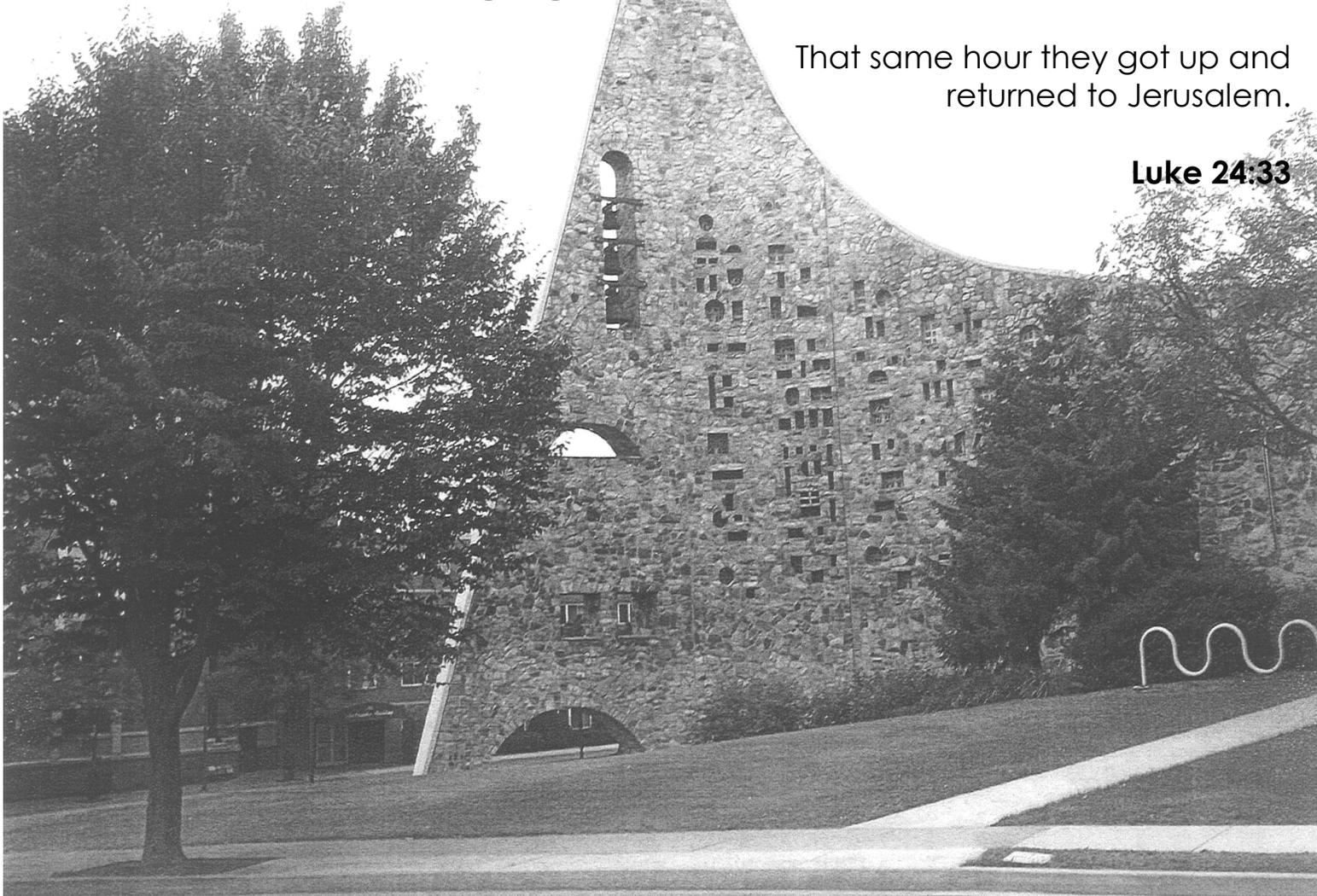


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

That same hour they got up and  
returned to Jerusalem.

**Luke 24:33**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**  
Third Sunday of Easter

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**10:30 a.m. radio worship service**  
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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...** Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ. **The Second Lesson:** The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold. **The Gospel Lesson:** The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

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↑ = Please stand as you are able  
↓ = Please be seated

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church State College, Pennsylvania

## 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**

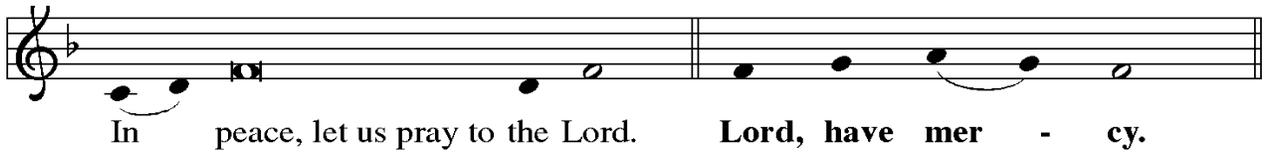
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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

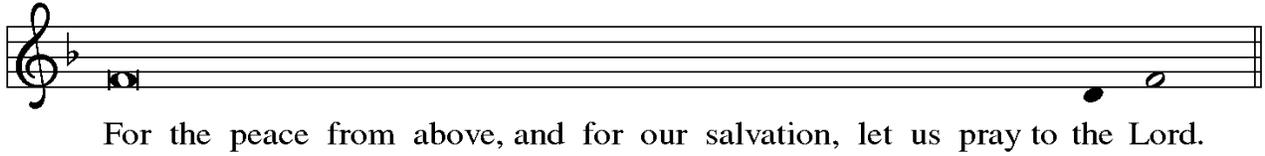
**C: And also with you.**

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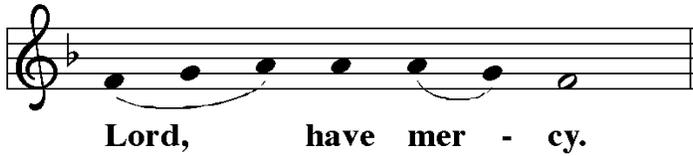
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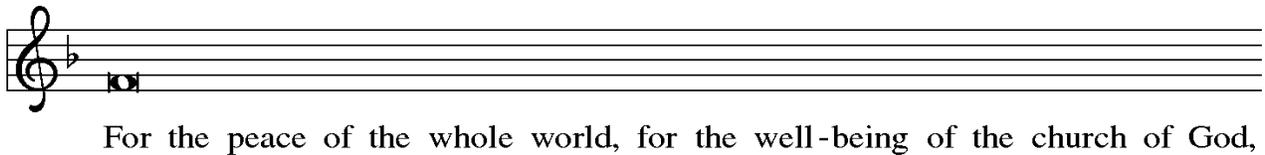
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



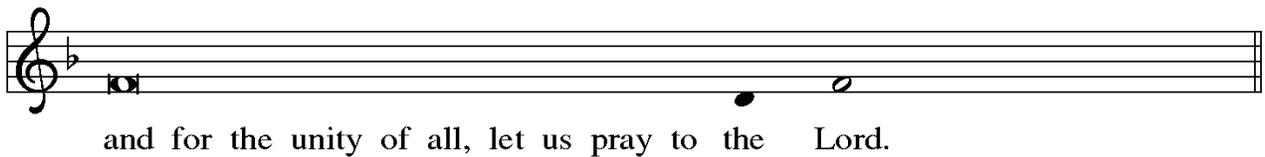
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



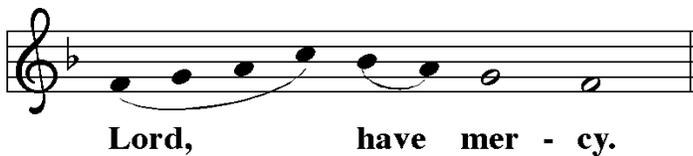
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



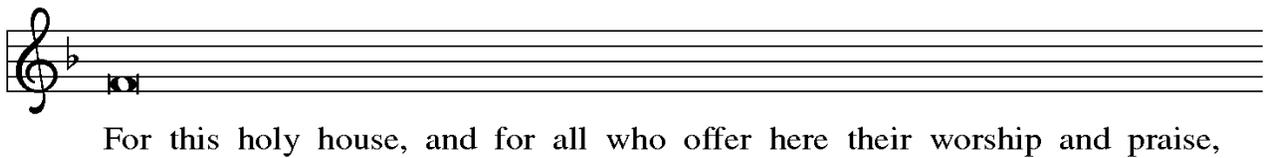
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



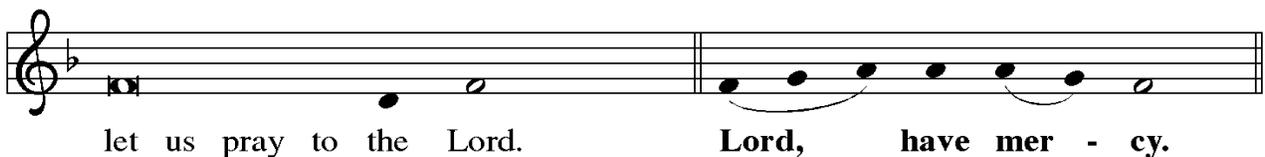
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



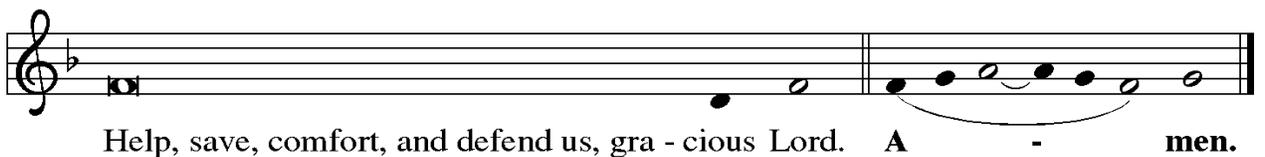
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

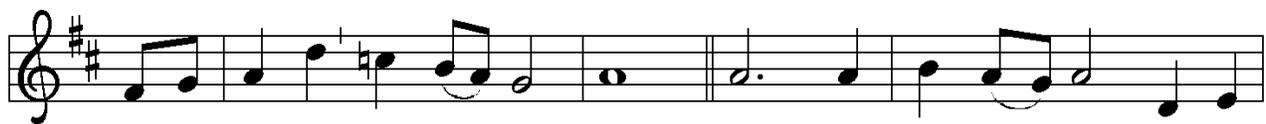
*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

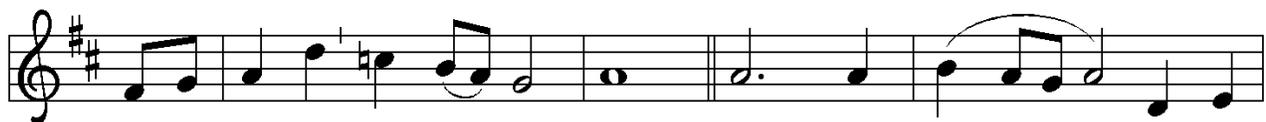


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*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.

P: Let us pray

**C: O God, your Son Makes himself known to all his disciples in the words of scriptures and the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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.*

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (pew Bible p. 885)

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

PSALM 116: 1-4, 12-19



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**P:** I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

**C:** **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

**P:** The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came  
upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

**C:** **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

**P:** How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**C:** **I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

**P:** I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

**C:** **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**

**P:** O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me | from my bonds.

**C:** **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

**P:** I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people,

**C:** **in the courts of | the LORD’s house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Peter 1:17-23 (pew Bible p. 983)

<sup>7</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 24:13-35 (pew Bible p. 860)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and

how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Schul

HYMN OF THE DAY *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*.....ELW # 384

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

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## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

**P: 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 PRAYER

**P: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you  
make of them abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us for ser-  
vice in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.**

**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 de-  
liver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and ever. 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.**

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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## PRAYER CONCERNS for April 26, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
 Elmer Barta  
 Deb Baysinger's cousin  
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
 Barbara Bingaman  
 Debbie Bolthouse  
 Barbara Braun  
 Jon Brockopp and family upon the death of Jon's mother Marilyn  
 Phil Bucher  
 Melanie Buffington  
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart  
 Denise Centini  
 Nancy Chapa  
 Scott Cocolin  
 Catherine Cutter  
 William Davies  
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla  
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton  
 Mark Doyle, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer  
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes

Steve Ellis  
 Craig Evanego  
 Patti Fisher  
 Vicki Garvin  
 Joseph Halterman, son-in-law of Pastor & Michael Hetrick  
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will  
 Shawn Hintosh  
 Dick Houtz  
 Bob Igoe  
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
 Phil & Shirley Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster  
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
 Tom & Lois Martin  
 Mardi McDonough  
 Ed McGowan  
 Danielle McHenry  
 Kim Marsh  
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler  
 Amy Nevling  
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe

Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener  
 Matthew Praskovitch, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
 Nancy Reinert  
 Dottie Roberts  
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
 Ken Shultz  
 Nan Sichler Moerschbacher, friend of Margy Strong Deysher  
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
 Brenda & Ken Walsh  
 Ash Woskob  
 Janet Zerbe

### Members in the hospital



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

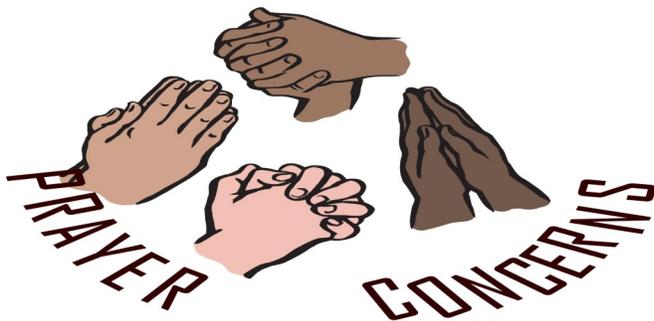
*Pray this week for all medical professionals, caregivers, and other essential workers who are at-risk as they serve us.*



**THIS VIRTUAL RED ROSE...is in celebration of the birth of a baby girl to Kate & Nathan Glocke. Clara Jayne Glocke was born on April 14, 2020 and joins big brother Gabriel.**

## Remote worship options amid COVID-19 concerns:

- Sunday worship continues to be broadcast live on WRSC AM 1390 and FM 93.3. For those of you who prefer video, we will prerecord and upload a video version as well and make it available on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege](http://www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege) .
- Note that all streamed services can be located on Grace's website ([www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)) by clicking the "Sermons" button on the MAIN web page below the list of service times. Click on the date you want to review; streamed services are found under "Worship / Bulletins" and currently the bulletins can be found under "Notes."
- Mid week Bible Study with Pastor Hetrick will be offered each Wednesday through May 13, 2020, and is entitled "Our Living Hope Lessons from 1 Peter." Web based print study outline/pre-recorded ZOOM will be available by 11:00 am each week. ZOOM in at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings - EMAIL [pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpa.org) by 6:00 pm on Wednesday to be given the access information for dial-in or video-in.



Send us your  
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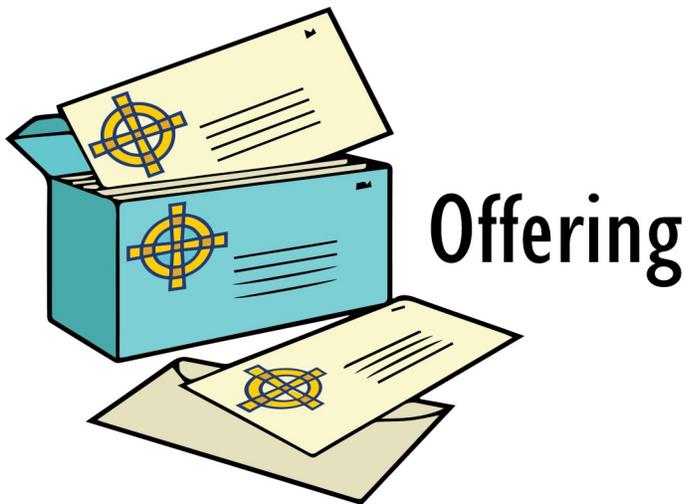
As we explore new ways to worship as a community even if we cannot meet in person, we will be interested in including your prayer requests. And so please contact Sheri (Office Manager, [srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org)), Pastor Schul, or Pastor Hetrick.

## YES! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Let's continue to make our monthly donation to the **State College Food Bank**. Times are tough, more people need help from the food bank, and if you're able, will you help Grace make its monthly donation to the food bank? We're only giving monetary donations now. ANY AMOUNT is good! Please don't think your \$2. donation doesn't matter because it's the sum of our donations that create our generosity.

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Offering

# Support Grace's ministry

At present we are only able to gather for worship remotely. Nevertheless, Grace continues to need your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org) and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.