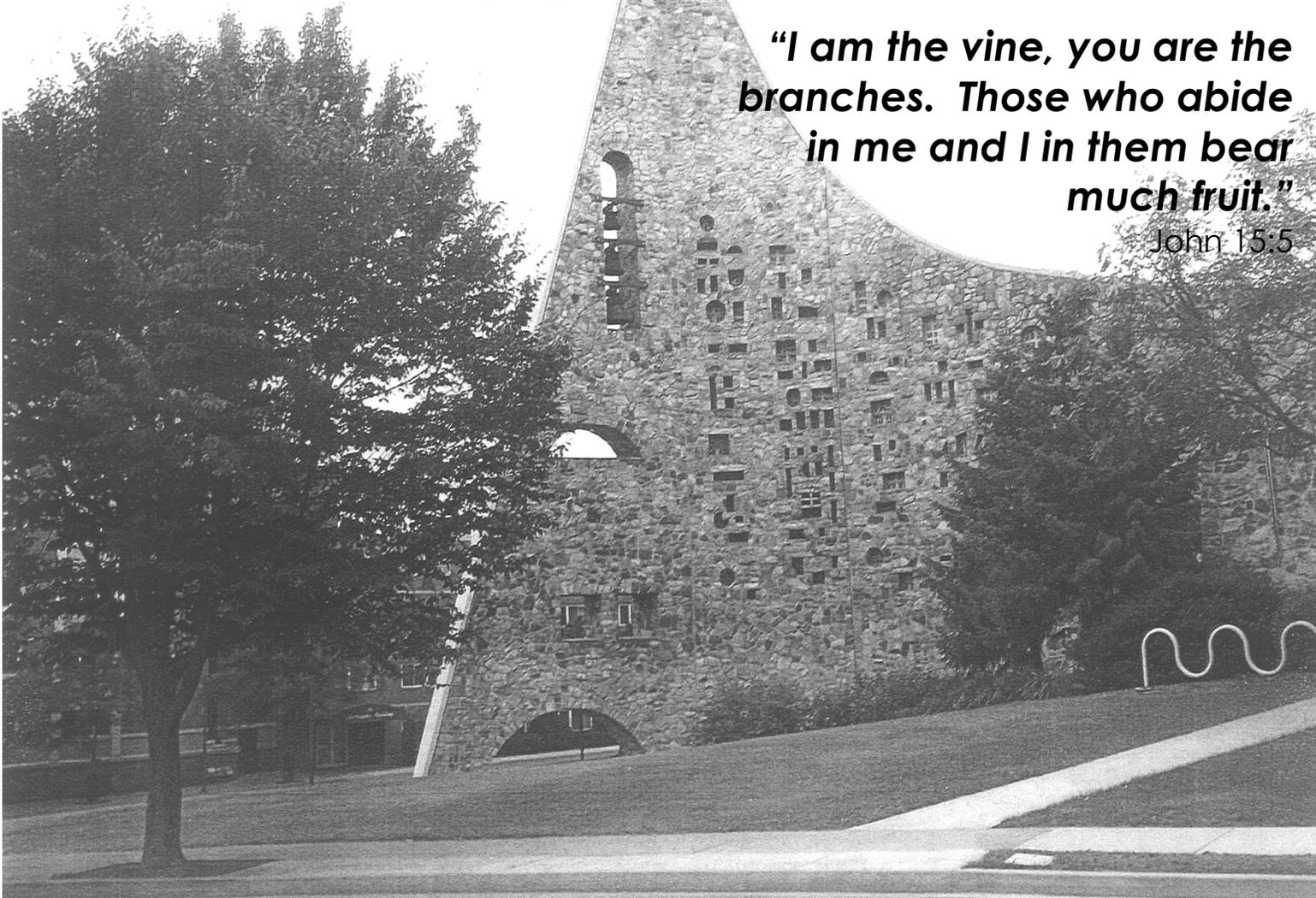


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

*"I am the vine, you are the
branches. Those who abide
in me and I in them bear
much fruit."*

John 15:5



SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018
Fifth 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 533

#ELW 848

#ELW 389

Distribution

#ELW 883

#ELW 754



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... This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip. **The Second Lesson:** We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love. **The Gospel Lesson:** On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

JOY

Need More Joy in your life?

Come to **Finding Joy**

Women of Grace Spring Retreat

Saturday, May 19th at Grace Lutheran

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

*Meditate and reflect on Psalm 16

*Engage in an inspirational art project,

*Participate in a playful Hunt for Joy

*Enjoy the fellowship of other women

This retreat is **free**, but signup on sheet in the Commons required.

Signup deadline is May 14th. Childcare will be provided.



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

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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Grace Lutheran is now on Twitter!
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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns*.....M. Burkhardt
 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright.....D. Wood
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....M. Burkhardt

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.

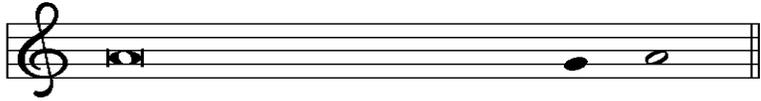
GATHER

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

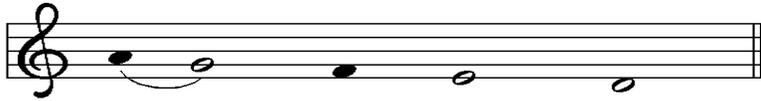
↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*.....ELW #533

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.



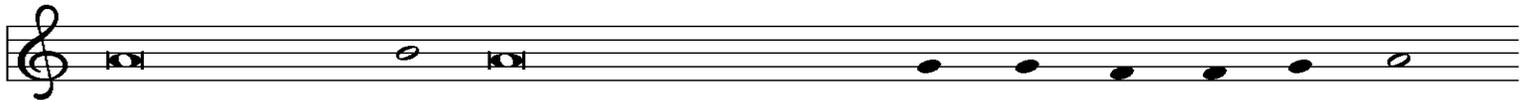
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

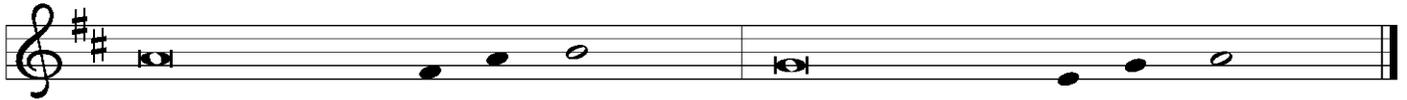
*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

(10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....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 8:26-40 (pew Bible p. 892)

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM 22—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**C: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore
the LORD.**

L: Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

**C: They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, “The | LORD has acted!”**

SECOND LESSON.....1 John 4:7-21 (pew Bible p. 991)

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



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 15:1-8 (pew Bible p. 878)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever

you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Lynn

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*.....ELW #848

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.**

↓ (9:00 only) OFFERTORY Bells of Grace

(10:30 only) OFFERTORY-ADULT CHOIR *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
American Folk Hymn from Southern Harmony arranged by Mark Wilberg
Anne Sullivan, harp; Katie Rudnik, flute; Noah Breneman, oboe

OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)



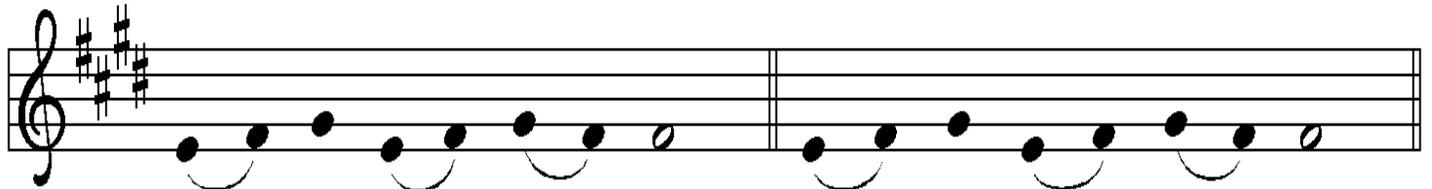
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste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

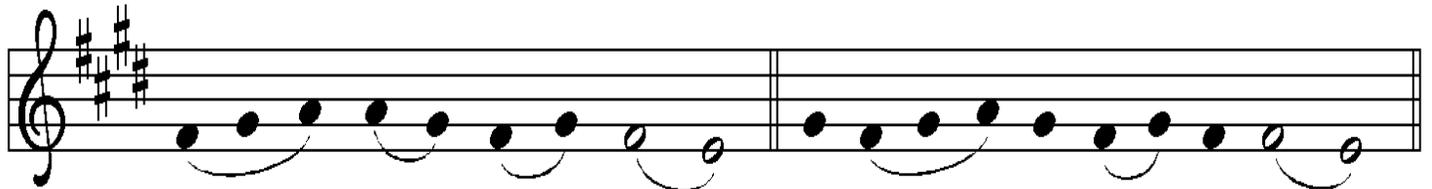
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 152)



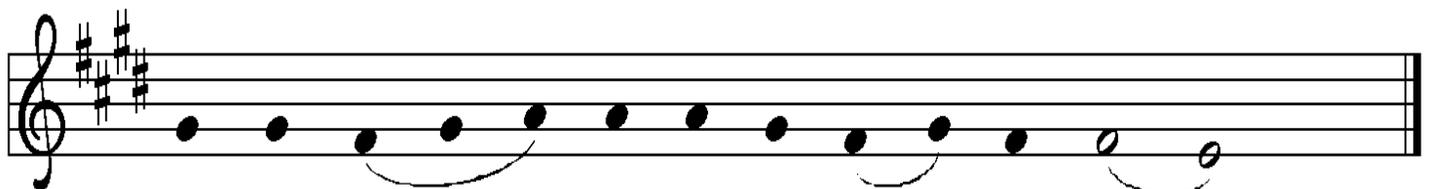
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



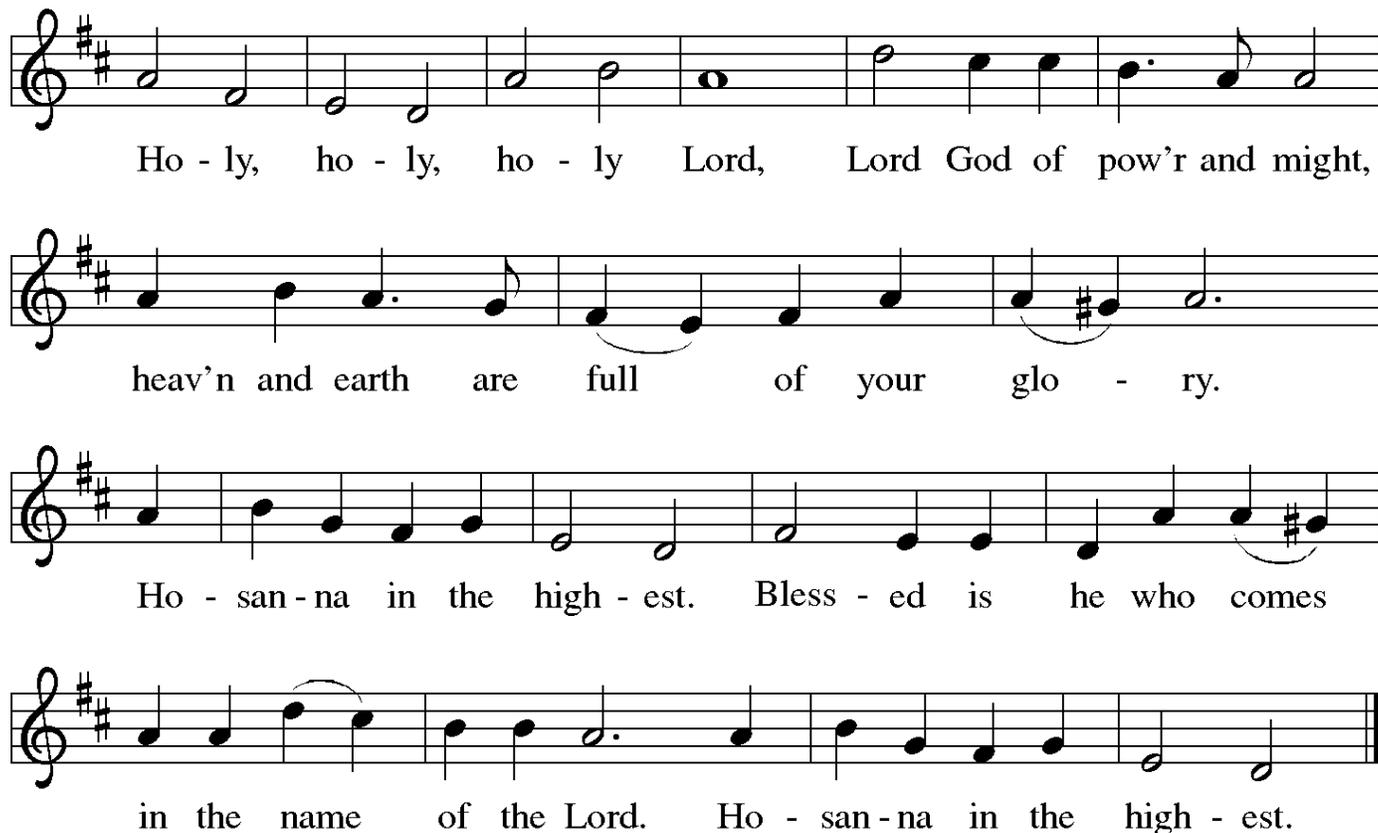
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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)



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 DISTRIBUTION Bells of Grace

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #883 -- *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

ELW #754 -- *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*



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 - joi-ce 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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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 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*.....ELW #389

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fanfare*.....N. Lemmens



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 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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Grace Lutheran

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, April 29, 2018

THANK YOU...This morning Pat Lloyd will be playing the organ in Erik Clayton's absence. *Thank you!*

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

OPIOID EPIDEMIC DISCUSSION...Please join the Social Justice Team on **Sunday, April 29th from 2-4pm** in the Fireside Room to view the PBS documentary, "Understanding the Opioid Epidemic" and ask questions of an expert panel. For more details, please see the Social Ministry Wall located beside the bathrooms in the Upper Commons Area.

COME SING WITH THE ADULT CHOIR!...If you like to sing and read music fairly well, now would be a great time to come sing with the adult choir (high school aged and older) at the 10:30 service! Rehearsals are Wed. night from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary, and 10:00am Sun. morning in the choir room. If you can make the Wed. night and Sun. morning rehearsal, we'd love to have you join us, even if it's only for a week or two. The last Sun. of the year for the choir will be Trinity Sun., May 27. Contact Jayne Glocke at jpg9@psu.edu if you're interested or have any questions. Hope to see some new faces and hear some new voices before the choir season ends for the year!

The next selection for **GARDEN OF READIN'** (women's book club) is *Through the Eyes of a Stranger* by Will Bonsall. Cindy Keith will be facilitating the discussions on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:30 am in the library and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

ACOLYTES NEEDED...We are looking to expand our roster of acolytes for all services. The commitment is typically one service per month and we work around your family schedule. It is also a great way to involve kids in the worship service. Please contact Stephanie Fozard at steph@fozards.com if interested.

PART-TIME PRESCHOOL POSITIONS for 2018-2019...Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is searching for lead teachers, teacher's aides and a music teacher/specialist for the 2018-2019 school year. Teachers require a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education. Teacher's aides require an interest in working with young children. Music teachers/specialists require general music skills and experience working with young children. All positions start in late August. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org.

LOOKING AHEAD



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

May 6, 2018—Annual report available to Congregation along with council nominations.

May 20, 2018, 11:30 AM—Annual congregational meeting—Harkins Hall and council Election week begins.

Elections begin Sunday, May 20th and end Friday, May 25th at 5:00 PM.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 29, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Julie Miller	Lisa Wiedemer	Jeff Ulmer
Greeters	Martha Musser	Susan Bardo Sue Forster	Don & Gina Leon Paul & Sandy Larson
Acolytes		Alexis Weyandt Matt Weyandt	Emily Whitney Emilio Schul
Deacons	Don Widener	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Rich & Sharon Rivell
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Laurel Sanders	Kimi Waite
Ushers		Erin Kauffman Shawn Kauffman Martha Musser Carol Findley Gorman Findley	Brian Bills Mirabella Bills Jeya Chandra Beth Shafranko Ken Shafranko Dave Heatwole
Radio Ministry; Sound			Karl Hosterman
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Mark & Karen Mrsa
Welcoming Center Hosts		Carolyn Fishburn	Sharon Rivell



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Anne, Bruce & Aaron Rohrbach
in honor of Pastor Steve and Lois Lynn

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Tammy & Grant Davis
in honor of Pastor Steve and Lois Lynn

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
by Gerry Slear in memory of Leon S. Slear

Super Wednesday, May 2, 2018



Chicken cacciatore with pasta,
tossed salad & dessert

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor
Lynn

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 Pastor Lynn

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



Women of Grace Baby Shower – May 2018

This year the Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College is the recipient of shower donations. The Clinic offers medical services, counseling services, and materials assistance. Look for the bassinet in the narthex. Current needs 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. There is always a need for diapers and gift cards. (A handout containing list of needs is also available on the bulletin board.) We hope you will join the Women of Grace as we support this clinic. Thank you!

OLD FRIENDS/HOMEBOUNDERS WORSHIP SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The biannual Old Friends/Homebounders Worship Service and Luncheon will be presented on Thursday, May 17, 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS for April 29, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries
 Sam Alexander
 Don Allenbaugh, friend of the Vollmers
 Dave Asencio
 Sara Cocolin
 Paul & Lois Confer & family, friends of Phil Vollmer
 Cathy Cutter's parents
 William Davies
 Pastor Dowhower
 Rich Gamble, Holly Stoltzfus' father
 Vicki Garvin
 Herb & Nancy Graves
 Sherry Harrington
 Skylar Hill
 Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman
 H. Frank Horner
 Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassidy

Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar
 Jim Leslie
 Nick Lingenfelter
 Paul Lloyd
 Phil Lucas
 Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson
 Frank Miller, Karen Walker's father
 Jo Anne Miller
 Al Musgrave
 Amy Nevling
 Maryann Newcomb
 Nicole Overton, Cousin of Sharon Shurgalla
 Ronald Palm, Jerry Carlson's cousin
 Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan & Morgan Wagner
 Scott Rearick—Sally & Carl's friend
 Lisa Sell

Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin
 Tom Smilnak, Jane Utzman's cousin
 Victoria Smith
 William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Marlowe Stiger
 Scott Swackhammer, nephew of Karen & Mark Mrsa
 Lisa Thomas—Sally & Carl's friend
 Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother
 Don Vinson, friend of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Lynn Waite, Michael Waite's mother
 Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family

Members in the hospital
 Jim Leslie



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.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to Jim Leslie.



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.*

We pray for our congregation as they prepare to vote on the proposed budget and elect three new council members at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

[Bells of Grace Plant Sale](#)



Brighten your garden with annuals purchased from The Bells of Grace! This year 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.

New this year:

Mandevilla*: vine for a trellis; large pink flowers; shiny green leaves; 7" pot

Gerbera Daisy*: large showy, colorful daisy flowers; 6" pot

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

Lofos*: Dark green vine with red flowers for a trellis or hanging basket; 4 ½" pot

Euphorbia*: green plant with delicate white flowers; use as a filler in planters; 4 ½" pot

Angelonia*: heat tolerant; 12" tall with pink/purple flowers; use as a filler in planters; 4 ½" pot

African Daisy*: "Osteospermum" 4 1/2" pot; variegated 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 by Friday, May 11 to the church office. Plants will be available for pick-up on Thursday, May 17 in the church narthex from 5-7 p.m.

Order forms are included in today's bulletin and are available in the church office, the Welcome Center in the narthex and on the church website (www.glcpc.org). The proceeds from the sale of plants will fund music, equipment repair, and seminars for the bell choir.

Questions, contact Anna Carol Buffington, director: (814) 531-4242 or acbuffington@yahoo.com

Support Parish Talent at Our May 6 Celebration of the Arts

Who: Parishioners from Grace who enjoy art, crafting, and performing; all ages and skill levels welcome! **Sing 'n Ring and t(w)eens are featured.**

What: Display of parishioner artwork and performing talents; mini-musical presented by 12 teens.

When: Sunday, May 6, after the 10:30 service. 11:45 lunch; 12:30 onstage performance; ends by 2 pm. Art show is from 7:30 am until 2 pm.

Where: Harkins Hall (art display).

Potluck: The church will provide Dave's delicious minestrone soup. Please bring a salad or side dish to (10-12 servings) to share.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL/MAY

Date	Home	Visitor	Field	Time
4/30	P.M. Baptist	GLC	Port Matilda	6:30 PM
5/7	GLC	Calvary Bible	Hess #4	6:30 PM
5/14	Calvary Baptist	GLC	Hess #1	6:30 PM
5/21	Runville UMC	GLC	Bald Eagle Area HS	6:30 PM
5/28	BYE week			

Come out and support the team!

SAVE THE DATE

The annual **WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT** is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 until 3:00. The theme of the retreat is "Finding Joy" and is based on Psalm 16. This year it will be held at the church and will include a Bible Study, a hands-on art project, a box lunch and several opportunities for fun and fellowship. More information to follow.

Safe Children. Safe Families. Safe Church. Workshop Sunday, May 6

Safety is an important part of parenting and child-rearing. We teach our children fire safety, and make sure our homes are up to code with fire alarms and extinguishers. We teach our children how to swim, and make sure there is a lifeguard on duty when we go to the pool. We also teach our children to look both ways before they cross the street, and we ensure the vehicles we drive have proper seat belts and car seats. We teach and guide our children to be safe in many ways. But what about safety when it comes to bodies and boundaries?

Please join us from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in Fireside Room, for a Safe Children. Safe Families. Safe Church Workshop led by Jennifer Pencek, programming coordinator with Penn State's Gender Equity Center, and Ruth Williamson, a prevention educator with the Centre County Women's Resource Center. The workshop will include the first part being geared toward children (elementary school age preferred) with parents/caregivers present and the second half geared toward the adults (with the children playing in the nursery or another room so adults can have an open discussion). Preventing the perpetration of child abuse is an important part of being an adult in a church community, especially one like Grace Lutheran Church, with people willing to have the hard conversations and who are committed to supporting and raising up children of God.

There is a sign-up sheet in the commons area near the water fountain. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Jen at j06374@yahoo.com, call her at 814-867-2174, or just stop by the church nursery during the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Sunday, April 29

- 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.....LCM lunch, Library
- 11:30 a.m.....Crossfire dress rehearsal for Celebration of the Arts, Harkins Hall
- 11:30 a.m.....Crossfire stage meal and rehearsal #5, Harkins Hall
- 11:30 a.m.....Rehearsal for 5/20, Adult choir room
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir polishing bells, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m.....Social Justice Team, Opioid Epidemic Discussion, Fireside
- 2:30 p.m.....LCM Board meeting, Library
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m.....LCM Dinner, Fireside

Monday, April 30

No regular church activities scheduled

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 1:00 p.m.....Women of Grace—Naomi Circle at The Village at Penn State
- 6:00 p.m.....Executive Committee, Pastor Lynn’s office
- 7:00 p.m.....Women of Grace Board meeting, Fireside

Wednesday, May 2

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Fireside
- 4:00 p.m.....Stephen Ministry meeting, Library
- 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
- 6:30 p.m.....Musicians—planning meeting, Library
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 3

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

- 7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop, North
- 5:30 p.m.....Finance Committee meeting, Fireside
- 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, gym

Friday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible study, Fireside
- 9:30 a.m.....GLPK—Ed Strong’s Story Time, Harkins Hall

Saturday, May 5

- 10:00 a.m.....Dress rehearsal for mini-musical, Harkins Hall & stage