



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



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 LBW and blue 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 graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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

If you only know one verse of scripture, there's a good chance it's John 3:16. This verse, sometimes called the "gospel in miniature," comes near the end of a lengthy conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. This teacher has a great deal of knowledge but he can't quite seem to grasp Jesus' message. Why? Because we cannot pull ourselves up to where God is. We cannot by our own understanding make sense of the gospel. In Jesus' presence, we come to our end. We need to be born again, from above. This, however, is not a demand laid upon us. With Jesus, our end is always a new beginning. In Holy Baptism, we live. Like Abram before us, we are called into a new journey, the grand adventure of faith that rests on grace.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Kyrie! O Christ, Our King, BWV 670

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.

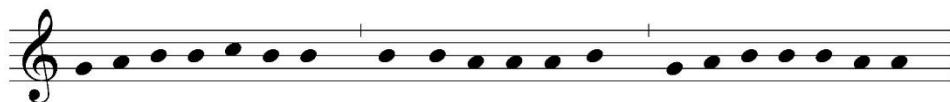
APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ 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**



☐ Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.



☑ 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 God, our leader and guide,
 in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth
 to live as your children.
 Strengthen our faith in your promises,
 that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world
 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 12:1–4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

℣ The Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Aniello R. Barone

ANTIPHON: It is the Lord who watches over you.

℣ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?

☩ **My help comes | from the Lord,*
the maker of heav- | en 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 slum- | ber 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.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

[St. Paul writes:] What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

℣ The Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Galatians 6:14

Michael D. Costello

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
By which the world is crucified to me and I to the world.



HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: From the Top

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 3:1–17; Genesis 12:1–4a

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is the Life

ACS #927



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991

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NICENE CREED

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

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

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/ANTHEM: Lent Canon

Kenneth T. Kosche

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

We stand as the gifts are presented.

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The lyrics under the first system are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef and provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics under the second system are: "spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

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

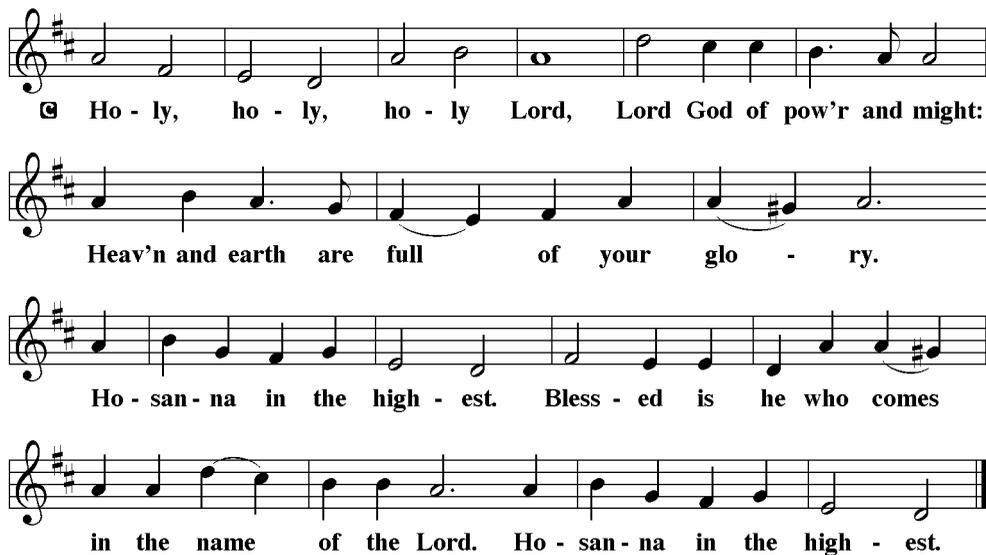
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.
 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.

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

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

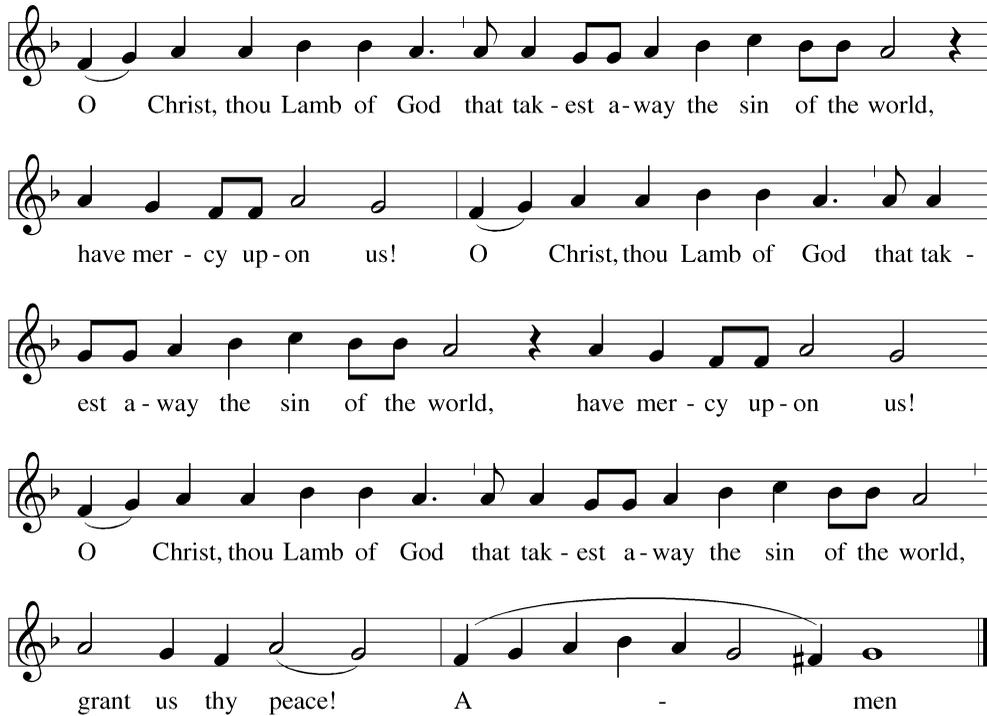
☩ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

☩ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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.

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: God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

ANTHEM: God, You Hold Your Children Dear

Andrew Bruhn

God, you hold your children dear.
Look at me, so little here.
Watch me in my journeys, lead me.
In your hands you safely keep me.
Joy may come and joy may go.
Lord, you never change, I know,
Swedish Prayer, Tr. Gracia Grindal

HYMN: God Loved the World

ELW #323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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: Lift High the Cross

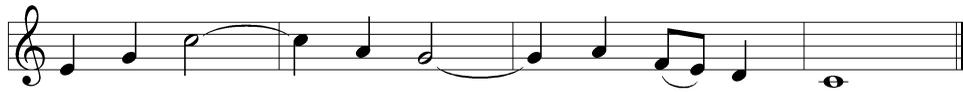
(green) **LBW #377**

The choir will sing stanzas two and four in a setting by Carl F. Schalk

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Lift High the Cross

Charles Ore

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Elyssa Salinas-Lazarski, assisting minister

Rich Schubkegel, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Ngaire Whiteside-Bull, soprano

Grace 1–2 Grade Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, Sandy Lentz, lectors

Quinn Terry, Collin Kuipers, crucifer/Book bearer

Leanne Cribbs, Tony Stephens, gift bearers

David Heim, Barbara Hofmaier, anointers

Richard Calhoun, Paul Koester, Tom Maxwell, Deborah Stonich, ushers

Jane Andrew, Tina Baird, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, Scott Street, greeters

Tom Swanson, Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Miriam Bretscher	Louis Elia	Mary Beth Logas	Linda Schwab
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Franzone	Mark Lucht	Rhea Sprecher
Larry Caponigri	Susan Hammon	Joe Modrich	Virginia Walker
Mike Carioscio	Bob Hale	Katarina Modrich	Lance Wilkening
Dan Cattau	Olivia Hartung	Dave Moeller	
Karin Danganan	Phyllis Kersten	Mike Rollheiser	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 Anne Bartoc (*relative of John and Harriet Roberts*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)
 Stan Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Russ Bradley (*son-in-law of Robert and Bonnie Shaner*)
 Lois Cornils (*friend of many at Grace*)
 James Crawford (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
 David De Jong (*brother-in-law of Mary Beth Logas*)
 Patti Enslin (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
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 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Randy Stueve (*friend of Lance Wilkening*)
 Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)
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In thanksgiving for

The 90th birthday of **Art Gustafson**

For those who mourn

Naiyarat Amatayakul (*father of Benz Kuipers*)

Mike Rollheiser (*former member of Grace*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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

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, MARCH 1

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 (3rd Floor Commons)..... **9:00 a.m.**
 Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**
 Witness Preparation (Youth Center)..... **11:15 a.m.**
 La Caccina Concert **3:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Breakfast Group **10:15 a.m.**
 Health Committee (Church Library)..... **7:00 p.m.**
 Property Committee (Conference Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

School Chapel Service..... **8:25 a.m.**
 Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Worship – Morning Prayer (Church Library) **11:30 a.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, MARCH 5

Grief Share (Church Library)..... **10:00 a.m.**
 Moms of Littles (Youth Center)..... **6:30 p.m.**
 Yoga (Fellowship Hall) **6:30 p.m.**
 Social Ministry (Conference Room) **7:30 p.m.**
 Compline Prayer (Online)..... **9:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Lutherdale Confirmation Retreat (Offsite)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Lutherdale Confirmation Retreat (Offsite)
 Quilting Group (Upstairs Quilting Room)..... **9:00 a.m.**

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Taylor-Imani Gates, Principal
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