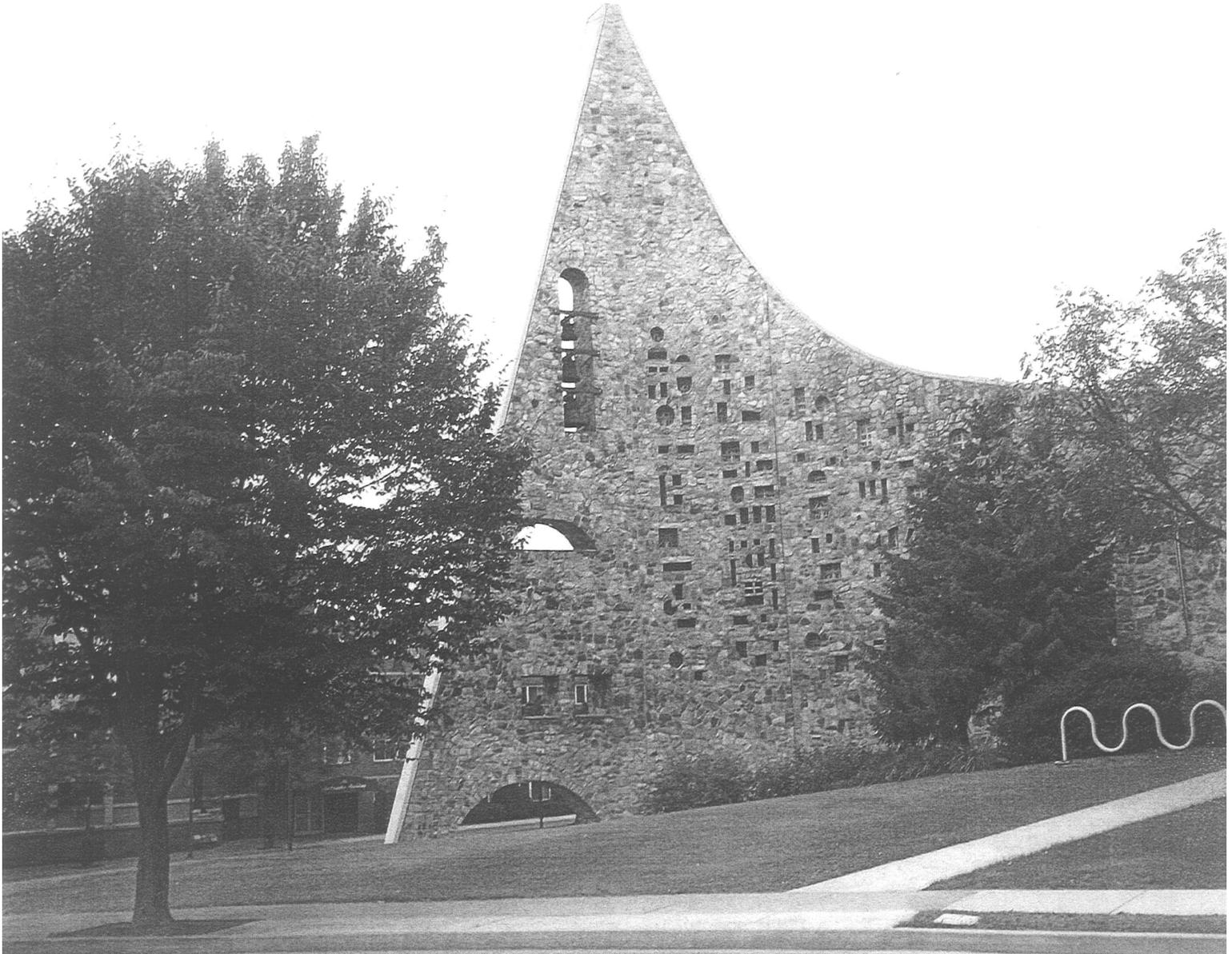


Welcome to  
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**SUNDAY, March 22, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 a.m. radio worship service**  
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**Our Mission Statement:** "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...**Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...****The First Lesson:** Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul. **The Second Lesson:** Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

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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's 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.

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are able

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHER**

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

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

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE

(ELW p. 156)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

**C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FEED**

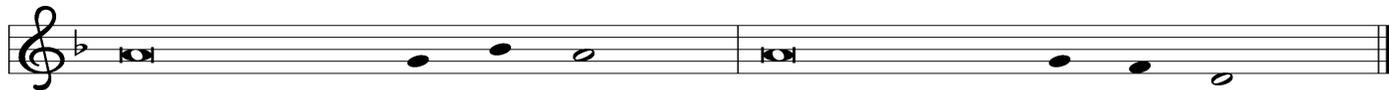
*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

FIRST LESSON.....1 Samuel 16:1-13 (pew Bible p. 226)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

PSALM 23 Please sing responsively from selected verses



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**P:** The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

**C:** **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

**P:** You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

**C:** **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear  
no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

**P:** You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**C:** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 5:8-14 (pew Bible p. 951)

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 9:1-41 (pew Bible p. 871)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes

from.”<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

#### WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as your friends. Prepare us to witness to your good news with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, 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 body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## **SEND**

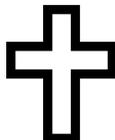
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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.**

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER CONCERNS for March 22, 2020

<p>All Military &amp; Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries Susan Antle     Deb Baysinger's cousin Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger Barbara Bingaman Barbara Braun Mary Breon Debbie Bolthouse Phil Bucher Melanie Buffington Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart Nancy Chapa Scott Cocolin Catherine Cutter William Davies Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton Mark Doyle, friend of Paul &amp; Sandy Larson Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul &amp; Kathryn Mackes</p>	<p>Steve Ellis Craig Evanego Vicki Garvin Dick Houtz Bob Igoe Paul Lloyd , son of Pat Lloyd Phil &amp; Shirley Lucas Tom Lucas     Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue &amp; Pete Forster Tom &amp; Lois Martin Mardi McDonough Ed McGowan Danielle McHenry Kim Marsh Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler Amy Nevling The Neubert family upon the death of Chris's father Vernon Neubert Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe Matthew Praskovitch, friend of Paul &amp; Sandy Larson Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins</p>	<p>Georgia Reutzell Dottie Roberts Dennis Robertson, cousin of Karen Mrsa Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert Ken Shultz William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite Emily &amp; Charlotte Spearyl Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin Marcile Tressler Tom &amp; Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite Brenda &amp; Ken Walsh The Weimer Family, upon the death of Greg's father, Ross Don Willman Ash Woskob Janet Zerbe</p> <p><b>Members in the hospital</b> Phil Bucher Pattie Fisher Nancy Reinert</p>
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