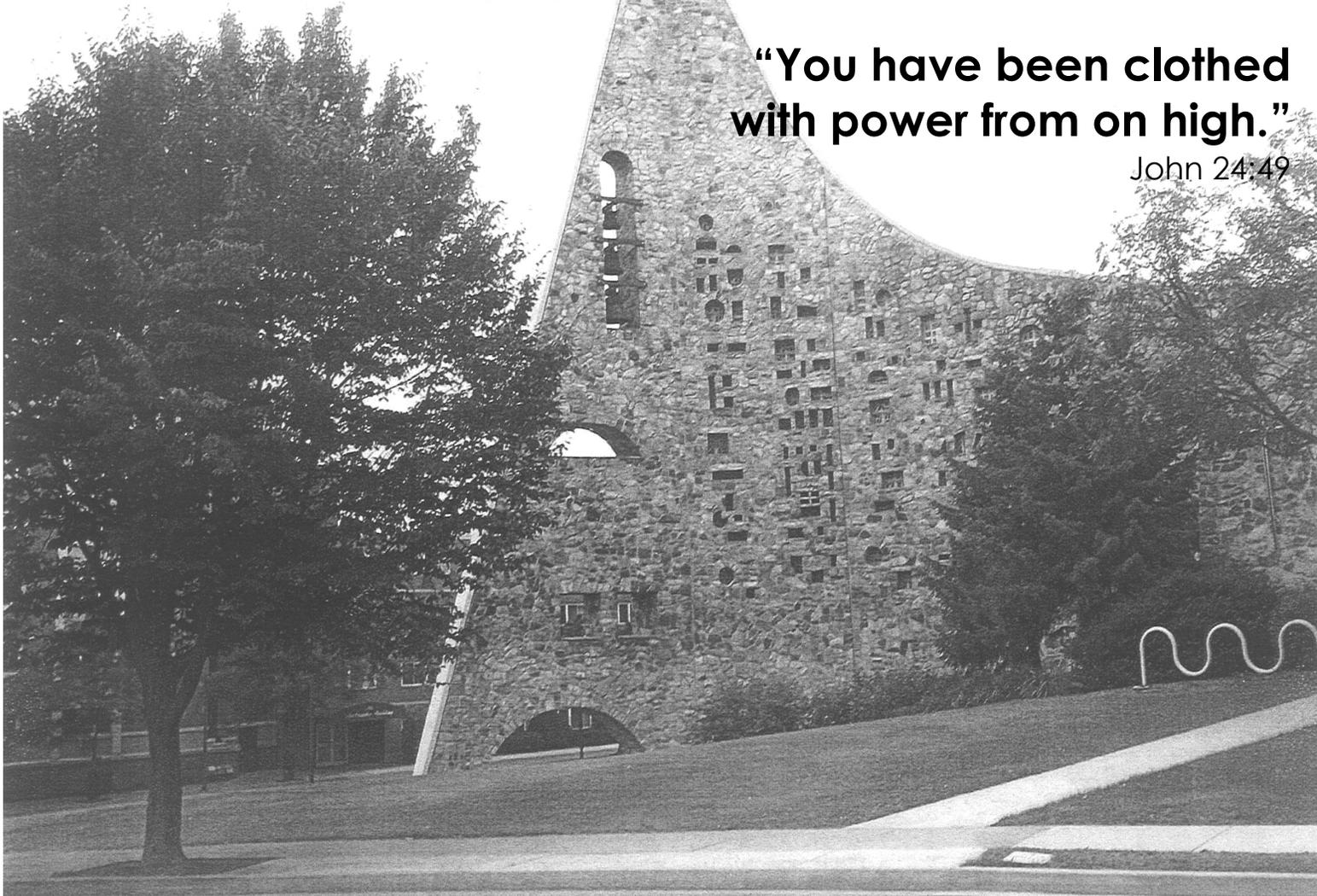


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

**“You have been clothed
with power from on high.”**

John 24:49



SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 385

#ELW 781

#ELW 366

Distribution

#ELW 785

#ELW 732



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 gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name. **The Second Lesson:** God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins. **The Gospel Lesson:** In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE

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.

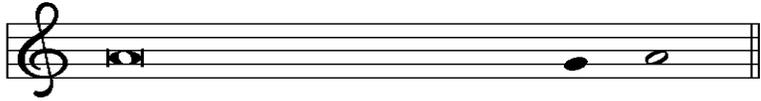
GATHER

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

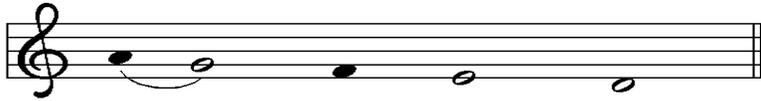
↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!.....ELW #385*

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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



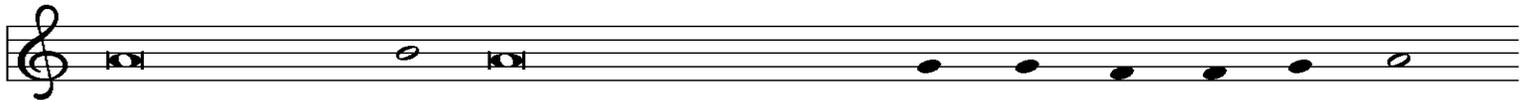
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 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 and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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.....Darcy Houseknecht
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) ANTHEM *I Will Arise*.....arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 3:12-19 (pew Bible p. 887)

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

PSALM 4—Please sing responsively from the selected verses.



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- L: Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- C: **Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.**
- L: You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.
- C: **In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151a)



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 24:36b-49 (pew Bible p. 861)

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

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had

said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

↑ 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:

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 *Christians, to the Paschal Victim*.....plainsong; ELW #371
Now the Green Blade Rises.....arr. Shirley McRae
sung by choral ensemble with hand bells and flute; Laura Pauley, piano

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

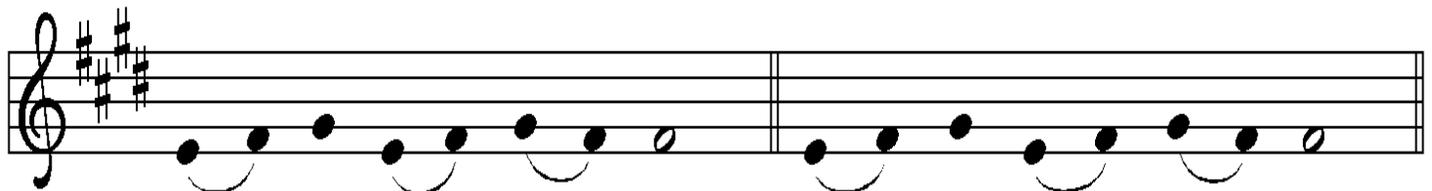
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

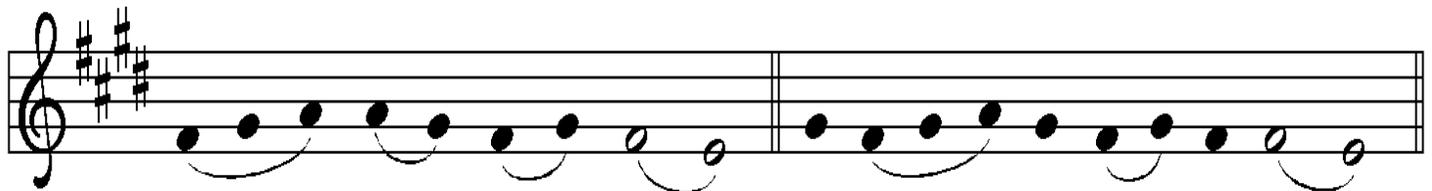
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 152)



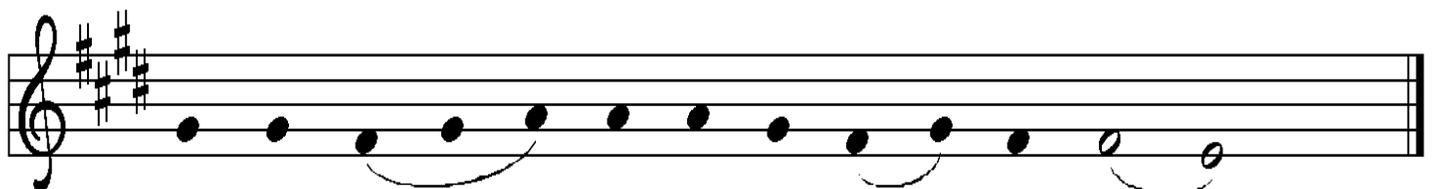
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



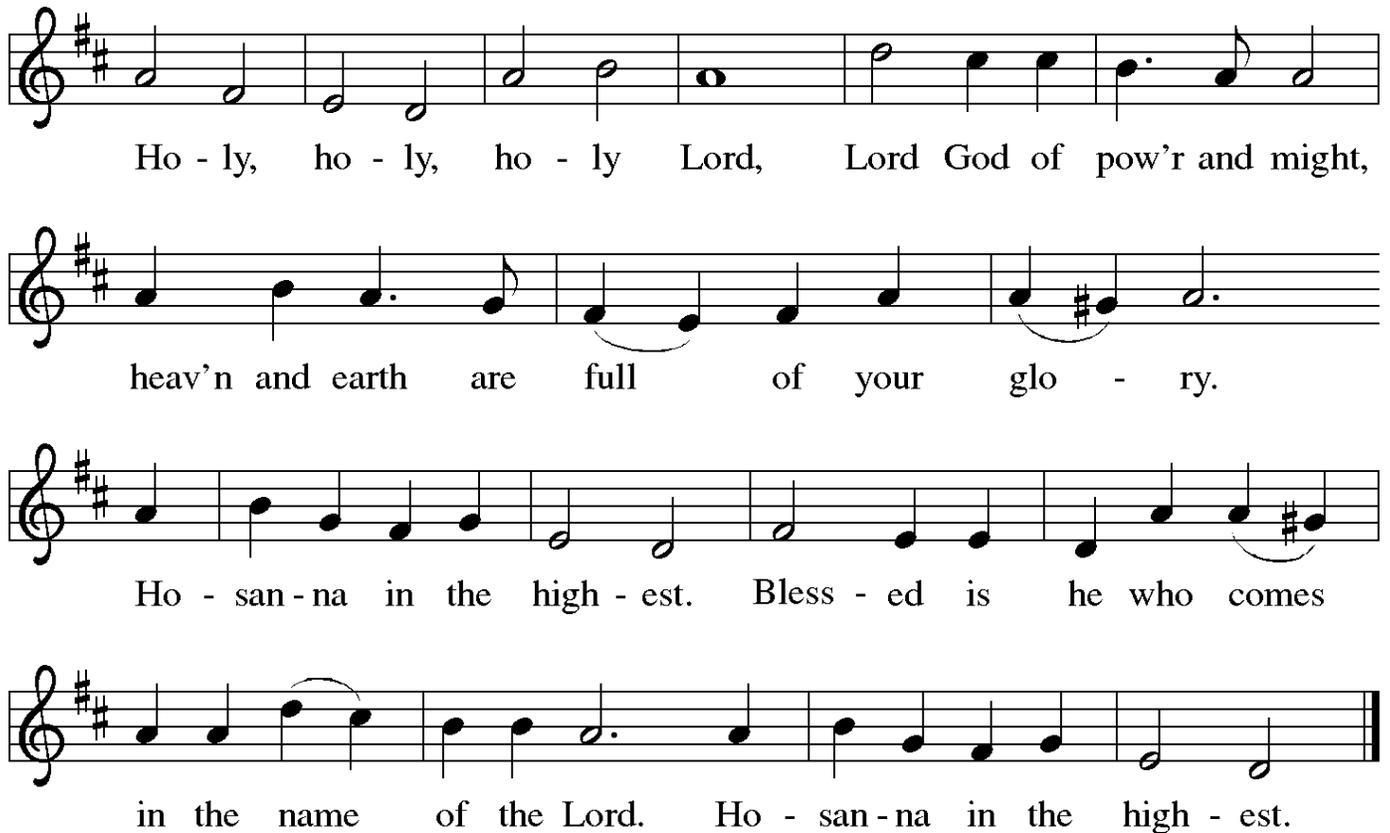
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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: Everlasting God, the whole universe sings a new song of praise: the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us.

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: 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.154)



C:



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



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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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. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through 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 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*.....ELW #366

↓ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

↑ A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



- The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn, Senior Pastor.....pastorlynn@glcpa.org
- The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Pastor.....pastorschul@glcpa.org
- Vicar Ariel Williams, Faith Formation.....awilliams@glcpa.org
- Laurel Sanders..... Director of Music Ministries
- Jayne Glocke.....Adult Choir Director
- Erik Clayton Organist
- Pat Lloyd & June Miller.....Pianists
- Joan Kovalchik.....Flute
- Anna Carol Buffington..... The Bells of Grace Director

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Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 15, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Allison Wicks	Sharon Jodon	Helen Manfull
Greeters	Kay Weigand	Mark & Karen Mrsa The Coup Family	Leslie Elder Helen Brenneman Leslie Wagner
Acolytes		Ethan Hardyk Spencer Hardyk	Emily Whitney Izzy Williams
Deacons	Don Widener	John Diercks Rachel Wolkenhauer	Paul & Leslie Wagner
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Angela Hardyk	Angela Hardyk
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 Stoltzfus Family
Welcoming Center Hosts		Linda Domin	Barbara Fiscus



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Pat Ishler in memory of her parents

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Betty Houts in memory of Robert

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored anonymously

Super Wednesday, April 25, 2018



Homemade lasagna, toasted garlic bread,
tossed salad & dessert

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, led by Peter Horn

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

6:15-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, led by Peter Horn

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

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

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



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

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Sunday, April 15

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
 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m.....Crossfire Stage rehearsal #4, Room 203 and Harkins Hall stage
 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.....High School Youth Group, Miller Center
 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 6:45 p.m.....LCM Dinner, Fireside

Monday, April 16

10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel, Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m.....Women’s retreat planning meeting, Fireside

Tuesday, April 17

9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
 10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin’, Library
 10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin’, Fireside

Wednesday, April 18

9:00 a.m.....GLPK visits the Oaks
 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Fireside
 5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Room 203
 5:00 p.m.....Sing ‘n Ring Choir, Choir Room
 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Dinner, Harkins Hall
 6:15 p.m.....Adult Bible Study, Fireside
 6:15 p.m.....Kid’s Club, Miller Center
 6:15 p.m.....Re:Formers group, Harkins Hall stage
 7:30 p.m.....Adult choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m.....GLPK-Heidi Lynn Photography set up in Fireside

Thursday, April 19

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop, North
 8:00 a.m.....GLPK-Heidi Lynn Photography photo day, Fireside
 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, gym

Friday, April 20

8:00 a.m.....GLPK-Heidi Lynn Photography photo day, Fireside

Saturday, April 21

No regular church calendar events