



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Winnie Sievert by the extended Sievert family.

We Gather

Rev. Angela Denker is an award-winning author, ELCA Lutheran pastor, and veteran journalist. Her first book, *Red State Christians*, was the 2019 Silver Foreword Indies award-winner for political and social sciences. Her second book, *Disciples of White Jesus: The Radicalization of American Boyhood*, came out on March, 25, 2025. She is a former columnist for the *Minnesota Star Tribune* and has written for many publications, including *Sports Illustrated*, the *Washington Post*, and *FORTUNE* magazine, and has appeared on CNN, BBC, SkyNews, and NPR to share her research on politics and Christian Nationalism.

Pastor Angela lives with her husband, Ben, and two sons in Minneapolis, where she is a sought-after speaker on Christian Nationalism and its theological and cultural roots. She also serves Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church in Minneapolis as Pastor of Visitation and Public Theology



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Erik-Jan van der Hel

We stand and face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

(green) **LBW #144**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

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GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

*Higher voices (treble) sing parts marked I. Lower voices (bass) sing parts marked II.
All sing parts marked G.*

G This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

G This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

G This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray.

O God our shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42–47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

John Folkening

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd.

℣ The Lord | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

☞ **He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

℣ He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake."

☞ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |
fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

℣ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, my cup is | running over.

☞ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days |
of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19–25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le-lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn. c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1–10

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

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

[Jesus said:] “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Angela Denker
 John 10:1–10

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(green) **LBW #456**

Stanzas three and five are sung by the choir in a setting by Paul Bouman.



- 1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
Choir 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- Choir** 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thine unction grace bestoweth; thy goodness faileth never.
and, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
from thy pure chalice floweth! within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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

☐ 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/VOLUNTARY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Michael D. Costello

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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.

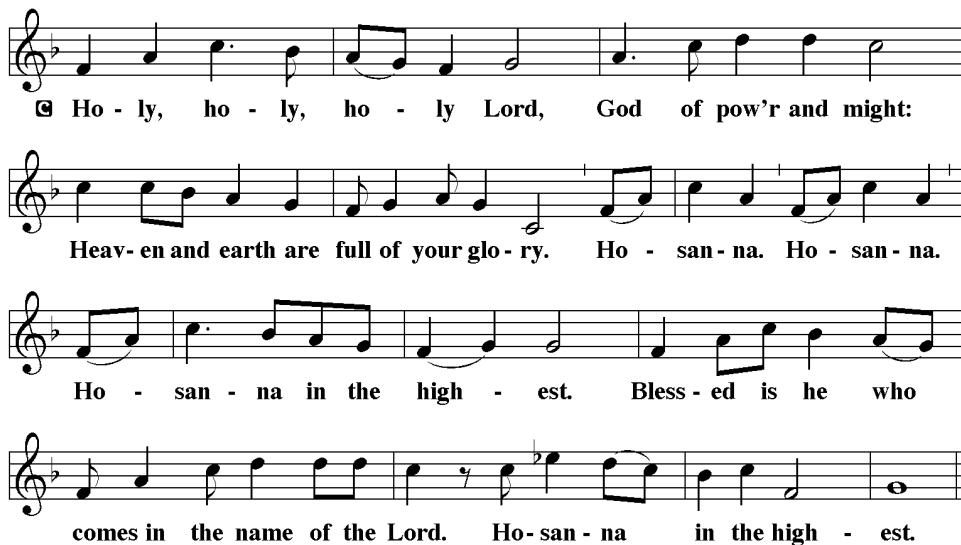


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who,
 living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
 and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 DURING THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

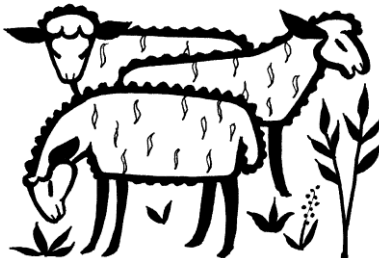
Setting by Michael D. Costello

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me.
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel host attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.

Henriette L. von Hayn, 1778
tr. composite



HYMN: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(blue) **WOV #711**



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joyce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreuz, 1922–1996
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

☞ **Amen.**

- A** Let us pray.
 Eternal God,
 through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ
 you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table
 with the food and drink of the promised land.
 Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory
 made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C** Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

(green) **LBW #196**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

G **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. Angela Denker, preaching minister

The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Dan Lehmann, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Ruth Nelson, Stacia Taylor, lectors

Mikey Starrick, crucifer/book bearer

Tony Stephens, Susan Weber, gift bearers

Thomas Ewart, Eliza Grahne, Paul Koester, Scott Schwar, ushers

Liz Hanson, Donna Serpico, altar guild

James Claud, Mary Jane Keitel, Gerlinde VanDriesen, greeters

Tom Swanson, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Larry Caponigri	Bob Hale	Katarina Modrich	
Dan Cattau	Olivia Hartung	Dave Moeller	
Karin Danganan	Phyllis Kersten	Ron Rott	

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

Kim Aponte (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

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*)

Leila Burnett (*friend of the Maggio family*)

Lois Cornils (*friend of many at Grace*)

Anne Dana (*friend of Susan Messerli*)

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Patti Enslin (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, APRIL 26

Library Open (self-service, coffee) **8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
New Members Class (Senior Pastor's Office) **8:45 a.m.**
Sunday School, SK-6th Gr (3rd Floor Commons)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center) **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
Fellowship Committee (Conference Room)..... **11:15 a.m.**
Angela Denker Presentation (Fellowship Hall)..... **11:30 a.m.**
ASP Trip Meeting (Youth Center)..... **5:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, APRIL 27

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

School Chapel Service **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) **6:15 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Yoga (3rd Floor Commons) **6:30 p.m.**
Boy Scout Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)..... **7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, May 2

Quilting Group (Quilting Room)..... **9:30 a.m.**
Visitation for Rhea Sprecher (Atrium)..... **10:00 a.m.**
Memorial Service for Rhea Sprecher (Sanctuary) **11:00 a.m.**
Reception for Rhea Sprecher (Fellowship Hall) **12:00 p.m.**
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (Offsite) **3:00 p.m.**
Sound Good Concert (Sanctuary)..... **4:00 p.m.**

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