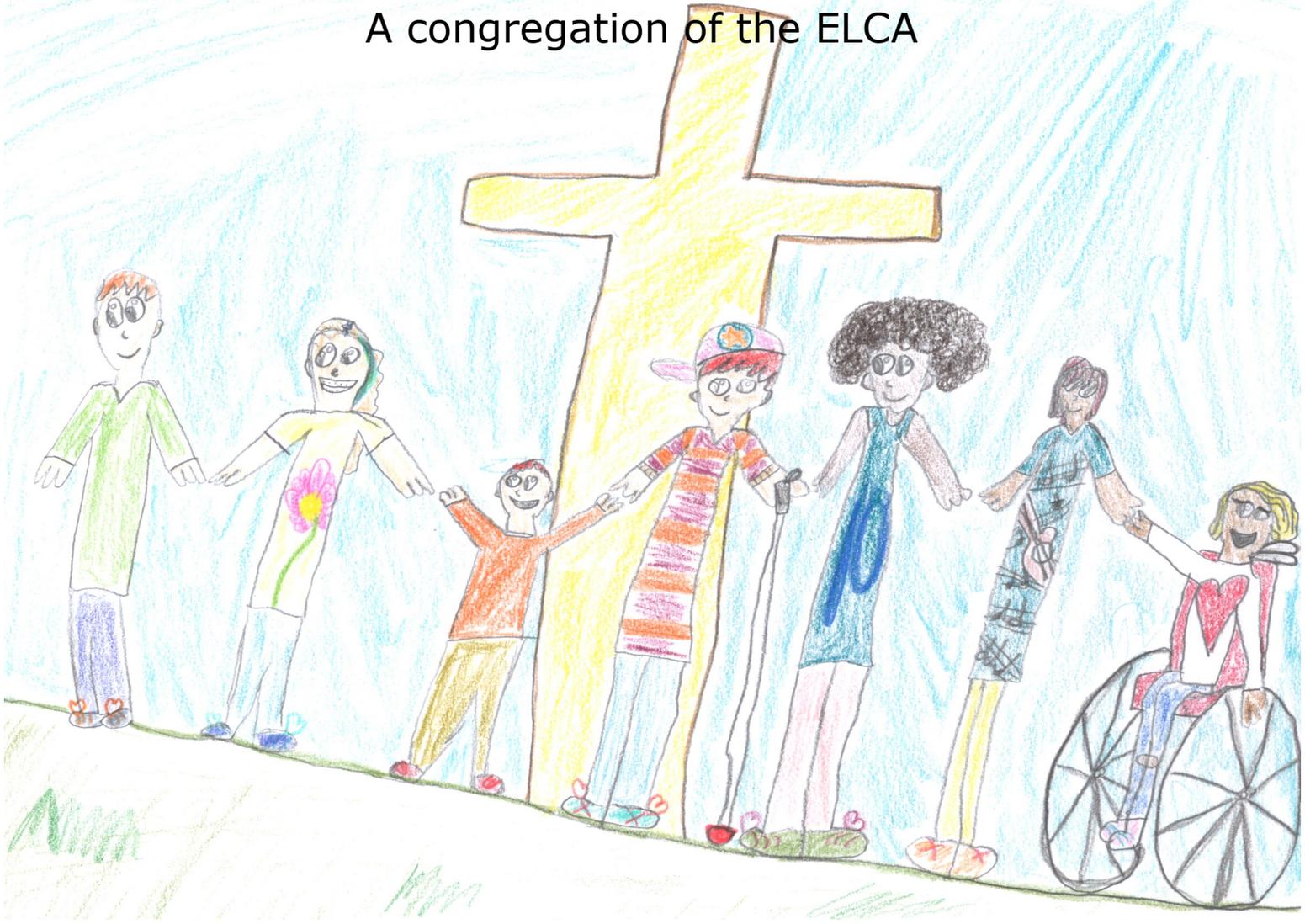


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018
Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship service

Today's Hymns

#ELW 834
#ELW 315
#ELW 318

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Our Mission Statement: "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...**The First Lesson:** Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses. **The Second Lesson:** The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry. **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.



TODAY is Bucket
Collection Day
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your donations!***

↑ = Please stand as you
are able

↓ = Please be seated

This morning's bulletin cover was created by Isabelle Williams, a 5th grader at Radio Park Elementary

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Houston*.....*Wold*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30 AM) WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

↑ Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

↓ *Kneel/Sit*

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....ELW #834

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 140)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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 (Genavieve Clayton)

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountain-top into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*



(10:30) SING 'N RING & ANGEL CHOIRS

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.....*Kathleen Thomerson
Adam Schultz, piano

(9 & 10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Megan Stoltzfus

We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

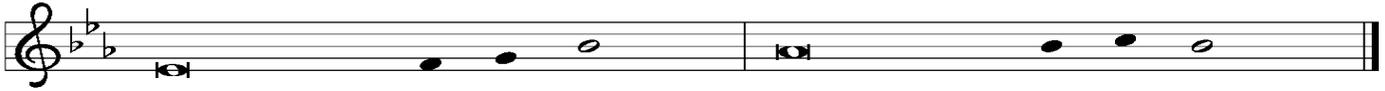
ANTHEM *African Psalm.....*Patrick Liebergen

Crossfire; Joan Kovalchik, flute; Laura Pauley, piano

FIRST LESSON.....2 Kings 2:1-12 (pew Bible p. 290)

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM 50—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

**C: Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory.**

L: Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

**C: God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

L: “Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

**C: The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge.**

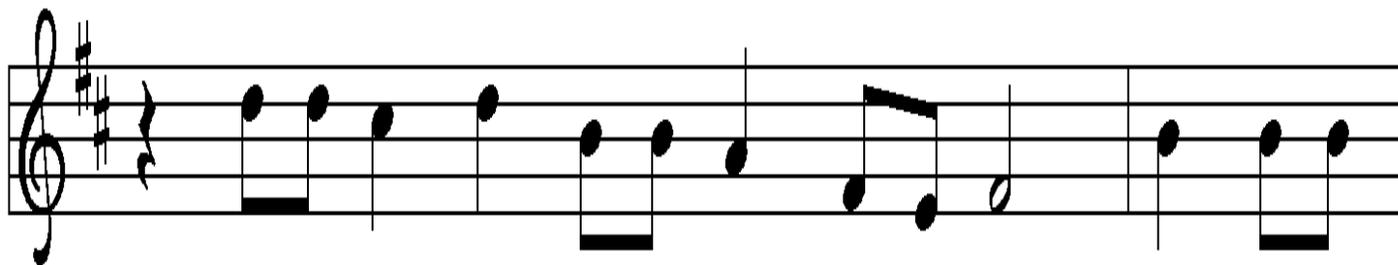
SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (pew Bible p. 939)

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

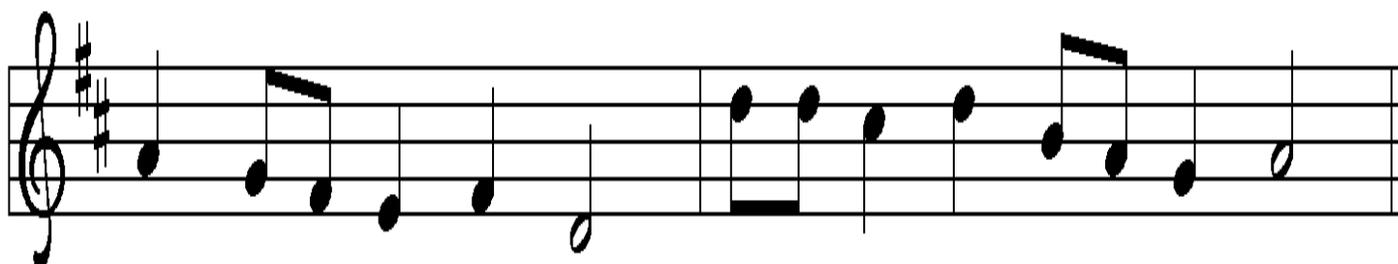


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142a)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 9:2-9 (pew Bible p. 820)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked

around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

↓ SERMON.....Rebecca Stroschein

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good, Lord, To Be Here!*.....ELW #315

APOSTLES' CREED (Katy & Jacob Fritz)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Katy & Jacob Fritz)

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE (Katy & Jacob Fritz)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

↓ OFFERTORY *Exsultate justi*.....Viadana
(Exsultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara; in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum; bene psallite ei in vociferatione.)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the righteous. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well to him with a loud voice.)

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

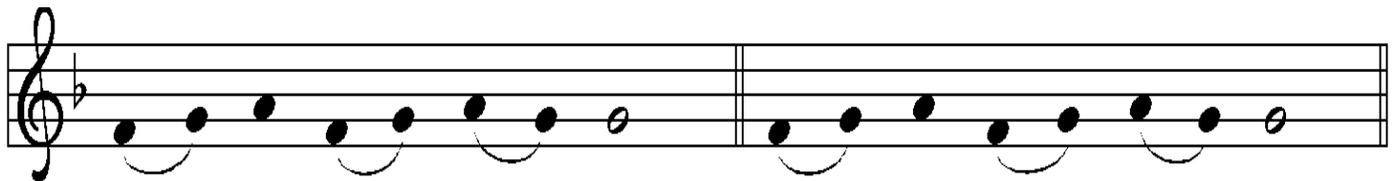
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

C: Amen.

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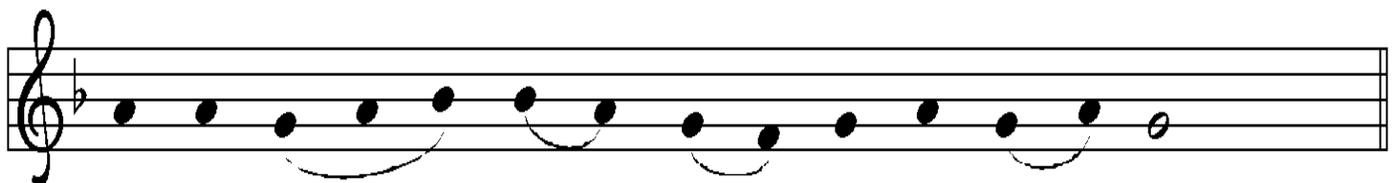
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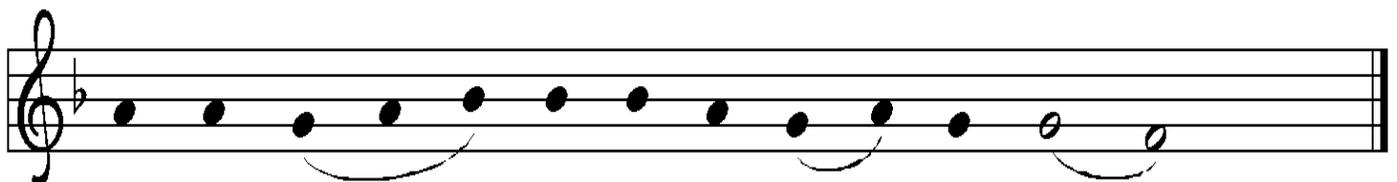
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.



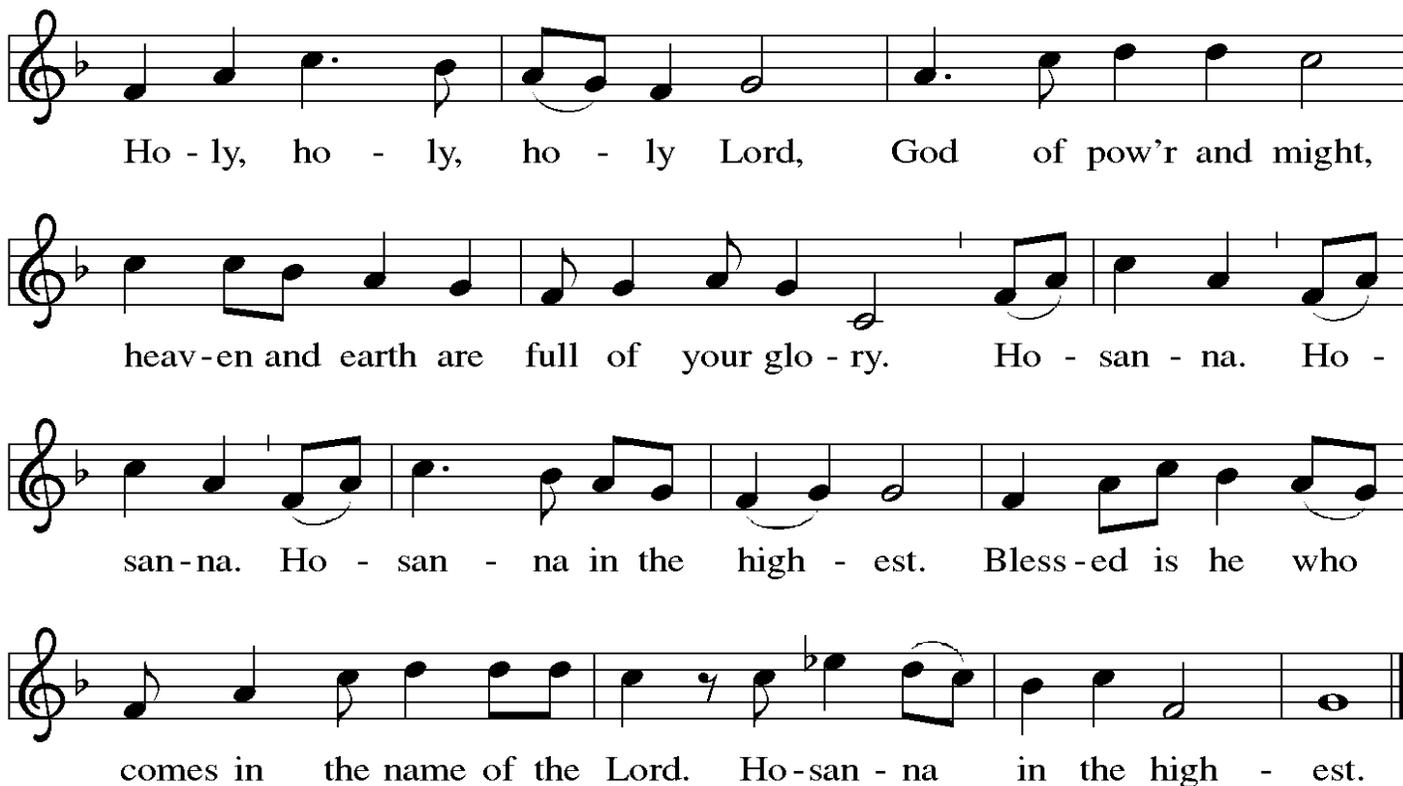
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: (ELW p. 144)



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.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and grace. And to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: (9 AM Renee Buda; 10:30 AM Manetta Horn)
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. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Children not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.



Instructions: Upon receiving the bread, move to the chalice and dip the bread in the consecrated wine.

C: (ELW p.146)

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 DISTRIBUTION *Ubi Caritas*.....plainchant; Becky Slagel Mayo
Ethan Hardyk, tenor; Troy Heatwole, clarinet & Laura Pauley, piano

COMMUNION HYMNS:

- ELW #838 -- *Beautiful Savior*
- ELW #480 -- *O Bread of Life from Heaven*
- ELW #867 -- *In Thee Is Gladness*



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

C: **Amen.**

C:

(ELW #204)

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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: **Amen.**

HYMN *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*.....ELW #318

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *St. Denio*.....Carlson



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Announcements for February 11, 2018

A FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL...who have joined us today to worship and praise our Lord & Savior. May this time of worship bless us to be a blessing to others. If you are a guest this morning, please complete the beige slip in the pew pocket where you are seated and place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

FREE FAMILY MINISTRY RESOURCE...Are you making use of Grace's "Taking Faith Home" family ministry resource? On one double-sided piece of paper you'll find an entire week's worth of scripture, prayer, and faith activities designed to help your family grown in faith. The resource is updated weekly and is linked to the Sunday lectionary readings. Pick up your FREE copy at the Welcome Center!



THANKS to all our youth who participated in today's worship services. We are blessed to have you as part of our church family. Thanks for sharing your gifts today. Special thanks to Cindy Fritz and Sally & Carl Bankert for all their work preparing our youth for today.

LECTORS...The March lector sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lectors in the past. Veterans and new readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

2018 LENTEN DEVOTIONALS...are available and may be picked up at the Welcome Center or downloaded from Grace's website www.glcpa.org. Thank you to those members who contributed devotions for this year's publication.

The February selection for the **GARDEN OF READ-IN'** (women's book club) is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman. This is the selection of Michelle Peiffer and she will be facilitating the discussions Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

GLC OPEN BASKETBALL...Thursday evenings, 6:30—8:00 PM in the gym. For more information, contact Bob Hampton (880-3627). Come join the fun!

DID YOU KNOW??...There are two AED's (Automatic Emergency Defibrillators) at the church. One is located by the Welcome Center and the other is by the entrance to the Miller Center gym. They are easy to use. The machine will tell you exactly what to do to work the machine and there are pictures located on the defibrillator pads as to where to place them correctly. Keeping as calm as possible is the key to any emergency. **You cannot hurt anyone using this device.** If the person does not have a heartbeat, there is nothing you can do to make the situation worse. Not doing anything would be the problem. Getting the person to lie down, calling 911, starting CPR if trained and activating the Automatic Emergency Defibrillator is the only way of saving a life. If the person is unconscious and the AED pads are in place, the device will not activate a charge unless it does not find a pulse (heart beat). Be prepared to act. Do not be afraid. There are a number of medical people who are members of the church and you will not be alone. If you have any questions concerning the AED's you can contact Susan Ferro 237-8756 or ferro71@comcast.net.

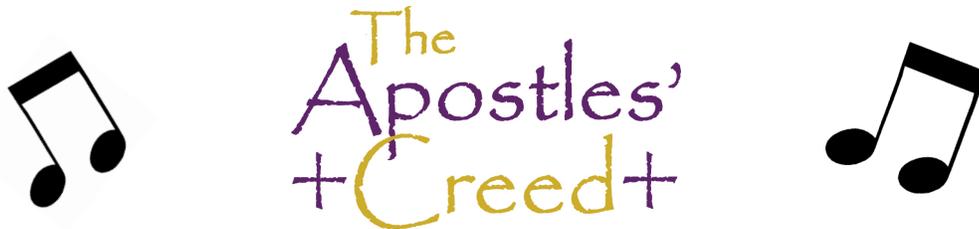
The **GRACE CROP WALK TEAM** would like to thank you for your continued support towards the State College Area CROP Walk held every Fall. Whether your help was in monetary donations, networking, helping at the information table on Sunday mornings, or walking on the day of, your faithfulness helped raise a total of \$20,212.92. Grace Lutheran had 27 walkers, one of the three top participating groups, and raised \$4,944.87, the highest amount raised among our area congregations. This means that \$15,159.69 (75%) was donated to Church World Service, and \$5,053.23 (25%) will be donated to the State College Area Food Bank. We feel very blessed that you share our mission of helping to alleviate local and world-wide hunger and poverty.

2018 Easter Alternative Offering

- Centre County has between an 11 and 12% illiteracy rate. These members of our community have serious challenges when it comes to getting a driver's license, getting a job and simply maneuvering through life in our midst.
- One local organization has a mission focused on aiding these individuals:
● the **Mid-State Literacy Council**.
- The Mid-State Literacy Council will be the recipient of Grace Lutheran's Easter Alternative Offering this year.
- Founded in 1971 by a small group of local people, and led by our own Ruth Kistler, Mid-State Literacy has been aiding those in our community with classes and tutoring for 46 years! Ruth Kistler STILL volunteers there.
- Their small space in downtown State College houses a number of differently-sized classrooms and conference rooms where their clients come to learn. The Council has a very small staff and a sizable corps of volunteers who lead classes and tutoring sessions.
- Mid-State Literacy Council serves over 250 people each year even though the agency's funding has all but vanished. Individuals who are unable to pay for their services are served anyway. The Council gratefully awaits our support and donations to assist them.
- To support the Mid-State Literacy Council please write a check to Grace Lutheran Church with Easter Alternative Offering in the memo line. Thank you.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from the Creed

A Lenten concert featuring a Centre Region Ecumenical Choir, The Bells of Grace, Crossfire Youth Choir, poetry readings, and more, inspired by



supported by piano, organ, string ensemble and percussion

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

5:15 – 6:15 Community fellowship meal

6:30 – 6:50 Pre-concert music provided by string ensemble

7:00 – 8:15 Concert

Featuring music by Vaughan Williams, Sweelinck, Vivaldi, Powell, Schubert, Marshall, McChesney, Raney, and Liebergen

freewill collection helps defray event costs

Worship Assistants for Sunday, February 11, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Julie Miller	C.J. Moore	William Newcomb Chris Ta
Greeters	Paul & Kathryn Mackes	Coup Family Ethan Humm Regan & Camron Houseknecht	Belanger Family Ryan & Zachary Evanego
Acolytes		Annika Bechtel Abby Fozard	Emilio Schul Emily Whitney
Deacons	Nancy Reinert	Annika Bechtel Alex Moore Emma Proctor Ben Stroschein	Emilio Schul Emily Whitney Izzy Williams Patrick Williams
Worship Assistant	Leonard Ellenberger		
Cantor		Declan Flanagan	Betsy Hunter
Ushers		Jack Bechtel Caroline Humm Nicholas Kewitt Ryan Pencek Emma Vanden Heuvel Andy Vanden Heuvel	Mirabella Bills Nicole Egan Lincoln Hockenberry Andrew Pickering Elliott Ta
Radio Ministry; Sound			Lester Griel, Jr.
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Mark & Karen Mrsa
Welcoming Center Hosts			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Rachel Griel in memory of Robert Donald
 This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Rachel Griel in memory of Robert Donald
 Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
 by Rachel Griel in memory of Robert Donald

PRAYER CONCERNS for February 11, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries Sam Alexander Don Allenbaugh, friend of the Vollmers Dave Asencio Sara Cocolin Cathy Antes, friend of Deana Coine Pastor Alison's mother, Christie Paul & Lois Confer & family, friends of Phil Vollmer Emma Deppen, granddaughter of Winnie & Marion Deppen Pastor Dowhower Rich Gamble, Holly Stoltzfus' father Vicki Garvin Megan Grunthamer, Kathy Cathcart's daughter-in-law	Sherry Harrington Skylar Hill Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman Lenore Horner Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis' Phil Keeney Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassidy Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar Nick Lingenfelter Paul Lloyd Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson Al Musgrave Amy Neving Maryann Newcomb Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan & Morgan Wagner	Margaret Schrock, Kathy Weimer's mother Scott—Sally & Carl's friend Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin Kay Smith Victoria Smith William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite Carol Spangler Marlowe Stiger Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother Lynn Waite, Michael Waite's mother Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's father Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family
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Members in the hospital

The Lenten Season... Will be upon us in a week and a half. With that in mind here are some important dates to mark on your calendar.

- Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, Feb. 18 - Lent 1
- Sunday, Feb. 25 - Lent 2
- Sunday, March 4 - Lent 3
- Sunday, March 11 - Lent 4
- Sunday, March 18 - Lent 5
- Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday
- Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday



Mid-week Lenten services will be held at 12:15 PM & 6:30 PM (following the Super Wednesday meal) Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14 & 21

*****Wednesday, March 28 – “Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from The Apostles’ Creed”—5:15pm—dinner; 6:30 pre-concert music provided by string ensemble; 7:00--concert**



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us.

Each Sunday, there will be a "Grace Prayer Request" in Sunday's bulletin. Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.

- *Please give thanks for all our youth who are participating in today's worship services.*
- *Please give thanks for all the people who are joining our church family today.*



Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A person is powerful on their knees." ~

Corrie ten Boom

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. And we should since prayer is how we talk with God. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. A way of making those prayers and our intention to prayer more tangible, we are beginning a prayer letter ministry. Each week, one or two names will be selected from our prayer list to receive a letter acknowledging our prayers and signed by Grace members. Each week the letter, with ample room for signatures, will be placed in the gathering area outside the upstairs restrooms-what we are now calling - "The Commons." All who are willing to commit to pray for its recipient are invited to sign the letter. It is our hope that these letters and the prayers promised by the signatures of our members will serve as powerful encouragement and source of healing and wellness to those in need of prayer.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to .Carolyn Yarnell

Super Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Chef's Choice

Sweetheart Menu

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Rice, Vegetable

& Dessert

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastor Schul, a four-week study on the letters of 1 John, 2 John and 3 John

5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203

5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir**
(K-grade 5)

Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergarteners can choose either choir

5:30-6:30 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall

6:30-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastor Schul, a four-week study on the letters of 1 John, 2 John and 3 John

6:30-7:15 pm—**The Re:Formers** (5th-8th grades), HH Stage

6:30-7:15 pm—**Kid's Club**, Miller Center

7:30-9:00 pm —**Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

Join your fellow Grace members for a time of "Food, Fellowship and Fun" at our Shrove Tuesday Supper on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m. in Harkins Hall**. You are invited to gather for a meal of some of your favorite soups and breads. This is simple fare—but then the merry-making begins. Each person (family) attending is asked to bring their favorite dessert to share with their fellow Grace members.

Following the meal, we will share favorite jokes and stories (appropriate for church and children!). The idea is to have some laughter and fun before our Lenten journey begins. The church will provide soup and bread. Come and join the food, fun, and fellowship.

Questions: Sally Keiser-Bankert (sallykb@verizon.net)



Sunday, February 11
Youth Sunday

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire rehearsal & breakfast, Rooms 203 & 205
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m.....Lutheran Student Community, Fireside
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m.....QNA (Questions—Not Answers Group), Pastor Lynn’s office

Monday, February 12
GLPK Open Registration

- 9:15 a.m.....55+er’s Steering Committee, Library

Tuesday, February 13

- 9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace-Comfort Makers, Library
- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Shrove Tuesday Supper, Harkins Hall
- 7:00 p.m.....Church Council, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m.....Men’s Book Club, Library

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 12:15 p.m.....Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m.....Chapel at the Village at Penn State
- 5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Room 204
- 5:00 p.m.....Sing ‘n Ring Choir, Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Dinner, Harkins Hall
- 6:15 p.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 6:15 p.m.....Kids’ Club, Miller Center
- 6:15 p.m.....Re:Formers (5th-8th graders), Harkins Hall stage
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.....Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

- 7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
- 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, Miller Center

Friday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible Study, Fireside

Saturday, February 17

- 9:30 a.m.....Interfaith Human Services information session, Fireside