



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.

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cover of this worship folder.

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more about you.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

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Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and
blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about
additional resources for worship.

The Holy Communion

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

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 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

On this first Sunday of our forty-day fast, we hear of the forty days Jesus spends in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. Paul reminds us of the fall of humanity, that sin that originates within each of us and leads us away from God and one another. Jesus has come to put an end to the blame game, to the power of sin, and to the forces of evil. Doing what we could not, Jesus stares down Satan and initiates the victory that will culminate on Calvary. We who have been baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection are Spirit-led now, too. God does not prevent us from encountering trials and temptations. Instead, God joins us as we grow in mercy, grace, and love. We come today hungry and discover that the Bread of Life is more than enough to satisfy us.



† GATHERING †

PRELUDE: Kyrie, God Father, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand to face the cross at the tolling of the bell.

PROCESSION

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

¶ In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ Amen.

¶ 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.

¶ Amen.

¶ 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

¶ Most merciful God,

¶ **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.

¶ 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.

¶ Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

¶ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
¶ And also with you.

KYRIE

(green) LBW #168

The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is arranged in three parts: Soprano (top), Alto (middle), and Tenor/Bass (bottom). The lyrics are as follows:

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.

Lord God, our strength,
the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.
Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us
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: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

Setting by Paul D. Weber

ANTIPHON (*Sung by all; the verses are sung by the choir*)



▣ You are my hid-ing place, O Lord, you will save me in my dis-tress;

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- and in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.
Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
When I confessed my sin to you, you forgave me all my sin.

▣ ANTIPHON

- and in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.
I am surrounded by your steadfast love.
Happy are those who trust in your strength!
You that are righteous, be glad, rejoice! You that obey him, shout for joy.

▣ ANTIPHON

- and in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.
Glory and praise and honor to you: Father, Son, and Spirit, One.
As it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

▣ ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12–19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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: Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

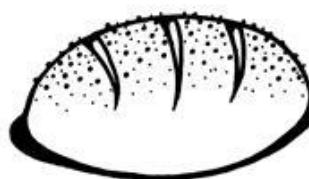
We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Away with Satan and Sin

Pastor David R. Lyle

Matthew 4:1–11



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(green) LBW #228

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Paul D. Weber.



C 1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
C 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
Choir 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land bide,
C 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
all threat - ning to de - your us,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres sor's rod
But now a cham - not, un - moved to fight, we stand;
we trem - ble him - self fights by our side
for God - him - self by

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
with weap - ons of the Spir - it. it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev er!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
 **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:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- Ⓟ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Ⓒ **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/ANTHEM: Psalm 121

Paul Bouman

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

We stand 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

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:
 C Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 C Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 C in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

¶ 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.**

¶ 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.

C Thanks be to God.

¶ 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

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, Kirchenordnung, Braunschweig, 1528

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: As Your Spirit in the Desert

Michael D. Costello

Choir As your Spirit in the desert
Led the Christ to dust and stone,
So instill our hearts with courage
Now to cross where Christ has gone.



C Let us cross in-to the wild-er-ness So to walk where Christ has gone.

Choir As your fire and cloudy pillar
Israel's tribes to Canaan led,
May your Presence be our comfort,
May your manna be our bread.



C Let us cross in-to the wild-er-ness With God's man-na as our bread.

Choir Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow,
And dire thirst may sear and sting,
You have promised living waters
Waiting for us at the spring.



C Let us cross out of the wild-er-ness To the wat-ers of the spring.

Choir Through the narrow gate now draw us,
Past all empire's pull and strife,
Where beyond our fear and clinging
Stands the threshold of new life.



C Let us cross out of the wild-er-ness To the thresh-old of new life.

Choir God of Desert, God of Promise,
You have bid us journey on
Through the days of dust and darkness
To the rising of the Dawn.



C Let us cross out of the wild-er-ness To the ris-ing of the Dawn.

ANTHEM: Kyrie

John Leavitt

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison!
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: Lord Jesus, Think on Me*(green) LBW #309*

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom-ised rest.
through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the_e-ter - nal bright-ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

A 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

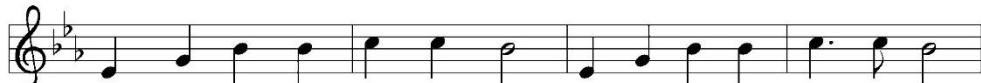
¶ Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
 ☩ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Chief of Sinners though I Be

(green) LBW #306



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus-tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

DISMISSAL

Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 ☩ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chief of Sinners though I Be

Kristina Langlois

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Laura Merwin, assisting minister

Ed Mason, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Christine Janzow Phillips, oboe

Grace 5-8 Grade Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Stacia Taylor, Eileen Maggio, lectors

Sarah Jones, Norah Lewis, crucifer/Book bearer

Richard Calhoun, Tom Thomas, Jr., gift bearers

Mike Gillespie, Eliza Grahnke, Matthew Huffman, David Kuipers, ushers

Linda Street, Scott Street, altar guild

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Eunice Eifert, George Hogenson, livestream audio/video

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In thanksgiving for

The 90th birthday of **Bev Lueking**

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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Those studying abroad

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

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Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

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Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, FEBRUARY 22

Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lent Book Study (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Mentor Sunday (Youth Center)	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room)	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Stephen Ministry (Church Library)	7:00 p.m.
Dads of Grace (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Worship – Morning Prayer (Church Library)	11:30 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)	12:00 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (1-2 Common Room)	5:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)	5:30 p.m.
Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
Worship – Evening Prayer	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
Compline Prayer (Online)	9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Building open 8:30-noon	
FEAST Kick-Off Event (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men of Grace (Youth Center)	9:00 a.m.
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