣ Then they said a- | mong the nations,*
“The Lord has done great | things for them.”
- ☩ **The Lord has done great | things for us,*
and we are | glad indeed.**
- ℣ Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses | of the Negev.
- ☩ **Those who | sowed with tears*
will reap with | songs of joy.**
- ℣ Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,*
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 3:13–14

Aaron David Miller

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1–8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

SERMON: olfactory Hues

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 12:1–8; Isaiah 43:16–21



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be

(green) **LBW #406**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has four lines of lyrics. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has three lines of lyrics. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Choir 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.**

INSTALLATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/MISSION MOMENT: Strategic Planning

Mark Bouman

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

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.*

Anointing with oil for healing is offered during the distribution of communion.

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *Kyrie, eleison* (from *Mass in B Minor*, BWV 232) Johann Sebastian Bach

VOLUNTARY: *In Paradiso* (from *Seven Last Words of Christ*) Joseph Haydn

HYMN: In the Singing

ELW #466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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.

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.

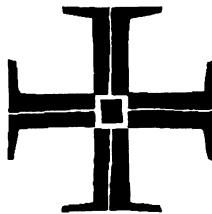
C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(green) LBW #294



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Kyrie! God Father in Heaven Above, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Susie Calhoun, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Paul Nelson, Kathryn Jandeska, lectors

Jackson Brayton, Mikey Starrick, crucifer/book bearer

Richard Calhoun, Tom Thomas, Jr., gift bearers

Bob Jandeska, Diana Sicuro, anointers

Eliza Grahnke, Paul Koester, Mike Nelson, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Donna Serpico, Christina Starrick, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Mary Jane Keitel, Ann Mason, greeters

George Hogenson, Eunice Eifert, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

Sue Allen	Scott Christopher	Kathy Hale	Bill Pullin
Pat Anderson	Bruce Cordes	Patricia Herendeen	Ron Rott
Cathy Barker	Yvonne Daniels	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger
Marv Bartell	Karen Eckstein	John Lattyak	Gick Schmidt
Ann Bresnen	Louis Elia	Judie McDonnell	Linda Schwab
Miriam Bretscher	Carol Forrest	Susan Messerli	Frank Senn
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Franzone	Joe Modrich	Virginia Walker
Marilyn Busse	Hena Gantepalli	Karen Murphy	Linda Webb
Dan Cattau	Susan Hammon	Carol Prinz	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)

Felicia Baker (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)

Jane and Bill Batte (*friends of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)

Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)

Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)

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*)

David De Jong (*brother-in-law of Mary Beth Logas*)

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*)

Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)

John Falzone (*friend of Karen Eckstein*)

William Fields (*friend of Karen Eckstein*)

Debbie Frederick (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*)

Julia Friend (*friend of Susan Franzone*)

Chuck Gafford (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp and Eunice Eifert*)

Linda Allen Gotsch (*friend of Roberta Gillespie*)

Carrie Grams (*cousin of Sandy Grams*)

Elizabeth Hammon (*daughter-in-law of Susan Hammon*)

Sara Heiserman (*relative of Carol Prinz*)

Bailey Heppner (*grandson of Marilyn Heppner*)

Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)

Emily Hildner (*relative of Eunice Spurgat*)

Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)

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*)

Elaine Kruse (*sister of Margaret Kruse and Roberta Gillespie*)

Dorothy Kubala (*mother of Cindy Rohlfing and Lori Marchi*)

Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Roger Loosen (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)

John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)

Cordy and Mike MacDonald (*friends of Jen Murtoff*)

Kathy Maxwell (*cousin of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)

Russ Milne (*brother of Patty Engebretson*)

Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)

Tom Moeller (*brother of Sharon Kluge*)

Margaret Murphy (*mother of John Murphy*)

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*)

Jim Wind (*friend of Grace*)

Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois (LCFS)

For those who mourn

John Albright

David Hansen

Ruth O'Neal (*friend of the Christopher family*)

Joe Dahlstrom (*brother-in-law of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)

Chuck Leininger (*uncle of Greg Rohlfing*)

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

Dave Moeller

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Those who need encouragement

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Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (eamstrong@gracerverforest.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, APRIL 6

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.
Confirmation (School Library)	9:00 a.m.
New Members Class (Senior Pastor's Office)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Heritage Chorale Concert (Sanctuary)	4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Budget Committee (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Faith Forum (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Adult Education Committee (Virtual)	7:00 p.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Yoga (Third Floor Commons)	6:30 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, APRIL 11

Finding Hope (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Cooking for the Crib (Main Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Festival Concert (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail,
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