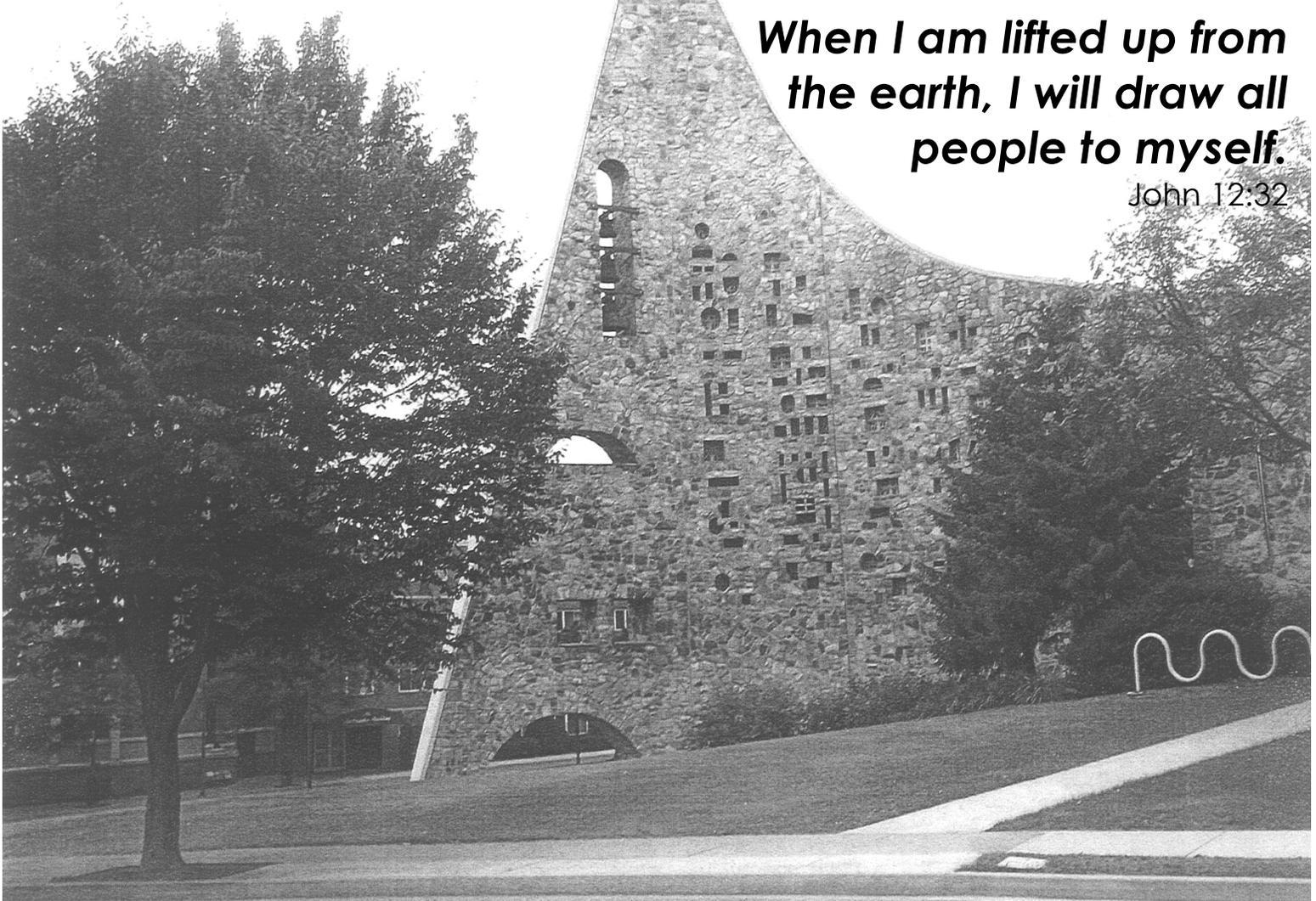


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

*When I am lifted up from  
the earth, I will draw all  
people to myself.*

John 12:32



**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 807**

**#ELW 781**

**#ELW 534**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 696**

**#ELW 770**

**#ELW 759**



**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...** God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...** **The First Lesson:** The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts. **The Second Lesson:** Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' lesson about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

## Eco-Palms



This year Grace Lutheran Church will be going "Green" on Palm Sunday by supporting the Eco-Palm Project. Why Eco-Palms?

◇ Eco-Palms preserve the vitality of third-world communities and forests for years to come.

◇ A typical Eco-Palm is harvested in the forest by men and processed by women in the community. This increases employment opportunities for women in the community and helps them contribute to their family's financial stability.

◇ Lutheran World Relief supports the Eco-Palm project.

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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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 *Love Unknown*.....Osterland

## 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....ELW #807

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.**

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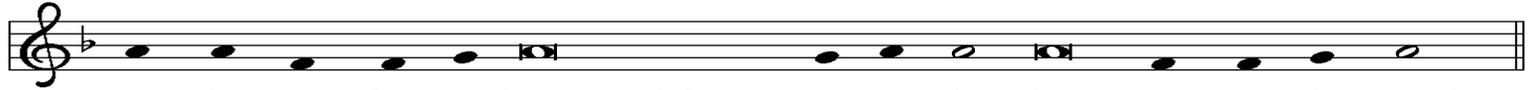
(ELW pgs. 156 & 157)



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: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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.....Jonna Belanger  
*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 *Ave Verum Corpus K.168*.....W.A. Mozart  
(Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.)

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pew Bible p. 642)

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 51—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**C: Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

L: Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**C: Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

L: Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 5:5-10 (pew Bible p. 973)

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN MERBECKE  
Arr. HAROLD W. GILBERT

*Unison*

Christ hath hum - bled him - self, and be - come o -  
bi - dent un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 12:20-33 (pew Bible p. 875)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it

and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Lynn

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father*.....ELW #781

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 *Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619*.....J.S. Bach

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

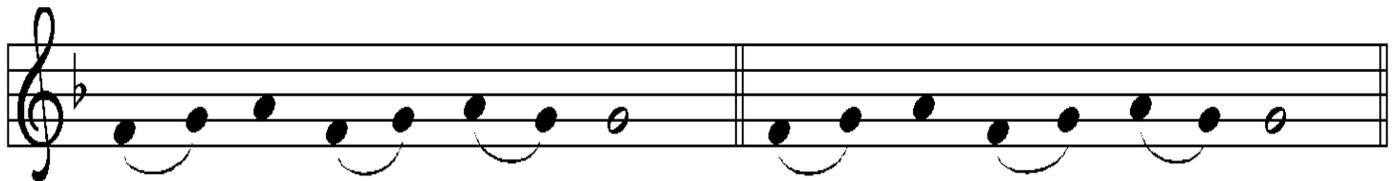
**C:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us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



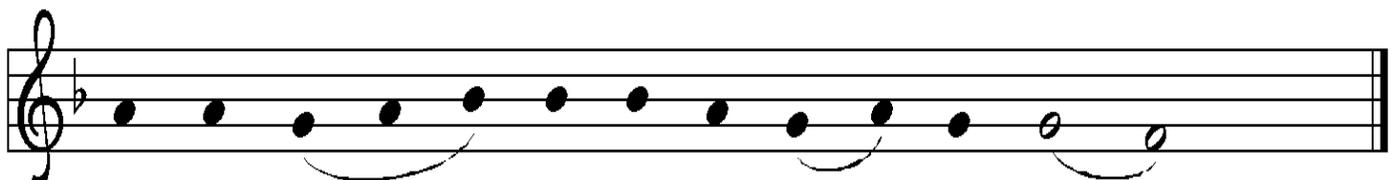
**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



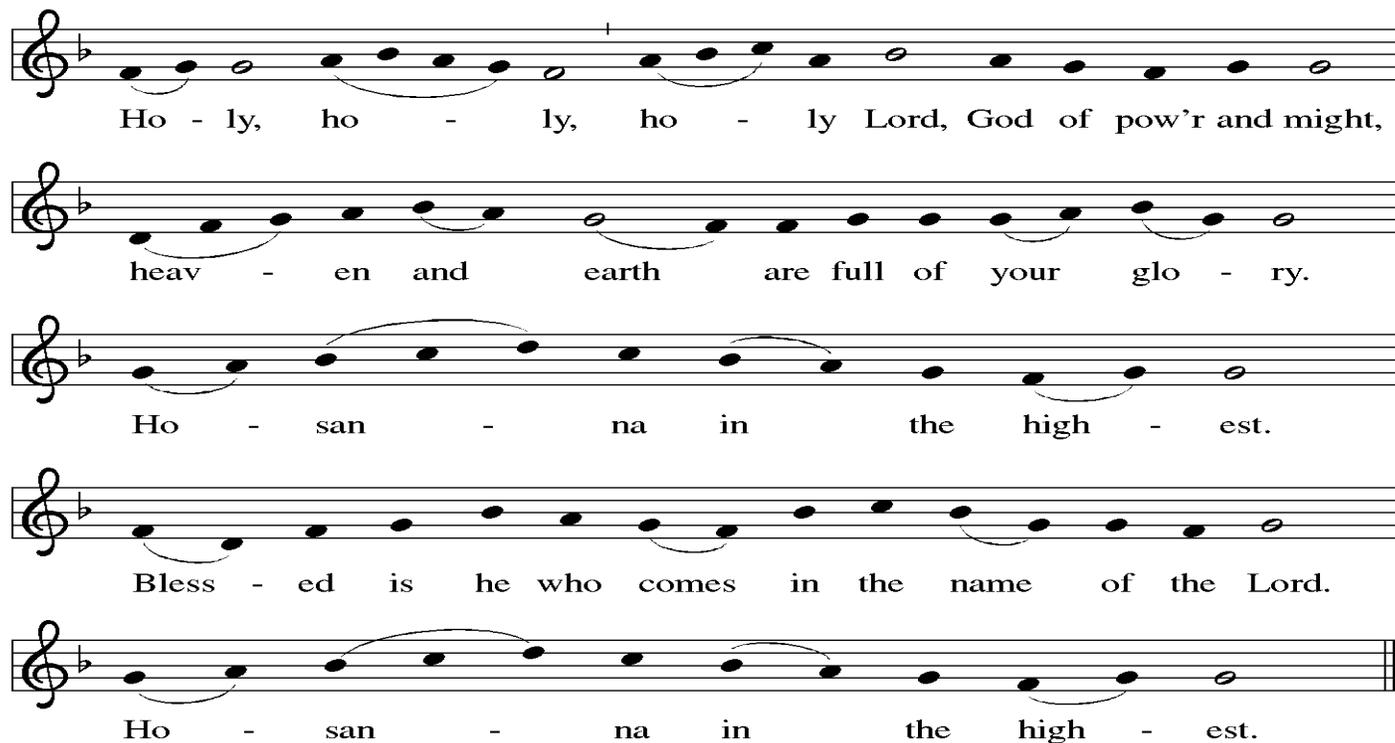
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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 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 #696 -- *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

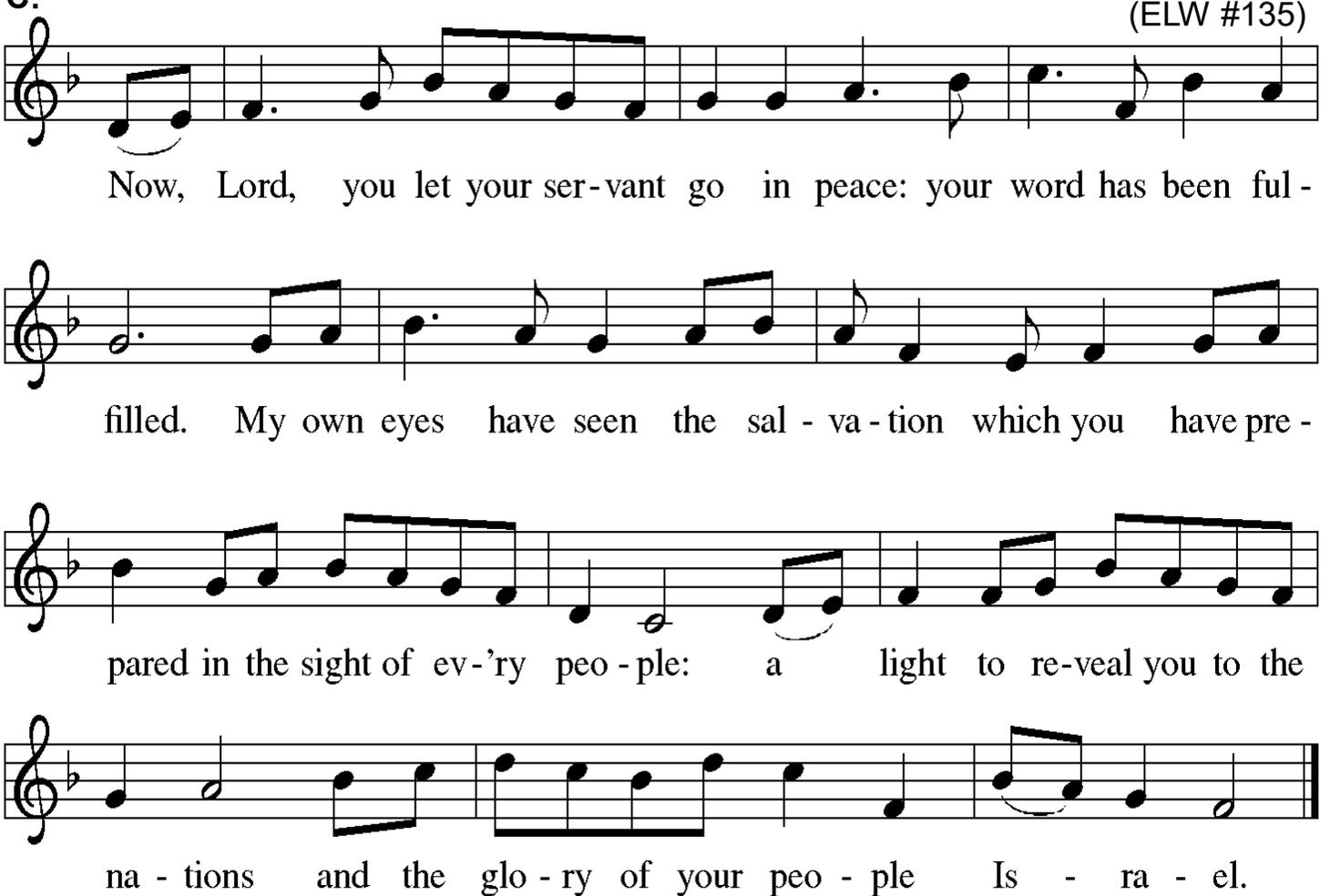
ELW #770 -- *Give Me Jesus*

ELW #759 -- *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared 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 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*.....ELW #534

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in d minor, BWV 554*.....J.S. Bach



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## Worship Assistants for Sunday, March 18, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	Jennifer Pencek	Lisa Wiedemer	Jeff Ulmer
<b>Greeters</b>	Kay Weigand	Mark & Karen Mrsa Cathy & Les Cutter	Kip & Georgia Peeler Lois Lynn
<b>Acolytes</b>		Annika Bechtel Jacob Fritz	Emily Whitney
<b>Deacons</b>	Don Widener	John Diercks Rachel Wolkenhauer	John & Brenda Palmgren
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Laurel Sanders	Laurel Sanders
<b>Ushers</b>		Dave Lee Bob Byers John Miller III Rachel Griel Lester Griel	Al Fiscus Nancy Doyle Deb Lux Ken Shafranko Beth Shafranko
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Richard Brenneman
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			The Hardyk Family
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>		Anne Rohrbach	Barbara Fiscus



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## 2018 Lenten/Easter Special Events and Services

Wednesday, March 21—A Bible study on Sunday's lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 25 - **Palm Sunday**, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 AM services  
6:00 PM Contemporary Worship

Wednesday, March 28 - **Holy Wednesday Program, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from The Apostles' Creed**, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29, **Maundy Thursday Worship**, 7:30 PM

Friday, March 30, **Community Good Friday**, 12-3:00 PM, University Baptist & Brethren Church, 411 S. Burrowes Street, State College, PA  
Pastor Lynn's time is 2:05—2:30

Friday, March 30, **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**, 7:30 PM

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Sunday, April 1 - **Easter Sunday**

6:30 AM—Sunrise Service

7:30 AM—Easter Breakfast, Harkins Hall

8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 AM—Worship Services

6:00 PM—Contemporary Worship

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**12:15 p.m. Wednesday Lunchtime Lenten Worship (until 12:45 p.m.)**

*with weekly celebration of Holy Communion. This short service should fit into a working lunch hour as well as allow the opportunity to attend weekday worship without nighttime travel.*

**6:30 p.m. Lent Mid-Week Wednesday Evening Worship**

*This mid-week service is designed for worshipers of all ages, and we have tailored it to be very accessible to young families and children. Come and make the Wednesday worship services part of your Lenten discipline.*

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES: Sermon series on Lenten Hymns**

March 21—Hymn 325—*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*



**Sunday, March 18**

- 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.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir, sanctuary
- 1:45 p.m.....Rehearsal-Sweelinck ensemble, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m.....Ecumenical Rehearsal #5 for March 28th, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m.....Ecumenical Choir Potluck Supper, Harkins Hall
- 6:00 p.m.....High School Youth Group, Miller Center
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside

**Monday, March 19**

No regular church calendar events

**Tuesday, March 20**

**Grace Notes Deadline**

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside
- 7:00 p.m.....Ecumenical make-up rehearsal for March 28, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, March 21**

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 12:15 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m.....Women's convention committee meeting, Library
- 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, March 22**

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
- 9:00 a.m.....Bulletin Announcement Due, Church Office
- 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, Miller Center

**Friday, March 23**

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible Study, Fireside
- 7:30 p.m.....Kent State University Chorale, Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 24**

No regular church calendar events