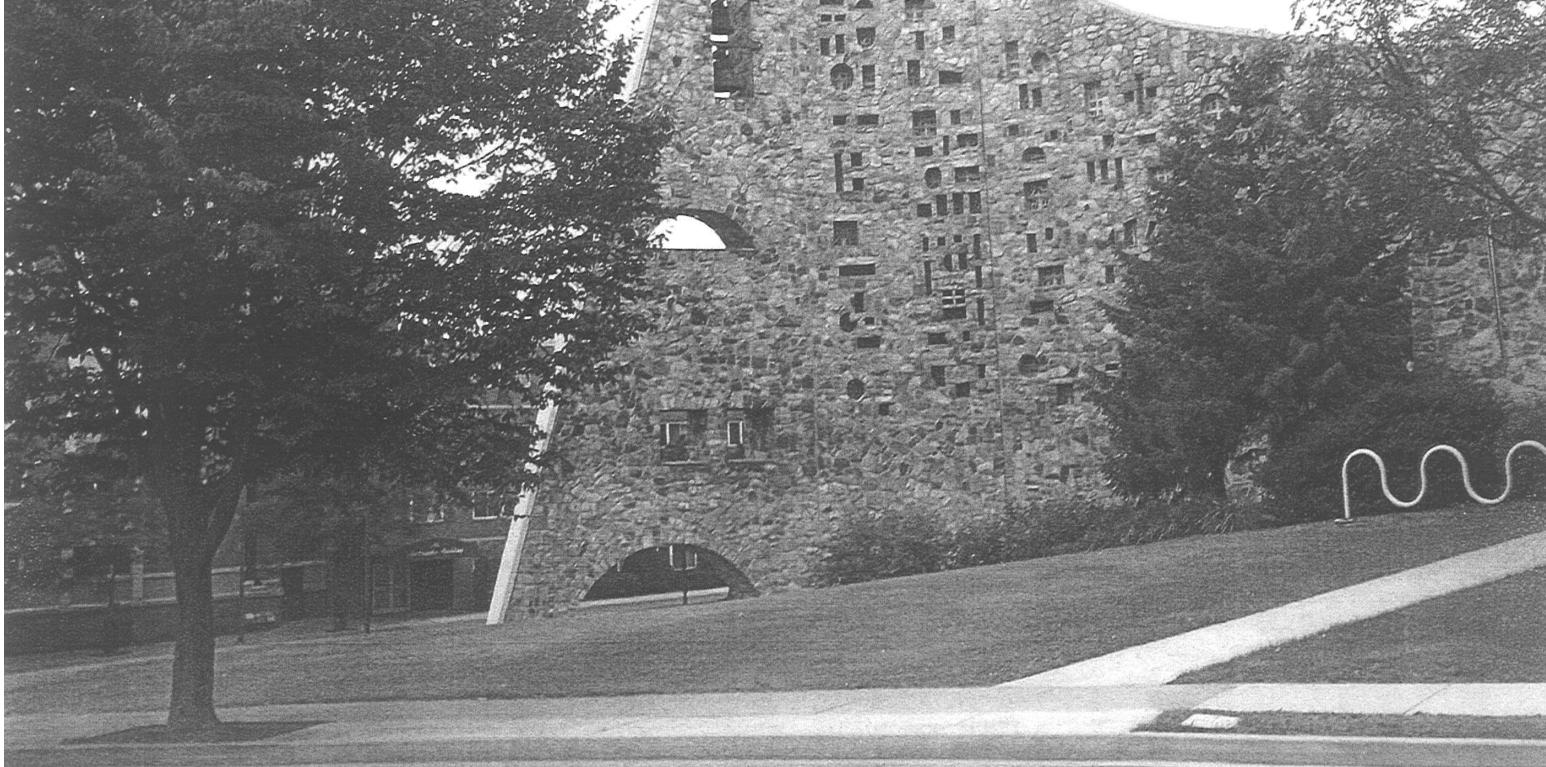


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

**"We declare what we have
heard, seen, and touched
concerning the word of life."**

1 John 1:1



SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 369
#ELW 384
#ELW 377

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Our Mission Statement: "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME... The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need. **The Second Lesson:** The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light. **The Gospel Lesson:** The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.



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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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*.....Wittenberg, Germany, 1524; ELW 590
Sung by Sammy Hallacher, bass

GATHER

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

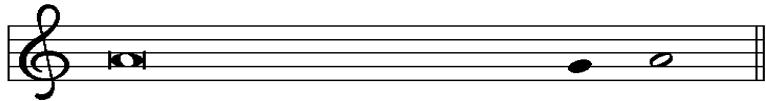
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*.....ELW #369

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.

KYRIE

(ELW p. 147)



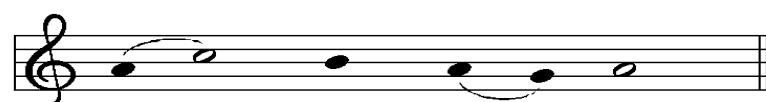
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



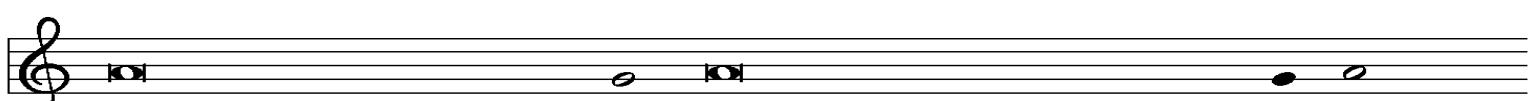
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



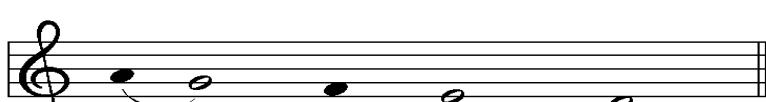
Lord, have mer - cy.



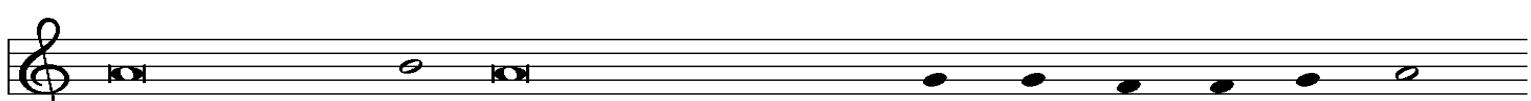
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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.*

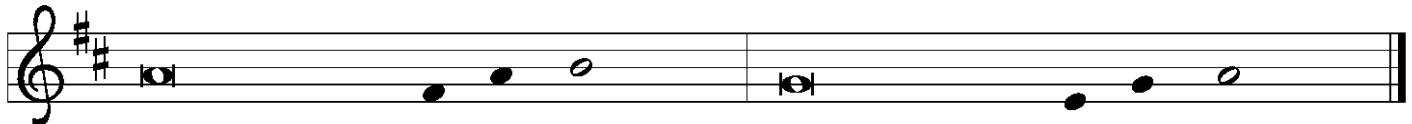
↓ (10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Amy Evanego
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

(10:30) ANTHEM *This Joyful Eastertide*, Traditional Dutch Carol...arr. Charles Wood

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 4:32-35 (pew Bible p. 888)

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM 133—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



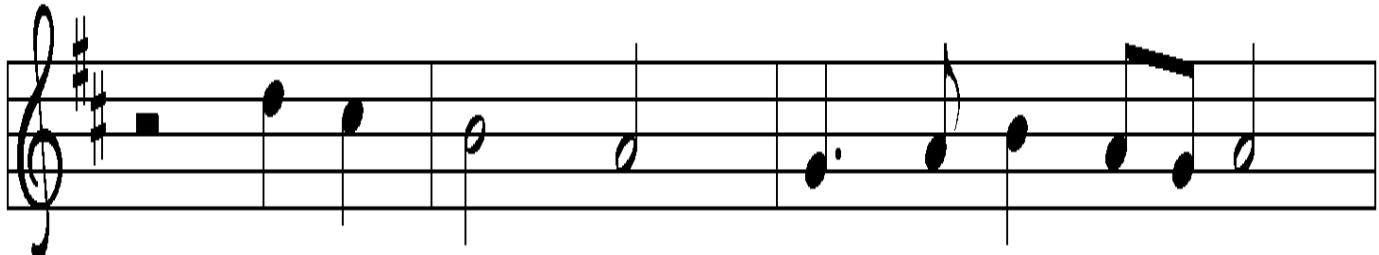
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L: How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

C: **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,**
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.

SECOND LESSON.....1 John 1:1-4 (pew Bible p. 989)

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.



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."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But 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 Schul

↑ 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 *Allegro from Sonata in B-flat Major, KV281*.....W.A. Mozart
Koya Ohmoto, 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)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, first section, in G major (two sharps) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes connected by curved stems.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, second section, in G major (two sharps) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes connected by curved stems.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, third section, in G major (two sharps) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes connected by curved stems.

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

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, fourth section, in G major (two sharps) and common time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes connected by curved stems.

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)



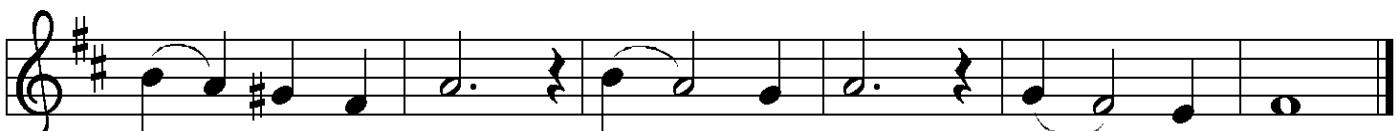
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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:

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

ELW #848 -- *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

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.

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 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* ELW #377

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 8, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	June Walter	Lisa Wiedemer	Terry Roof
Greeters	Carla Rossi	Megan & Mike Weyandt Tena Ishler	Gerri Slear Lois Lynn
Acolytes		Annika Bechtel Izzy Williams	Sophia Bills Mirabella Bills
Deacons	Nancy Reinert	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs	Beth Shafranko Brian Bills
Worship Assistant	Leonard Ellenberger		
Cantor		Graham Sanders	Sarah Rodgers
Ushers		Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert Ken Fogleman Don Coine Greg Kewitt	Karl Hosterman Brandon Hosterman Chris Hollobaugh David Heatwole Troy Heatwole Bill Ammerman
Radio Ministry; Sound			Lester Griel, Jr.
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Les & Cathy Cutter
Welcoming Center Hosts		Mardi McDonough	Jim & Lynda Stephenson



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Joyce Sipple in memory of Scott Sipple and to the Glory of God

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Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored by Dennis & Jan McClure in honor of their anniversary

Super Wednesday, April 11, 2018



Homemade minestrone soup and pork barbecue sandwiches, relish tray & 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



This Week At Grace

Sunday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.....Sunday School Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Rehearsal, Room 203
10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.....Pastor Schul reception, Fireside
3:00 p.m.....Crossfire Stage rehearsal #3, Room 203 and Harkins Hall stage
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
7:00 p.m.....QNA (Questions-Not Answers Group), Pastor Lynn's office

Monday, April 9

- 9:15 a.m.....55+er's Steering Committee, Library

Tuesday, April 10

- 9:00 a.m.....WOG-Comfort Makers, Library
9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
7:00 p.m.....Church Council, Fireside
7:00 p.m.....Men's book club, Library

Wednesday, April 11

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Fireside
3:30 p.m.....Chapel at the Village at Penn State
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

Thursday, April 12

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop, North
10:00 a.m.....KNIT WITS, Library
12 noon.....GLPK curriculum meeting, Fireside
12 noon.....Men's Bible study, IHOP, S. Atherton Street
6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, gym
7:00 p.m.....Arts Workshop with Julia Nelson, Fireside

Friday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible study, Fireside

Saturday, April 14

- 6:00 a.m.....Kiwanis Pancake Day, Harkins Hall