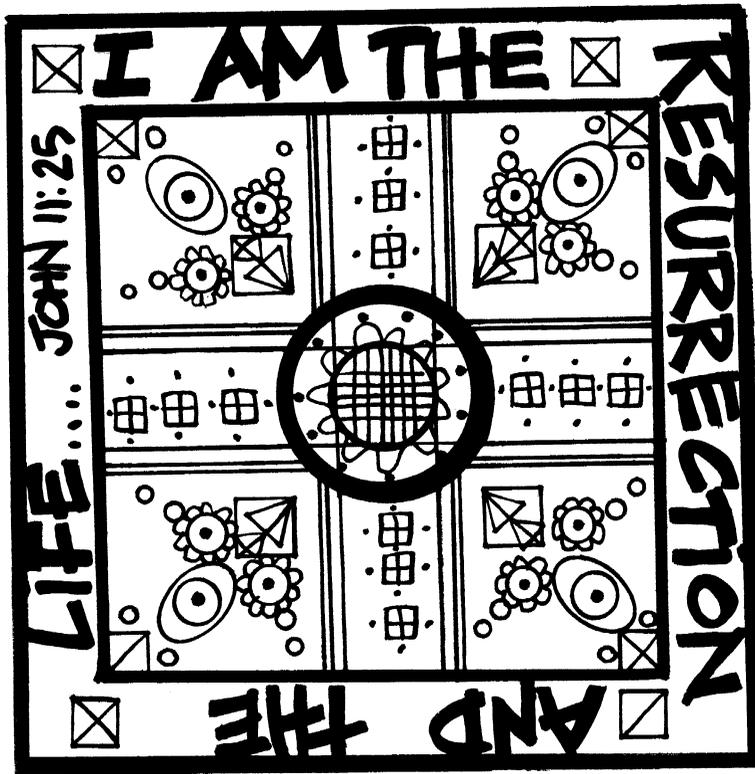


April 2nd, 2017
The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today, The illness and death of Lazarus happened “*that the Son of God may be glorified through it*” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “*for the nation*” and gather “*into one the children of God who are scattered abroad*” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “*unbind him, and let him go*” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “*submit to God’s law,*” nor could we “*please God*” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “*he condemned sin*” in His own flesh so “*that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “*the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells*” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Stand

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession: (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution: (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\iota}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)

Ps. 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 116:15

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

**I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

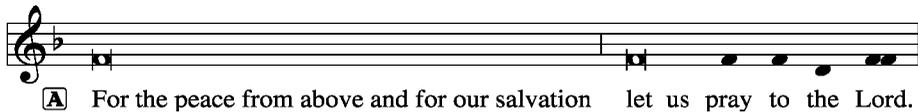
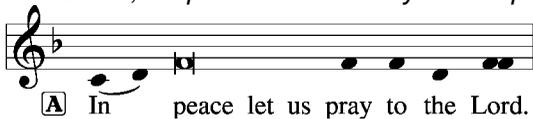
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

Kyrie: (*Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.*)

LSB 152





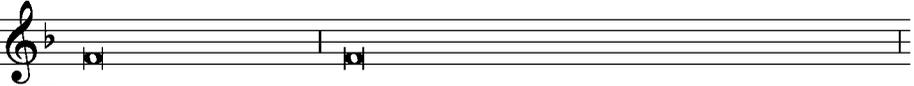
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



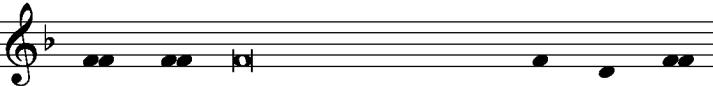
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation: *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)*



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect: *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)*

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

Hymn of the Day: (This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1	My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My	Sav -	ior's	love	to
2	He	came	from	His	blest	throne	Sal -	va -	tion	to	be -
3	Some -	times	they	strew	His	way	And	His	sweet	prais -	es
4	Why,	what	hath	my	Lord	done?	What	makes	this	rage	and
5	They	rise	and	needs	will	have	My	dear	Lord	made	a -



me,	Love	to	the	love -	less	shown	That	they	might	love -	ly
stow;	But	men	made	strange,	and	none	The	longed -	for	Christ	would
sing;	Re -	sound -	ing	all	the	day	Ho -	san -	nas	to	their
spite?	He	made	the	lame	to	run,	He	gave	the	blind	their
way;	A	mur -	der -	er	they	save,	The	Prince	of	Life	they



be.	Oh,	who	am	I	That	for	my	sake
know.	But,	oh,	my	friend,	My	friend	in -	deed,
King.	Then	"Cru -	ci -	fy!"	Is	all	their	breath,
sight.	Sweet	in -	ju -	ries!	Yet	they	at	these
slay.	Yet	cheer -	ful	He	To	suf -	f'ring	goes



My	Lord	should	take	Frail	flesh	and	die?
Who	at	my	need	His	life	did	spend!
And	for	His	death	They	thirst	and	cry.
Them -	selves	dis -	please	And	'gainst	Him	rise.
That	He	His	foes	From	thence	might	free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Sermon "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

John 11:5

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Amen.

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

LSB 956

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface: (*The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.*) LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.



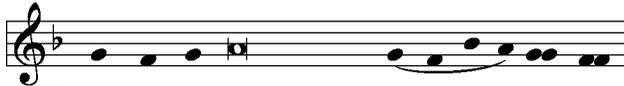
C And also with you.



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 Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (*Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).*) LSB 161

C 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.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord: *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)* LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 That from pain I might be free; For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 Thence I gain security; I will thank Thee evermore,
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 Me to comfort in my anguish. For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, For that last triumphant cry,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

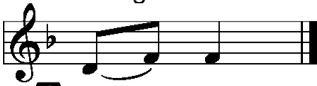
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

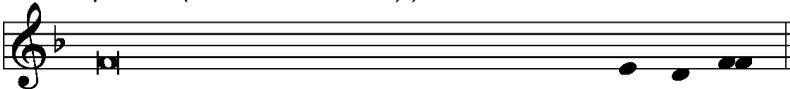
Post-Communion Collect: *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 166



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on me
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



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

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Apr. Elders	Cliff Burns Jack Page	Organist(s): June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub)
Ushers:	Chad Catron Jim Duty	Kim Appel (Sub) Apr. Altar Guild
Trustees:	Kerry Becker Gary Smith	Nelda Rohde Wendy Rohde

Readers:

Apr. 2	Maggie Smith
Apr. 9	Bernie Satterwhite
Apr. 16	Dana Bunte
Apr. 23	Mark Peres
Apr. 30	Jean Miller

Acolytes:

Apr. 2	Sterling Brown & David Wolff
Apr. 5	Alex Caldwell & Baylor Watson
Apr. 9	Gene Brown & Juniper Smith
Apr. 13	Ramon Wolff & Thomas Brown
Apr. 14	Barrett Watson
Apr. 16	Brenden Kadlecsek & Sterling Brown
Apr. 23	Gene Brown & David Wolff
Apr. 30	Juniper Smith & Alex Caldwell

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On this Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies "Peter Denies Jesus." Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, "How does Peter's denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?"



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Apr. 2</u>	<u>Mon. Apr. 3</u>	<u>Tues. Apr. 4</u>	<u>Wed. Apr. 5</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/ Communion	7p Elders	6p Community Bunco	10a GLLC Chapel 5:30p LENTEN SCHEDULE (see schedule below) Soup: R - Z Host: GLLC
<u>Thurs. Apr. 6</u>	<u>Fri. Apr. 7</u>	<u>Sat. Apr. 8</u>	<u>Sun. Apr. 9</u>
6p LWML	Pastor Away- Family Day		 8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 6:30p Youth Group



5:30-6:15p Bible Class
6:00-6:45p Soup Supper
7:00p Worship



Lenten Midweek Offerings

Our Lenten midweek offerings this year will go to support three important missions: Grace Lutheran Learning Center, Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas, and Pastor Askins in Hong Kong. Please give generously to support the work of spreading the the good news of Jesus Christ through these ministries!

Apr. 5	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: R-Z Host: GLLC	Wedding Feast
Apr. 9	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms
Apr. 13	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Apr. 14	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
Apr. 16	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service

FINANCIALS – as of Mar. 26th, 2017

	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Y-T-D
General Offering	5,459.00	5,370.00	3,632.00	3,145.60	43,374.50
2016 Weekly goal	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	43,497.44
Difference	1,504.96	1,415.96	-322.04	-808.44	-122.94
SS Offering	57.00	44.00	24.00	41.00	
GLLC Donations	85.00		600.00		

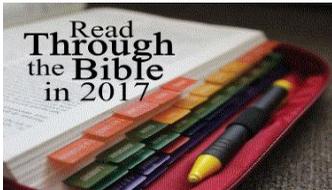
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Mildred Karcher, Lorine Vogel, Charlotte Metzler, Lucy & Alvie Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Eleanore Brantley, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Billy Duty (Marilyn Randle & Jim Duty's brother), Rosemary Weston (friend of the Langers), Bill Haley (friend of the Rohde's), Bill Castleberry (friend of Steve Pauley), Jim Caldwell & Rob Scoggins (friends of the Rohde's), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Charlene Frerich (the Johannessen's daughter), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), Rick Fowler (friend of the Langer,s), George Neave (friend of GLLC), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Jo Ann Copeland, Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), Jamie Evans (friend of GLLC), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper), Melissa Wellman (friend of the Langer's)
Recent Health Concerns:	Sabrina Poehler (friend of Chad Catron), Stefanie Monecke, Elizabeth Magers (friend of the Rohde's), Katherine Benedix, Elizabeth Penn, Kathleen Brohlin, Melissa Brown, Sandra Senn (Gene Brown's teacher), Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Barbara & Charlie Johannessen, Aaron Atsyne (friend of the Deapens, Johnnie Kalina, Lee Hampton, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), Mildred Buscha, Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, Robert Miller, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Loretta & Mike Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadlecek's), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Willie Smith (Ryan Smith's father), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Donna, Holly & Carl Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Samuel Engman, George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), Christopher Harms

	(friend of the Metzler's).
In the Military:	Justin Teague, Giancarlo Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison Whitney, Kenneth Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock), Beck Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).
Other Prayer Requests:	Kim Rose and Kaley Riggs (daughter & granddaughter of Brenda & John Anderson), Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Karen & Phil Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Joshua Zimmerhanel, Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langer's), Gabriel Bullara (Melissa Brown's grandson), Sloan Davidson (friend of the Flora's), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)



you dig into His Word this year!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2017

We pray that your reading through the Bible in 2017 had a blessed beginning this last week. If you didn't start or missed a few days, don't be afraid to start anew this week! *The plan for the whole month of March is in your newsletter, and these same readings are included for you in the daily devotions on the back of your bulletin each week as well.* God's richest blessings as



Work at GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application.



During the season of Lent, we will be celebrating this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, our hymn of the "month" will be *LSB 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee,"* written by Martin Luther. This hymn praises the Lord for His precious gift in the Sacrament of the Altar, fitting well with our midweek Lenten theme. We pray that this hymn is a blessing to you during this penitential season.

Faith Lutheran High School Open House

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting an open house on Wednesday, April 12, from 5:30-8:00 PM. You'll have an opportunity to meet Nikki and Jonathan Kueck and take a look at the facilities of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, where FLHS will get its start next school year! Everyone is invited to come: members of local congregations, potential students and their families, supporters of Christian education, and more. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us for a wonderful evening!

FLHS *Bake Sale*



On April 14, Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its 2nd Annual Good Friday Bake Sale. We'll have all sorts of goodies available in the parking lot of the Classic Bank along Highway 290 in Giddings from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out. There will be a huge selection for your Easter dinner needs: cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, and more. Donations of baked goods are welcome! You can drop off any donations at one of the Jones & Cowen Physical Therapy locations (283 E. Railroad Avenue in Giddings or 657 East Travis Street in La Grange) on Thursday, April 13 between the hours of 8 AM - 5 PM, or you can contact us at info@faithlutheranhighschool.com to make other arrangements. Thanks for your support of Faith Lutheran High School!



Easter Egg Hunt

As Easter approaches we are once again accepting donations for our annual Easter egg hunt. If you have any plastic eggs you want to donate or individually wrapped candy (not chocolate) that you would like to donate please bring donations to the church or contact a Board of Education member. **We will accept donations anytime between now and April 9th**. Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to a blessed Easter and the celebration of our Lord and Saviors

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:5
Epistle Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
Passion Reading: Matthew 27:32-66

April 9th, 2017 Palm Sunday

Old Testament Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Reading: John 12:12-19

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for April 2-8, 2017

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Introit (Bulletin, p. 3)

Learn by Heart: *Luther's Morning Prayer*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Luke 4; Numbers 2-3

Monday: Luke 5; Numbers 4

Tuesday: Luke 6:1-16; Numbers 5-6

Wednesday: Luke 6:17-49; Numbers 7-8

Thursday: Luke 7:1-35; Numbers 9-11

Friday: Proverbs 7:1-13; Psalms 45-48

Saturday: Day off, or make up a reading you missed earlier in the week

Hymn of the Week: "My Song Is Love Unknown" (*LSB* 430, Bulletin, p. 9)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, p. 20-21; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; *LSB* pp. 305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's Word

Monday: For peace and good government

Tuesday: For the addicted and despairing

Wednesday: For those who mourn

Thursday: For fruitful use of the Sacrament

Friday: For the preaching of the cross

Saturday: For our visitors to the Divine Service

Collect (Bulletin, p. 5)

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

R Amen.