



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](http://graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 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 the Third Sunday in Lent, we are gathered again around an ancient well in the heat of the day. After others have come and gone, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman. We don't know where she has been or what exactly has brought her here. We don't even know her name. The details we do have paint a picture of someone longing for dignity, lasting life, and a future in her own particularity. When Jesus offers living water, she knows that this is what she is craving. This conversation is not about sin but about healing from shame and alienation. It is about a welcome that goes beyond surface level acceptance. Jesus tells her everything she has ever done. This isn't about judgement but about someone who finally sees her in her fullness and loves her without exception or agenda. It feels refreshing. So much so that she becomes the first evangelist in John's gospel. She is compelled to share.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Choral dorian

Jehan Alain

*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.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,  
 you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.

Give us this water always.

Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth  
 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: Exodus 17:1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

℣ The Word of the Lord

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 95

Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

℣ Come, let us sing | to the Lord;\*

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

☞ **Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

℣ For the Lord | is a great God,\*

and a great King | above all gods.

☞ **In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

℣ The sea is his, | for he made it,\*

and his hands have molded | the dry land.

☞ **Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.**

℣ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep | of his hand.\*

Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice!

☞ **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did | in the wilderness,\*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they | tempted me.**

- ℣ They put me | to the test,\*  
though they had | seen my works.
- ☩ **Forty years long I detested that genera- | tion and said,\***  
**“This people are wayward in their hearts;**  
**they do not | know my ways.”**
- ℣ So I swore | in my wrath,\*  
“They shall not enter in- | to my rest.”

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** John 4:42, 15

Michael D. Costello

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
Give me this living water that I may never thirst again.

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 4:5–42

- ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** Refreshing

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
John 4:5–42

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** O Blessed Spring

*(blue)* **WOV #695**

*Stanza four is sung by the choir in a setting by Robert Buckley Farlee.*



1 O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
**Choir** 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that Word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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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,
- 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/MISSION MOMENT:** Grace Lutheran School

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

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

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with block chords in the bass clef. 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

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: FRANCKE, J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

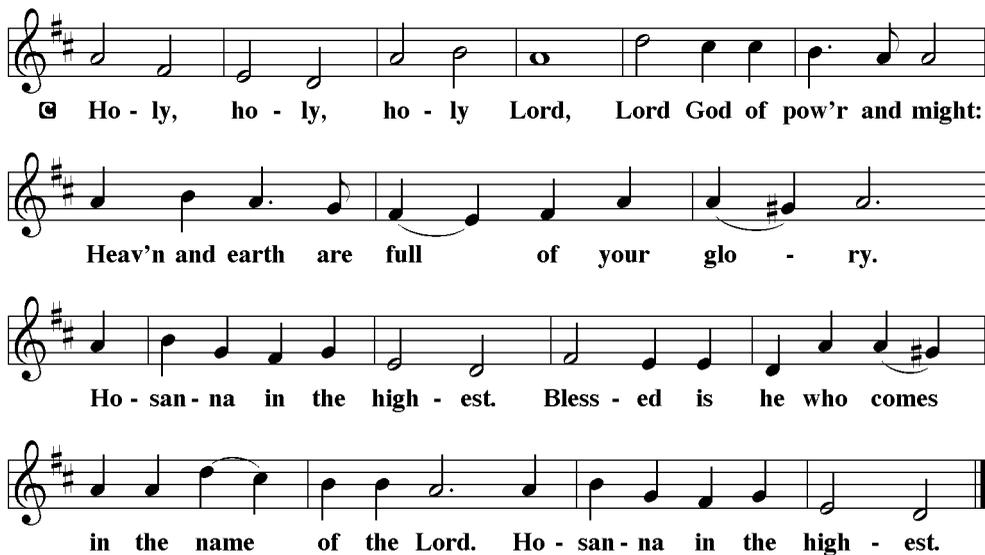
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:



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:

**☩ 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.

**☩ 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

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.*



# 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

*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

- ☞ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
☞ Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

(green) LBW #343



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE: Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister  
Amy Claud, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Grace Parish Choir, choir

Stacia Taylor, Sandy Lentz, lectors  
Juliet Krischke, crucifer

Bob Jandeska, Susan Scherer, gift bearers  
Eliza Grahnke, Tom Maxwell,

Mary Rasmusson, John Sanger, Susan Weber, ushers  
Jane Andrew, Marilyn Moehlenkamp, altar guild

Kathryn Jandeska, Mary Jane Keitel, Ann Mason, greeters  
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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 8

Lutherdale Confirmation Retreat (Offsite)  
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<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons)..... **9:00 a.m.**  
(No Confirmation Class)  
**Worship – Holy Communion**..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... **11:15 a.m.**  
Worship Committee (1902 Room)..... **11:15 a.m.**  
Cub Scout Pack 4066 Pinewood Derby (Gym) ..... **1:00 p.m.**

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

Finance Committee (Virtual) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Faith Forum (Sanctuary) ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Library Committee (Church Library) ..... **1:00 p.m.**  
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

**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.**  
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 13

Grief Share (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... **6:30 p.m.**  
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**  
Scout Meeting (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **7:30 p.m.**  
Compline Prayer (Online)..... **9:00 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Building Closes at 12:30

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Visitation for Barbara Carlson (Atrium)..... **10:00 a.m.**  
Memorial Service for Barbara Carlson (Sanctuary) ..... **11:00 a.m.**  
Memorial Service Reception (Fellowship Hall) ..... **12:00 p.m.**  
Graceful Evening (Offsite) ..... **5:30 p.m.**

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