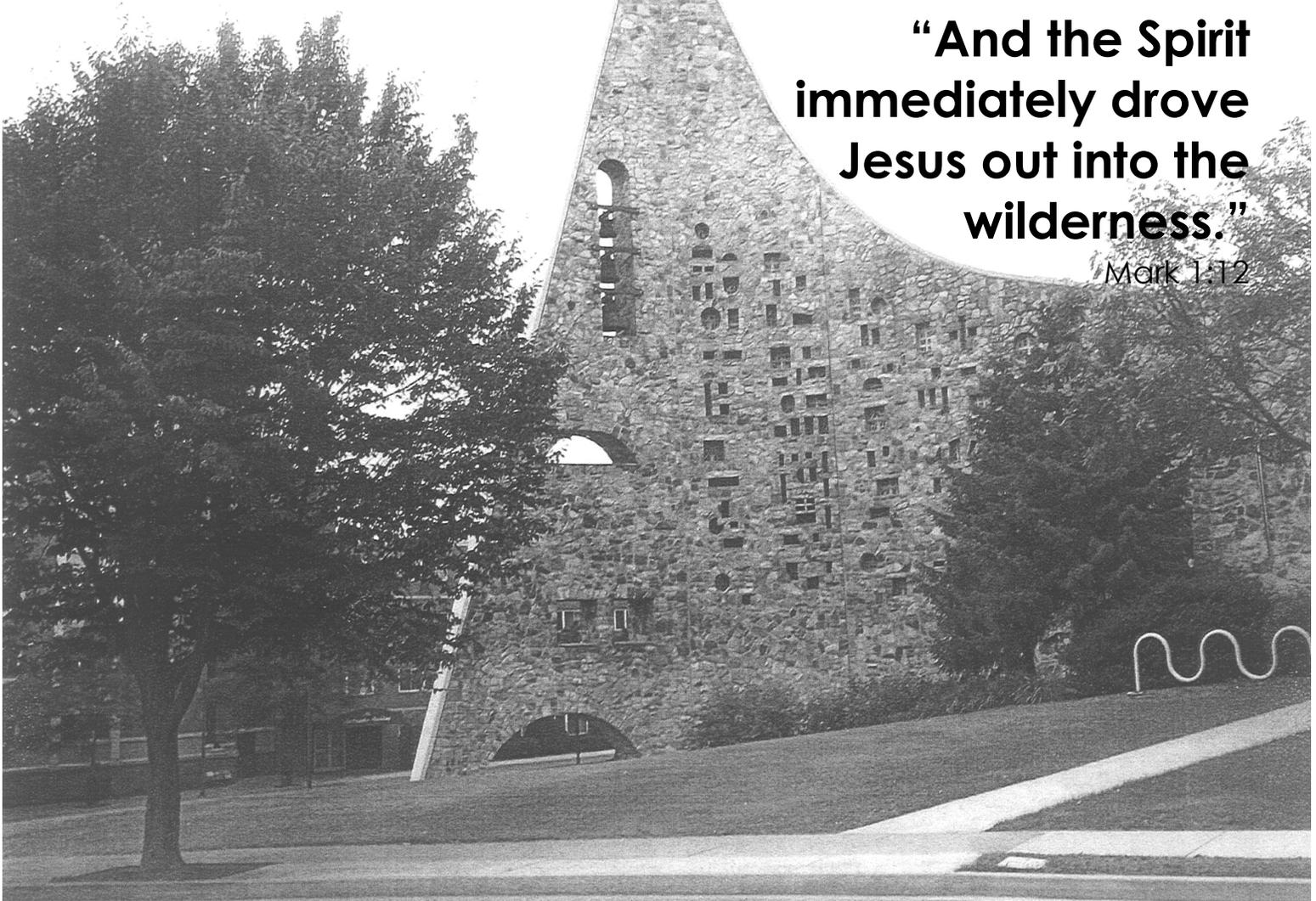


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

**“And the Spirit
immediately drove
Jesus out into the
wilderness.”**

Mark 1:12



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801

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email: churchoffice@glcpa.org

web address: www.glcpa.org

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 320

#ELW 504

#ELW 618

Distribution

#ELW 325

#ELW 484

#ELW 487



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... On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...
The First Lesson: Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.
The Second Lesson: As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.
The Gospel Lesson: The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.



A note from Pastor Lynn: Last Sunday I forgot to mention the bucket collection for CentrePeace. We're having the collection again today, so those of you who wanted to donate, but were blindsided, may have the opportunity. CentrePeace is a local nonprofit whose goal is to help inmates successfully reenter society after they've served their sentence.

I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me,

I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:36

Change, small bills, large bills, and checks are accepted. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church with CentrePeace on the memo line.

Your little bit helps. We, at Grace, are mighty together!

Thank you.



↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated



All are welcome to our weekly "coffee hour" in Harkins Hall following the 9 AM service!

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*.....Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

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

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days*.....ELW #320

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.

KYRIE

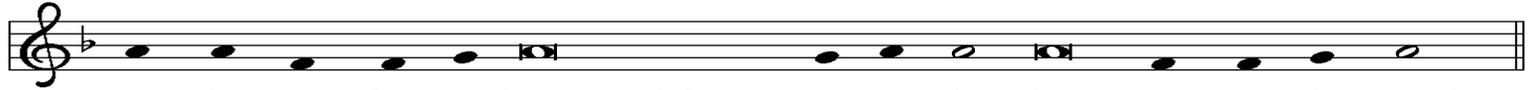
(ELW pgs. 156 & 157)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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.*

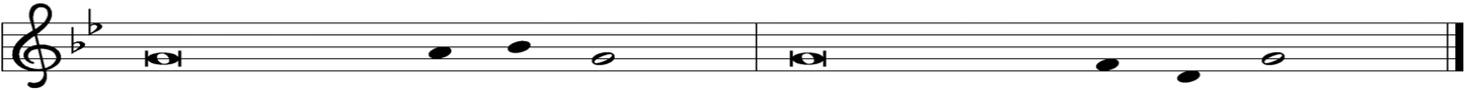
↓ (10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Anne Whitney
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

(10:30) ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM *Hide Not Thou Thy Face*.....Richard Farrant

FIRST LESSON.....Genesis 9:8-17 (pew Bible p. 6)

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

PSALM 25—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

**C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**C: Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**C: Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Peter 3:18-22 (pew Bible p. 985)

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in

which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *One Does Not Live By Bread Alone*.....David Schack
Bob Favorite, tenor

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 1:9-15 (pew Bible p. 812)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....ELW #504

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

↓ OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*.....arr. Alex Guebert
Bells of Grace; Laurel Sanders, flute

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

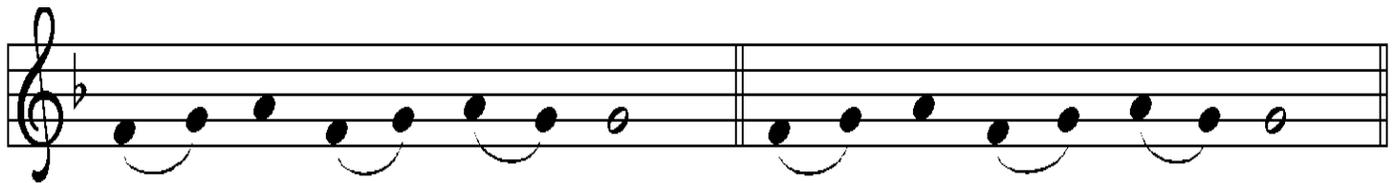
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a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

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

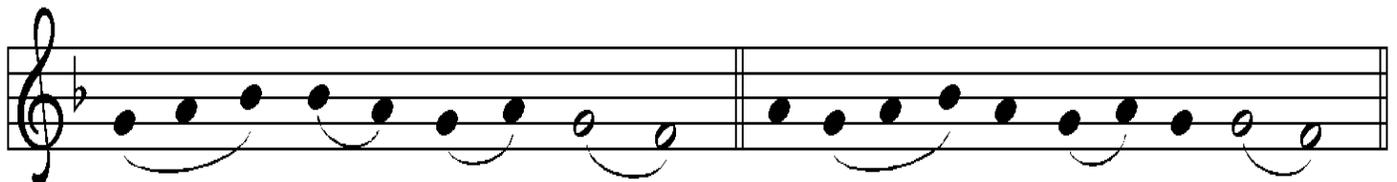
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 161)



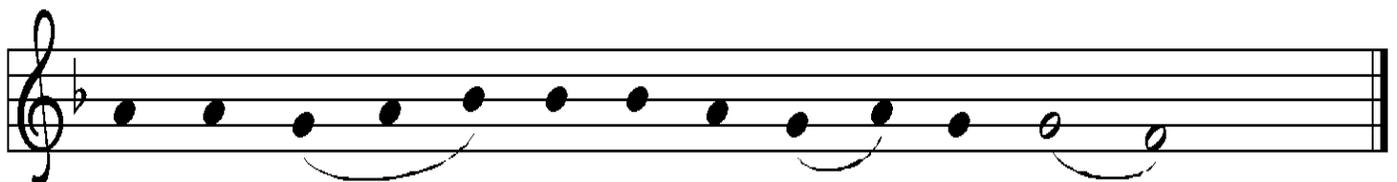
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



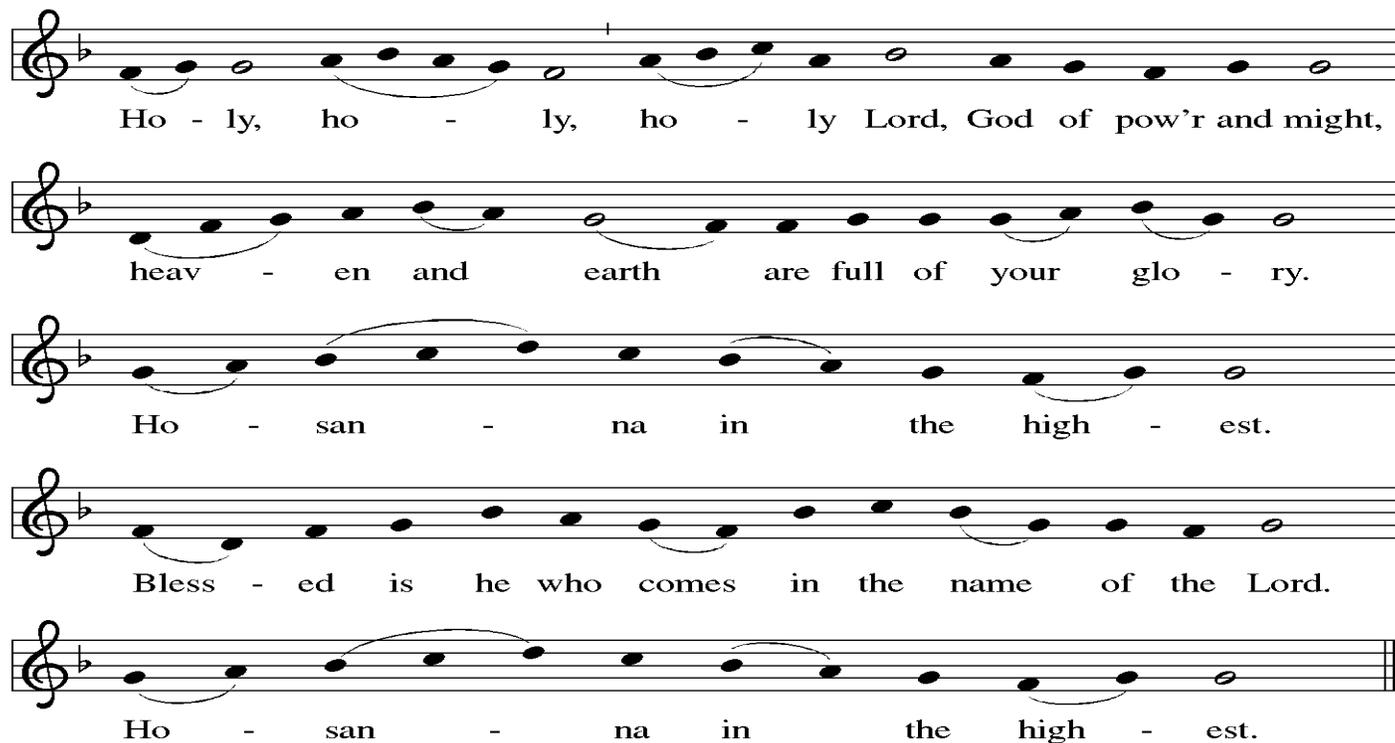
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. 162)



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized 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.

C: (ELW p.164)

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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #325 -- *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW #484 -- *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW #487 -- *What Feast of Love*

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

C: **Amen.**

C: (ELW #135)

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*.....ELW #618

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Cwm Rhondda*.....Carlson



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Announcements for February 18, 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!*

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.

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CROSS...During the season of Lent, the rugged, wooden cross is placed in the Sanctuary. You are invited to place a written prayer on this cross. Note paper and push pins are located at the base and note paper is also available at the sign-up table in the Narthex. You may pin your prayer on the cross or leave it in the basket at the base and it will be pinned on for you. If you wish privacy, please fold your paper.

DURING THE WEDNESDAYS...in Lent, there are two opportunities on those days for Lenten meditation. The 12:15 midday service is designed to be a 30 minute service for those with limited availability during the day and includes a homily and Holy Communion. The second service begins at 6:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm and is designed to have similarities and will now be more accessible to young families and children. (for a more detailed explanation about the 6:30 pm mid-week service, please read about it on page 19)

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!



NO SUPER WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES, MARCH 7th...all Super Wednesday activities will be on hiatus for the Spring Break. All activities will resume on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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!

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.

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



The
Apostles'
+ Creed +



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

Worship Assistants for Sunday, February 18, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Jennifer Pencek	Lisa Wiedemer	Jeff Ulmer
Greeters	Kay Weigand	Karen & Mark Mrsa	Diane & Rick Rishell Georgia Reutzel Megan Weyandt
Acolytes		Jacob Fritz Nicholas Kewitt	Patrick Williams Izzy Williams
Deacons	Don Widener	John Diercks Sally Keiser-Bankert	John & Brenda Palmgren
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Bob Favorite	Bob Favorite
Ushers		Dave Lee Bob Byers John Miller III Rachel Griel Lester Griel	Al Fiscus Nancy Doyle Deb Lux Ken Shafranko Beth Shafranko
Radio Ministry; Sound			Richard Brenneman
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			The Kewitts
Welcoming Center Hosts		Sharon Everhart	Barbara Fiscus



The *altar flowers* are given by Ken & Irene Harpster in memory of their parents

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Don & Deana Coine
in memory of Don's father, Donald M. Coine, Sr.

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
by Cameron & Judy Bausch in honor of their grandchildren

***Correction: The February 11th altar flowers, bulletins and radio broadcast were sponsored by Carole Donald & Tom Hunt, Rachel, Lester, Nicholas & Jessica Griel, and Beth, Todd, Ava & Christian Visioli in memory of Robert Donald on his birthday. Please accept our apology for this mistake!

PRAYER CONCERNS for February 18, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries Sam Alexander Don Allenbaugh, friend of the Vollmers Dave Asencio Barbara Bingaman 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 Grunthaner, Kathy Cathcart's daughter-in-law Sherry Harrington	Skylar Hill Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman H. Frank Homer Lenore Horner Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis' Phil Keeney Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassady Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar Nick Lingenfelter Paul Lloyd Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson Al Musgrave Flo Musgrave upon the death of her sister Amy Nevling 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 Tom Smilnak, Jane Utzman'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 Janet Zerbe & family upon the death of her father Members in the hospital Susan Martin Ken Harpster
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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.

- | 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.

Pray that all of us at Grace might have a meaningful Lent that draws us closer to one another and to Jesus.



Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his 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 Barbara Bingaman.

Super Wednesday, February 21, 2018



Spaghetti with homemade
meatballs, tossed salad,
toasted garlic bread
& dessert

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastor Lynn, Study on Sunday's Gospel

12:15 pm—**Midday Lenten Worship Service**, Sanctuary

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; Kindergartners can choose either choir

5:30-6:15 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall

6:30—**Lenten Worship Service**, Sanctuary

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

6:30 PM MID-WEEK WORSHIP—WHAT IS THAT ABOUT?

We are a younger congregation and are trying ideas to meet the needs of our changing church. 7:30 pm is too late for many of our young families that we'd like to see in worship. That's why the 6:30 pm time. The service will be one for all people. A regular sermon, Holy Communion and it will also include a children's message and some other interactive things (prayers, hymn) that make it more conducive for children to feel included.

This is a trial. We are seeing if this works and is helpful for our changing congregation. Come and see. Give it a try. If it doesn't work, we'll try something else.



Sunday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m.....Bell choir rehearsal, Fireside
- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m.....Lutheran Student Community Lunch, Fireside
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m.....Ecumenical Rehearsal #1 for March 28th, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....High School Youth Group, Miller Center
- 6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK cut Box Tops, Nursery

Tuesday, February 20

Grace Notes Deadline

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK International Flight Week, Harkins Hall
- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside

Wednesday, February 21

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 12:15 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 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
- 6:30 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

No regular church calendar events

Saturday, February 24

No regular church calendar events