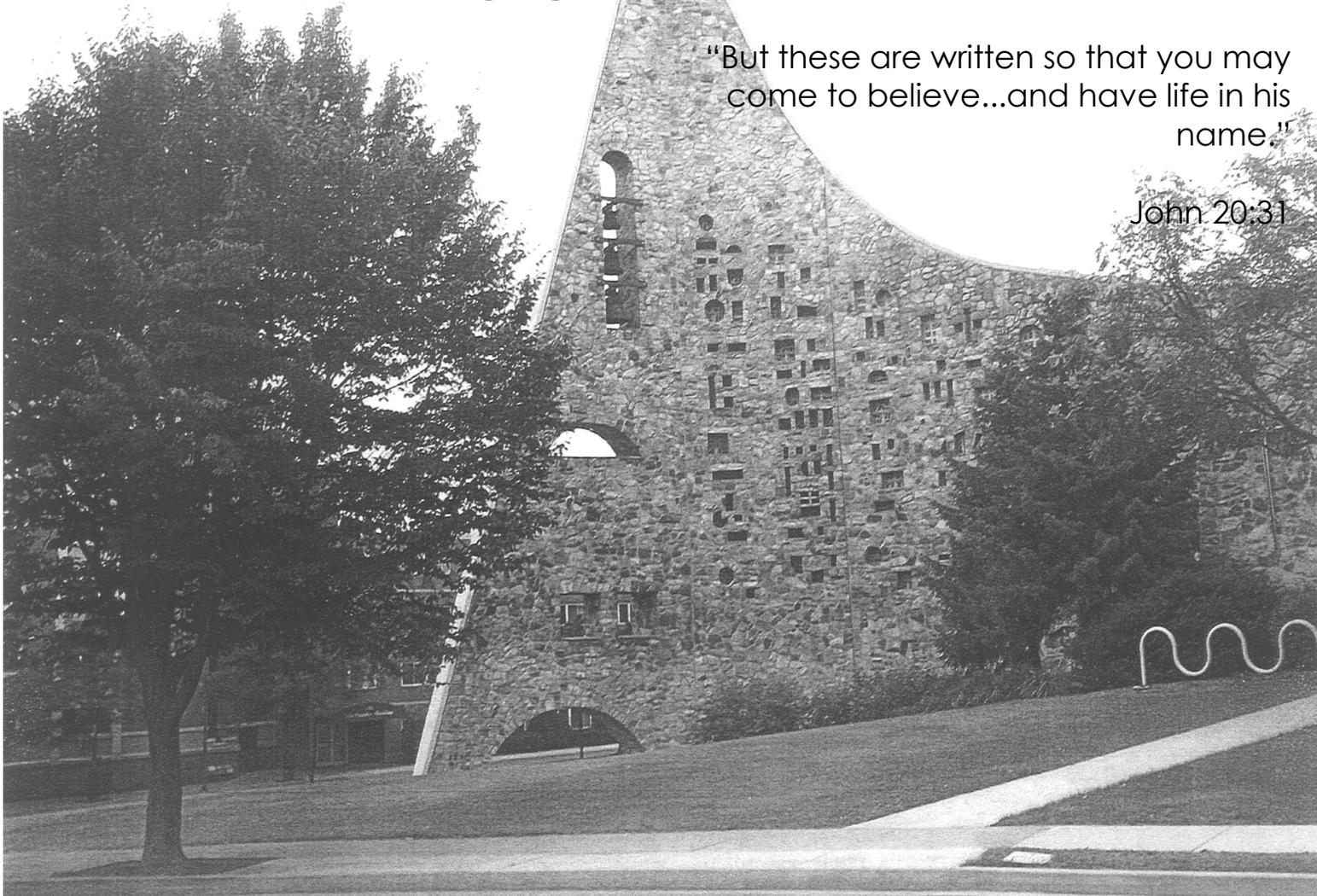


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"But these are written so that you may
come to believe...and have life in his
name."

John 20:31



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

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

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 376

#ELW 384

#ELW 551

Distribution

#ELW 379

#ELW 361



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...In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance. **The Second Lesson:** The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time. **The Gospel Lesson:** The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

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MILESTONE MINISTRY AT GRACE
At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

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

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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.

(9:00) Introit *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*.....ELW# 386
Laurel Sanders, soprano; Anna Carol Buffington, handbells

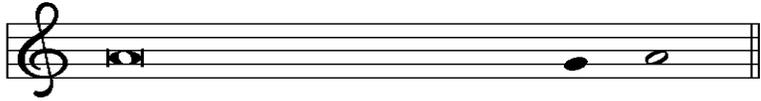
GATHER

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

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Thine Is the Glory*.....ELW #376
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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.



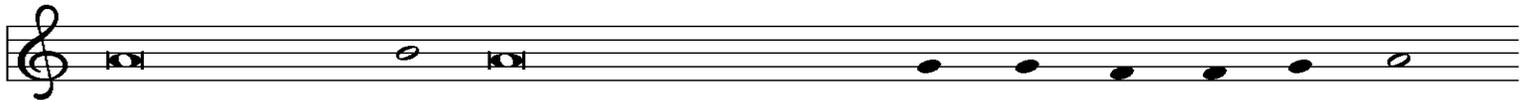
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.....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.

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 5:27-32 (pew Bible p. 889)

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

PSALM 150—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



L: Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the | mighty firmament.

**C: Praise God for | mighty acts;
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.**

L: Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.

**C: Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
praise God with | strings and pipe.**

L: Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

**C: Let everything | that has breath
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON.....Revelation 1:4-8 (pew Bible p. 994)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

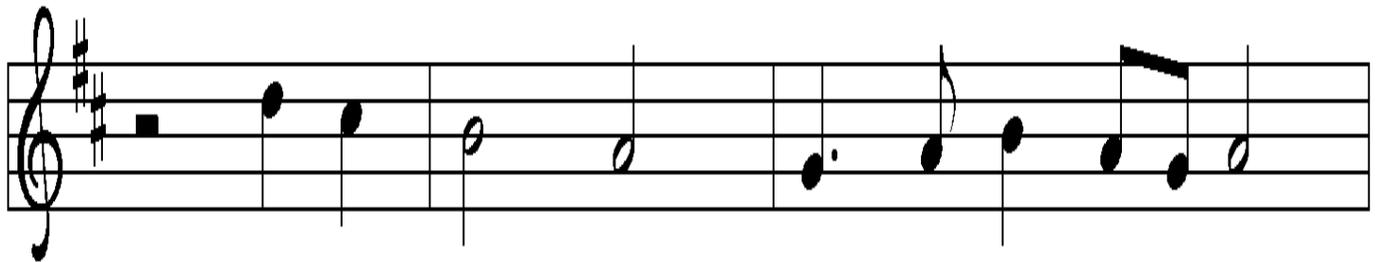
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.



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.....John 20:19-31 (pew Bible p. 883)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him,

“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

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

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 (9:00) *Bwana Asifiwe! (Praise the Lord)*C. Moglebust
The Bells of Grace, Tony Buda, cajon

(10:30) *Come, Ye Faithful*.....R. S. Thatcher
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

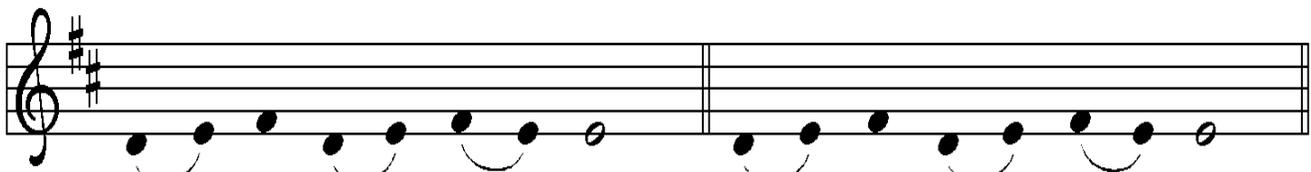
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

P: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

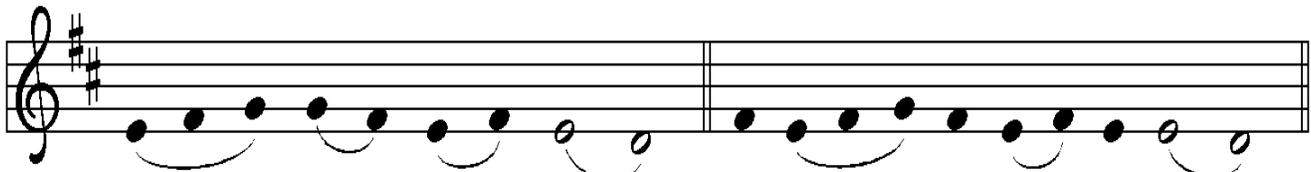
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 107)



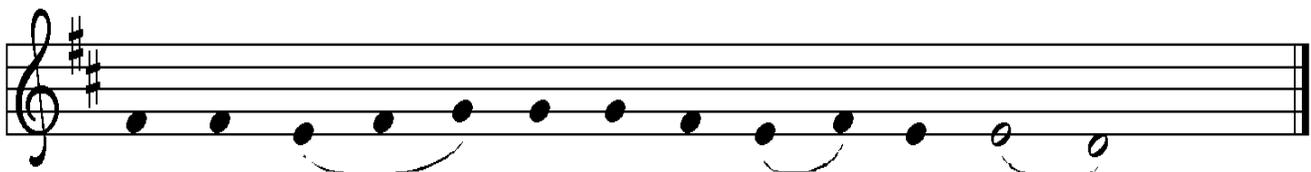
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



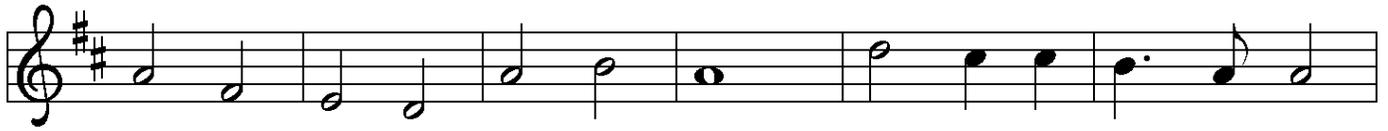
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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)



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

(9:00) *Toccata on Kings Weston*.....Ralph Vaughan Williams/arr. Matthew Compton
The Bells of Grace

(10:30) *Bwana Asifiwe! (Praise the Lord)*.....arr. C. Moglebust
The Bells of Grace, Tony Buda, cajon

ELW #379 -- *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW #361 -- *The Day of Resurrection!*



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

C: **Amen.**

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.

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 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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P: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen 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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*.....ELW #551

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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 The Rev. Carolyn K. Hetrick, Associate. Pastor.....pastorschul@glcpa.org
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Grace Lutheran

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, April 28, 2019

LECTORS...The May sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lecturers in the past. Veterans and new readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

The May selection for the **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley. This is the selection of Susan Hirth and she will be facilitating the discussions on Tuesday, May 21st at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

EASTER FLOWER ALTERNATIVE IS TO DONATE TO MERCY CORPS – Please support this team of humanitarians who partner with communities, corporations and governments to transform lives around the world. They alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. Christy Delafield is Senior Communications Director. You can donate through Tithe.ly on our website (www.glcpa.org) or with a check. Details: <https://www.mercycorps.org/>. Donations will be received through May 6,

RADIO SPONSORSHIP WILL INCREASE SEPT. 1 TO COVER COSTS...Radio broadcasts of worship at Grace on WRSC 1390 AM provides a live connection to Grace for homebound members, those unable to come to worship, and the community. Some members who moved away or spend winters elsewhere tune in via WRSC's streaming service. The broadcast cost is \$192 per service; we pay regardless of whether there is a sponsor. We previously asked for \$165, which does not cover the cost. Starting September 1, we will raise the sponsorship request to cover WRSC's actual \$192 charge. If you signed up before April 1, we will honor the previously suggested \$165 donation, but please consider whether you can pay the full cost. Thank you for helping us spread Christ's love.

WOMEN OF GRACE BABY SHOWER...May 2019. This year the Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College is the recipient of shower donations. The Clinic offers medical services, counseling services, and material assistance. Look for the bassinet in the narthex. The Clinic is especially in need of baby shoes, size 12, 18, 24 months, baby boy's and girl's crib sheets, diapers for older babies, pacifiers, cups, spoons and forks and teething rings. Always welcome are \$25 Gift Cards to Target, Giant, Weis, Kohl's, Sheetz, as well as coffee, restaurant, or Bath & Body Works; Diapers: sizes 4, 5, 6; Diaper rash cream; baby wash; lotion; powder: (Johnson & Johnson, Baby Magic, or Honest Company); New Infant Clothing – sizes 0-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months; Baby washcloths and hooded towels; Infant thermometers and manicure sets; Bibs, burp cloths, and bottles; Receiving blankets; Hardback baby books; Teething toys and rattles. A handout containing a list of needs is also available in the bassinet.) We hope you will join the Women of Grace as we support this clinic. Thank you!

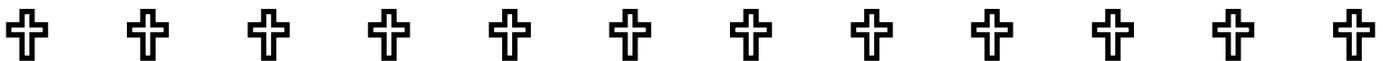


GLPK 9th Annual Silent Auction

The **9th Annual GLPK Silent Auction** to benefit Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten will be held **April 30th through May 13th at 11:30 am**. There are many beautiful themed baskets, gift certificates, gift cards, pieces of art, services, tickets to events, collectibles and much more that will be displayed in the Upper Commons (next to the Sanctuary). The auction benefits our tuition assistance fund and unbudgeted school needs. Take a walk through the display and make your bids!

Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 28, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	June Walter	Chuck & Susan Martin	Lois Voigt
Greeters	Martha Musser	Pau & Kathryn Mackes Joann McCormick Louise Tarman	Louise Tarman Sharyn Everhart
Acolytes		Caitlin & Fiona Knowles Abby Fozard	Sophia Bills Mirabella Bills
Deacons	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser Bankert	Paul & Leslie Wagner
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Laurel Sanders	Nicole Mathias
Ushers		Dan Bright Del Bright Ron Smith	Harold Cassady Pete Forster Kurt Gibble Jeya Chandra Dave Heatwole Troy Heatwole
Radio Ministry; Sound			Wayne Pauley
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			
Welcoming Center Hosts		Linda Domin	Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Gerry Slear
dedicated in memory of Leon Slear

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Nora Jane McDonald
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Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored by Grace Lutheran
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PRAYER CONCERNS for April 28 , 2019

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries Susan Antle Scott Cocolin Marion & Winnie Deppen Jean Donovan Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes Sherri Ebeling & family, daughter of Elaine Ebeling Kyoko Fujisawa, sister of Hiroshi Ohmoto Vicki Garvin Dick Houtz Larry Kuhns Phil Lucas Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster Danielle McHenry	Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller Jo Anne Miller Al Musgrave Maryann Newcomb Chuck Noel Dottie Roberts Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert Ken Shultz Kyle Steffens, college room mate of Laurel Sanders William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer	Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin Christopher Ta Marcile Tressler Lisa Thomas, friend of Sally & Carl Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite Ken Vermillion Sue Washburn, in-law of Tom & Marcha Drake Members in the hospital Grace Burris Herb Graves
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Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

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

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. Each week, one person is selected to receive a special letter of encouragement. Please sign the letter in the Upper Commons or Narthex and pray for that person this week Herb Graves.



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.*

The Apostle Thomas is believed to have carried the gospel as far away as India. Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas; teachers where there are few opportunities to go to school; or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the Young Adults in Global Mission. Pray for our missionaries, especially the four Grace sponsors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES,



If you are new to Sunday School and would like more information, please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn for more information (faithformation@glcpa.org).

Room assignments are as follows:

Ages 3 & 4: Room #201

Kindergarten: Room #200

Grades 1 & 2: Room #103

Grades 3, 4, & 5: Room #105

Middle School: Youth Room in the Miller Center

High School: Meet in the Narthex and walk to Starbucks

Please contact Cindy or Peter if you are available to help.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9-10 AM in Fireside Room

April 28: Over Spring Break last month, a group of students and campus ministry staff from Penn State visited Douglas AZ, to explore life and faith in the borderlands. Deacon Alicia Anderson and students Sean Cicchiello, Emma Lutz, Eliza Mull, Cassandra Singh-Hueter and Benjamin Yang will be sharing photos and stories from their week on La Frontera. Come and see the images and hear their experiences and reflections.

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



OLD FRIENDS/HOMEBOUNDERS WORSHIP SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The biannual Old Friends/Homebounders Worship Service and Luncheon will be presented on Thursday, May 2, at 11 a.m. The event begins with Holy Communion Worship in the sanctuary. Following, there will be a picnic lunch in Harkins Hall.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to Grace's seniors or if you know someone who would like to attend, please let Linda Schul, 954-4195, Gerry Slear, 424-7610, or the church office, 238-2478 know.

This is a great opportunity to connect with Grace members you have not seen for awhile and to let them know that their lives continue to be important in the life of the church.



Super Wednesday Meal on May 1st

Ham & Bean Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Relish Tray & Dessert

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study** on Mothers, Mentors, & Muses led by
Pastor Hetrick

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

5:00-5:30 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5 in the choir room next to
Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can

choose either choir

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

6:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study** on Mothers, Mentors,
& Muses led by Pastor Hetrick

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



Sequanota Women's Re- treat

May 3-5, 2019



A time for all women to pray, study, be present, and renew. Join us for a retreat based on Joyce Rupp's book: *The Cup of Our Life* with conversations led by Pr. Susan Winger and Pr. Julia Sprenkle. Reading the book in advance is not necessary, but you are certainly welcome to bring a copy if you'd like. For more information or to sign up please visit the bulletin board in the Upper Com-



[Bells of Grace Plant Sale](#)

Two options are available this year: 1) a delivery of hanging baskets and combo pots on Wed. May 8 for Mother's Day gifts, and 2) the delivery of all plants on the order form on Wed, May 15.

We have a selection of herbs, pots of single plants, Memorial Day planters, hanging baskets, and flats of bedding plants. If there is a plant or specific color that you would like, please indicate that on your order form. We will do our best to accommodate your special requests.

Our Favorites:

Black-Eyed Susan Vine+: This is the showy plant that covers the trellises in the big church planters; 4 1/2" pot

Mandevilla+: vine for a trellis or hanging basket; large showy flowers; shiny green leaves; 9" pot

Mini Roses*: Beautiful miniature rose bush with lots of blooms all summer long—6" pot

Gerbera Daisy*: large colorful flowers; 6" pot

Citronella*: called "Mosquito Plant"; use on a patio to help ward off mosquitoes

Lofos*: Vine with small red flowers for a trellis or hanging basket; 4 1/2" pot

Euphorbia*: green plant with delicate white flowers; use as a filler in planters; 4 1/2" pot

Angelonia*: heat tolerant; 12" tall pink/purple flowers; filler in planters; 4 1/2" pot

African Daisy*: "Osteospermum" 4 1/2" pot; colorful blossoms

Church Planters and Gardens--If you would like to contribute towards the cost of plants for the church planters and gardens, please indicate that on the order form.

Return your completed order form and check by Friday, May 3 to the church office. Plants will be available for pick-up on Wed, May 15 in the church narthex from 5-7 p.m.

Order forms are available [in](#) the church office and the Welcome Center in the narthex. The proceeds from the sale of plants will fund music, equipment repair, and seminars for the bell choir.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – SUNDAY, MAY 5
Grace Lutheran's 7th annual
Celebration of the Arts!

Do you:

...enjoy creating art for the heart?

...get fully immersed in verse?

...tickle the keys with ease?

...use your voice to rejoice?



Whether you prefer to be part of the arts scene or simply enjoy taking in beauty created by others, please join us on Sunday, May 5, for Grace Lutheran's seventh annual Celebration of the Arts!

In addition to instrumental and vocal musicians (including aspiring students), there are many talented and aspiring artisans among us. Not only are there painters and those who draw, but also woodworkers, quilters, photographers, those who knit and crochet, sculpt, make pottery, poets/writers, and others who work with glass.

8:00 am – 1:30 pm ~ **Art display** (art can be dropped off in the church office starting on April 14)

11:45 (following the 10:30 service) **Lunch** ~ enjoy soup, salads and sides. Soup will be provided by our kitchen. We are accepting contributions of salads, sides and desserts.

12:30 ~ **Musical program** on our stage: solos, duets, ensembles

Contact Laurel Sanders (lsanders@glcpa.org or 238-2478) if you have a salad, side or dessert to contribute, or a craft or talent to share. Whether you are 5 or 95, a beginner or advanced, your talents are a gift from God. Please share them with your Grace faith family!

Stewardship and Social Ministry & Outreach

Thank you for joyfully giving of your time, talent, and treasure!
Each Sunday in April some of our ministry teams will be highlighted.

Jared Boxes

A little guy I know is suffering mightily through treatment to cure him from his cancer. He's a delight and knowing what he's going through saddens me. I asked his Grandma if he'd received any Jared Boxes. "Oh, yes!" was her reply. She let me know that one item or another from the box helps him get through the next shot, take the next pill, or get the next transfusion. Yes; Jared Boxes bring smiles!

Centre Peace: Christmas Cards for Inmates

"It was extremely kind and thoughtful for the children to write these cards." Chris

"The Christmas card really touched my heart. This is my first time in state prison, and it seems that all have forgotten about me." James

CCRWC - Guatemalan Family

They ran with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They walked, with blistered feet, toward freedom, toward safety. This family of asylum seekers has done everything the system has asked of them. They crossed at a legal port of entry, immediately asked for asylum, are wearing their ankle trackers, meeting with lawyers, and getting up at 4:00am to make it to their legal appointments as required by law. They are living hand-to-mouth here, in our community, because they are afraid for their lives. All they want is for their kids to grow up in safety, a chance to be warm, and to put food on the table. They want freedom from fear and the very real threat of violence.

The Oaks: Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry

Our donations of toiletries and sundries ease the financial burden for some of the residents of the Oaks. Thanks for donating that tube of toothpaste, or that personal size package of tissues. Sometimes, when we give a bit and it's not a big deal to us, it's so helpful to someone else.

You're Invited
to join the
Social Ministry & Outreach Steering Team
Thursday, May 9th
6:30 pm Fireside Room
BE IN THE LOOP!
Learn about the ministry teams
Consider opportunities to help...a little or a lot!

Life is wild, but God is good.

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Grace Lutheran Church

June 24—28

6:00pm— 8:00pm

Register online here: vbspro.events/p/events/gracelutheranroar



Last day of children's Sunday School:

Sunday, May 12th at 9:00 am.

Donations requested: ice cream toppings for our end of year celebration!

Please place donations in the main office



Blessing of the Bicycles:

Part of our Milestones Ministry

All ages, please bring your bike to the end of Super Wednesday picnic

Wednesday, May 15th at 5:30pm

Munchkin Brunchkin

A Mustard Seed Ministry for families with children age 0 to 3 and their siblings.

Miller Center 10:00 am
Sunday, April 28
&
Sunday, May 19



Little Learners

Faith Formation Calendar of Events

April 28, 2019	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 Sunday School
May 5, 2019	Celebration of the Arts	following 10:30 worship
May 12, 2019	Last Day of Sunday School	9:00 AM
May 15, 2019	Blessing of the Bicycles	6:00 PM
May 19, 2019	Confirmation - Sermon Notes #4 due	Noon
May 19, 2019	High School Youth Group	6:00- 7:30 PM
June 2, 2019	Graduation Sunday	10:30 worship
June 2, 2019	Confirmation Rehearsal	7:00 PM
June 9, 2019	Affirmation of Baptism Service	10:30 worship
June 24 - 28, 2019	Vacation Bible School	6:00-8:00 PM
June 28, 2019	Welch Pool Night	8:00-10:00pm

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL and MAY

Date	Home	Visitor	Field	Time
4/29	Softball practice		Spring Creek 1	6:00 PM
5/6	No Games			
5/13	GLC	Port Matilda Baptist	Spring Creek 1	6:30 PM
5/20	GLC	New Hope UMC	Spring Creek 1	6:30 PM
5/27	No Games			

Come out and support the team!

WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS FOR 55+ERS... The 55+ers are looking for volunteers to serve on their steering committee, which plans group events. Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 9:15 in the Stinson Library at Grace. Board members do not need to be members of Grace Lutheran Church. Interested? Contact Paul or Kathryn Mackes at 238-0440 or call George or Kay Weigand at 237-0099.



*This Week
At Grace*

Sunday, April 28

7:45 a.m.....Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fireside
 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School Egg Hunt
 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Rehearsal, Room 203
 10:00 a.m.....Munchkin Brunchkin, Miller Center
 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m.....Children’s Message Leaders Meeting Rm 202 & Nursery
 11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
 11:45 a.m.....Rehearsal on stage for Celebration of the Arts, Harkins Hall and stage
 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m.....LCM Dinner, Fireside

Monday, April 29

6:00 p.m.....Congregational Care Committee Meeting, Library

**Tuesday, April 30
GLPK Silent Auction**

9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside

**Wednesday, May 1
GLPK Silent Auction**

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.....Ministry Coordinators Meeting, Fireside

**Thursday, May 2
Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM
GLPK Silent Auction**

7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop, North
 11:00 a.m.....Homebounder Worship Service, Sanctuary & Harkins Hall
 6:30 p.m.....Mutual Ministry Meeting, Fireside

**Friday, May 3
GLPK Silent Auction
No scheduled church activities**

**Saturday, May 4
GLPK Silent Auction**

10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Rehearsal, Harkins Hall & stage