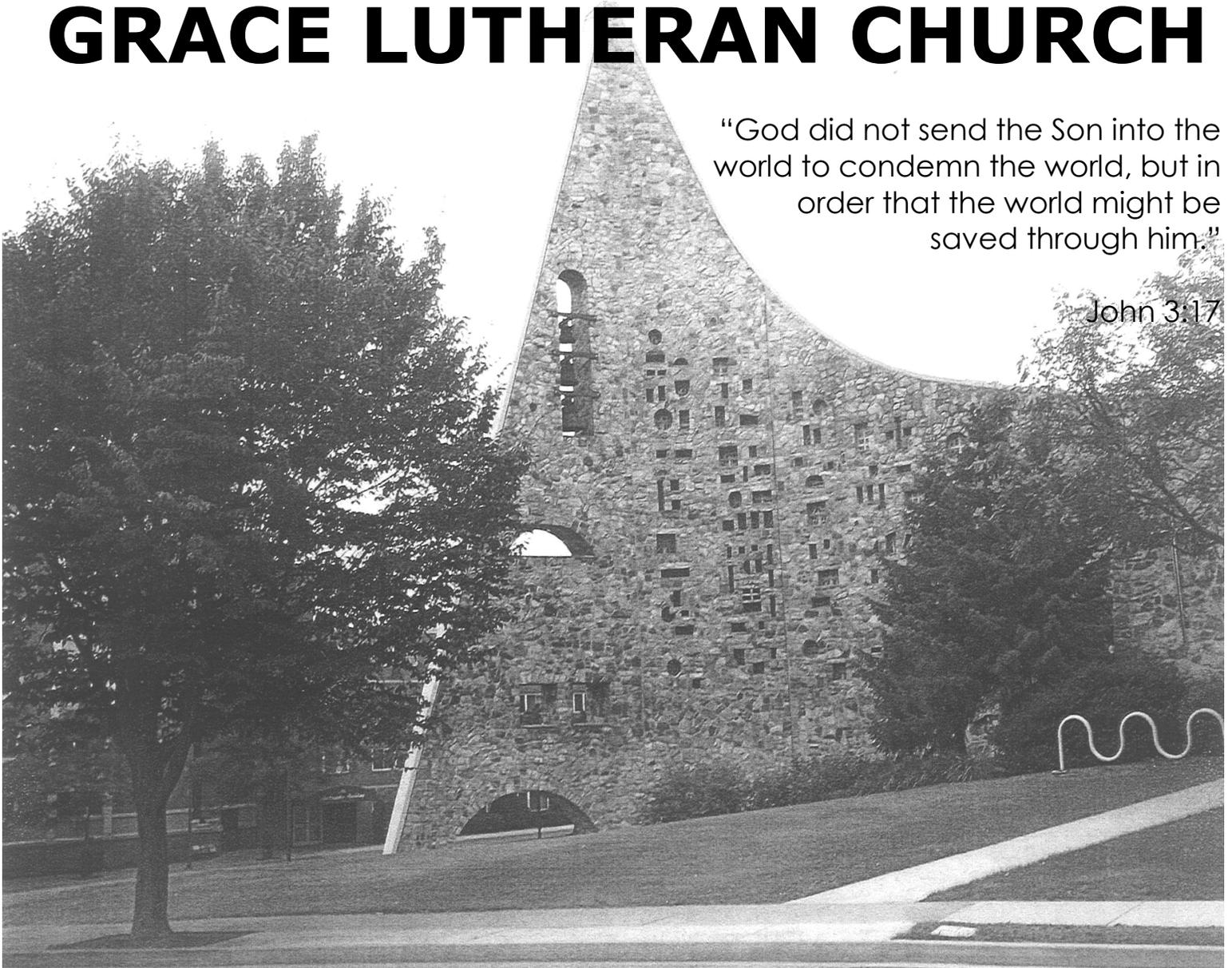


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:17



**SUNDAY, March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 448**

**#ELW 323**

**#ELW 324**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 325**

**#ELW 759**



**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...**During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...****The First Lesson:** God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. **The Second Lesson:** In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead. **The Gospel Lesson:** A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God..

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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'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.

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Lord, Take My hand and Lead Me*.....arr. J. Behnke  
*God Loved the World*.....arr. R. Hobby

## 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..

↓ *Kneel/Sit as you are able*

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.**

INTROIT *Restore in Us, O God*

Verse 2 (ELW # 328)

( 9:00) Joe Peters

(10:30) Natalie Ondrey

## GATHER

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

↑ GATHERING HYMN *This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now* .....ELW # 448

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

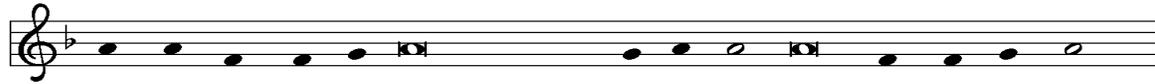
**C: And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-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: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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.....Courtney Morrison

*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.....Genesis 12:1-4a (pew Bible p. 8)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

PSALM 121 Please sing responsively from selected verses.



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P: I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

**C: My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

P: The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

**C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (pew Bible p. 916)

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW 160)

*First time cantor sings, second time congregation sings.*

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Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with various slurs and ties. An upward-pointing arrow is positioned to the left of the staff.

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 3:1-17 (pew Bible p. 863)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World*.....ELW # 323

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 commun-  
ion 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

(9:00) *Andante* from *Sonata in b minor*.....G. F. Handel  
Laurel Sanders, flute; Susan Buda, cello; June Miller, piano

(10:30) *Lift Thine Eyes*.....Felix Mendelssohn  
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

**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 now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

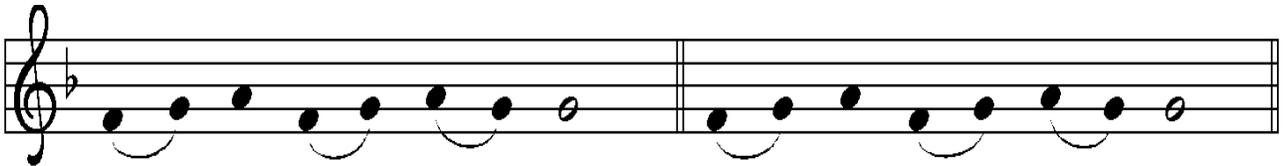
**P:** Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as your friends.

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.

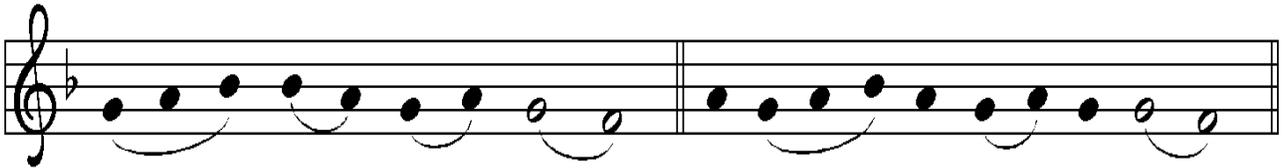
**C:** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 161)



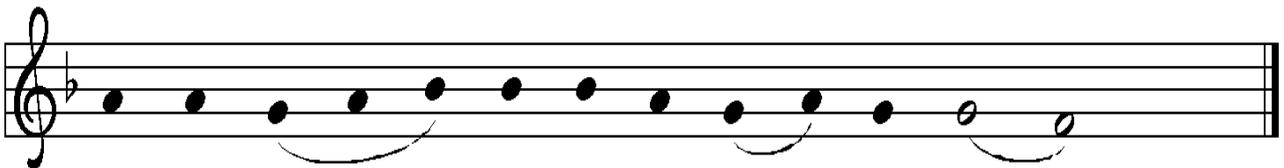
**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



**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. 162)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en 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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of this bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. 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 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. 164)

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. A - men.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

(9:00) *Restore in Us, O Lord* .....Verse 2 (ELW # 328)

Joe Peters

*Jesu, meine Freude* .....Crüger

*The Living God Be Praised*.....(traditional)

Laurel Sanders, Ella McDyre, & Jane Utzman, flutes

(10:30) *Restore in Us, O Lord*.....Verse 2 (ELW # 328)

Natalie Ondrey

ELW #325 -- *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW #759 -- *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

C: **Amen.**

(ELW p.135)



Now, Lord, you let your ser- vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus name we pray.

**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.

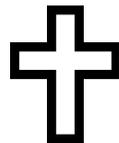
**C: Amen.**

HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*.....ELW #324

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *All Who Believe and Are Baptized (Orgelbüchlein)*.....J. S. Bach



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# Grace Lutheran

## Announcements for the Week of Sunday, March 8, 2020

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...** Welcome Center hosts and greeters are needed for all services. If you are willing to dedicate just a few minutes to help, please contact Sue Forster at 814-876-2029 or [fsue58521@gmail.com](mailto:fsue58521@gmail.com).

**LECTORS...** The April sign-up sheets are 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!

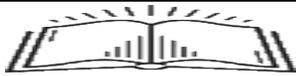
**SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANT...** Grace is looking to add additional people to our team of sound technicians. Running the sound board during worship is an important and interesting way to use your gifts to support Grace's ministries. No experience needed; training available. If Interested, contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....** to help with "coffee hour" at 10:00am in Harkins Hall. If you would like to learn more about this or to sign up please contact Joyce Arbutina at [joycearb@comcast.net](mailto:joycearb@comcast.net).

The March selection for **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *The House at Tyneford* by Natasha Solomons. This is the selection of Carla Rossi and she will be facilitating the discussions Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside

**THE BALCONY IS CLOSED...** as a security precaution, but if you need balcony access see an usher.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES...** If you did not pick up your offering envelopes please contact Sheri in the church office for assistance.



### THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL IS HERE

Please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your copy of this year's Lenten Devotional. This year the devotional is called "Let My Prayer Rise Before You." Thank you to everyone who wrote a devotional and Sally Horn for organizing the writings.

### ♪ Free Lenten Ecumenical Concert Wednesday, March 25 at 7 ♪

You are invited to a free Lenten concert at Grace called *Behold, How Good: Sounds of Unity* on Wednesday, March 25. The program includes music by Rachmaninoff, Gibbons, Byrd, Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*, a setting of Psalm 133, an original work by Laurel Sanders, and hand bell choir selections. Fellowship supper starts at 5:15; piano prelude (Tchaikovsky and Bach) is played by Russian-born pianist Victoria Petrosky at 6:40. The concert starts at 7 and lasts approximately one hour. For details, contact Laurel Sanders at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or call the church office at 814-238-2478.

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, March 8, 2020

|   | 8:00 A.M.      | 9:00 A.M.  | 10:30 A.M.  |
|---|----------------|--|---|
| <b>Lectors</b>                                | George Weigand | Angie Hardyk   | Ellen Campbell  |
| <b>Greeters</b>                               | Martha Musser  | Flo Musgrave   | Leslie Elder  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                               |                | Spencer Hardyk<br>Nicolas Kewitt                           | Renee Buda<br>Netta Horn  |
| <b>Deacons</b>                                | Nancy Reinert  | Mardi McDonough<br>Nick Downs                              | Michael Verderame<br>Brian Bills  |
| <b>Worship Assistant</b>                      | Carla Rossi    |  |   |
| <b>Cantor</b>                                 |                | Joe Peters   | Natalie Ondrey  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                 |                | John Palmgren<br>Anne Rohrbach<br>Don Coine<br>Greg Kewitt | Bill Ammerman<br>Lincoln Hockenberry<br>Bruce Hockenberry<br>Melissa Hockenberry<br>Michael Hetrick<br>Vikki Ammerman |
| <b>Coffee Hour Hosts<br/>10:00-10:30 a.m.</b> |                |  | Karen & Mark<br>Mrsa  |
| <b>Welcome Center<br/>Hosts</b>               |                | Sally Keiser-Bankert                                       | Sue Forster   |



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Jim & Liz Kisenwether  
Dedicated to the memory of Suzanne Cunningham

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored in by Jim & Ellen Campbell  
Dedicated to Daylight Savings Time

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM & 93.3 FM is sponsored by  
Laurel Sanders  
Dedicated to memory of Laurel's parents John & Wendy Buchar

## PRAYER CONCERNS for March 8, 2020

All Military & 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  
 Don Burris  
 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 & Sandy Larson  
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer  
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes

Steve Ellis  
 Craig Evanego  
 Vicki Garvin  
 Dick Houtz  
 Bob Igoe  
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
 Phil & Shirley Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster  
 Tom & Lois Martin  
 Mardi McDonough  
 Ed McGowan  
 Danielle McHenry  
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler  
 Amy Nevling  
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe  
 Matthew Praskovitch, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
 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 & Charlotte Spearly  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Marcile Tressler  
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
 Brenda & Ken Walsh  
 The Weimer Family, upon the death of Greg's father, Ross  
 Don Willman  
 Ash Woskob  
 Janet Zerbe

### Members in the hospital



### 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: Ruth Kistler**



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.*

Prayer concern- Campus Ministry students and Deacon Alicia Anderson are headed off on an alternative Spring Break Mission trip to rural Alabama.

**Bless the travels, prayers and labors of Deacon Alicia and the students traveling to Alabama. As much as they witness to your love, may they also see you in those they accompany. May those you gather together experience your transforming warmth and wisdom, compassion and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Adult Forum

Come and learn with all kinds of Grace people in a Christ-centered discussion format. We meet at 9am Sundays in the Fireside Room.

### March schedule

March 8 - Behind the Lectionary: Abraham, blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:1-4)

March 15 - Spring Break; no Adult Forum meeting

March 22 - Behind the Lectionary: Samuel finds David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

March 29 - If you signed up for the Jana Marie Foundation event, you will be in Fireside Room. Adult Forum will be meeting in the Stinson Library and our study will be Behind the Lectionary: The Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

## Sunday School from 9-10 am

### Classroom Assignments

-Ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten—Room 200

-Grades 1 & 2 —Room 103

-Grades 3, 4 & 5 —Room 105

-Middle School Youth will meet in the Miller Center Youth Room

-High School Youth will meet in the Narthex and then will walk to Starbucks for java, juice and Jesus discussions.



**Teachers are needed for every age group.** There are always two adults per classroom, one lead teacher and one helper. For more information please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org).

## OUT OF THE COLD CENTRE COUNTY FUNDRAISING DINNER March 16, 2020 Penn Stater

Out of the Cold will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraising dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Penn Stater. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Registration, cash bar, and silent auction are available starting at 5:30 PM. RSVPs must be in by Sunday evening March 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for the dinner. Following a program presentation, you will be asked for a donation to Out of the Cold. I will be hosting a table for this event. If you are interested in attending, you can call or email me with your meal choice of vegetarian ravioli or chicken. Call 260-367-1323 or email [pjsoule610@gmail.com](mailto:pjsoule610@gmail.com). You may also call or email with questions. There is additional information on the bulletin board.

# No Super Wednesday Meal on March 11, 2020

## It is Spring Break for State College Area School District

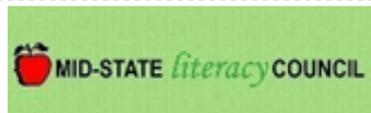
### Super Wednesday Schedule:

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Lectionary Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lessons,  
led by Pastor Hetrick, Fireside

12:15 pm—**Ash Wednesday Mid-day Service**, Sanctuary

6:30 pm—**Ash Wednesday Evening Service**, Sanctuary

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



### Book Drive for Mid-State Literacy Council

This year's book drive to benefit **children, teens, and adults** through Mid-State Literacy Council will run **NOW through Sunday, April 5th**. New and 'gently used' **fiction and nonfiction** books for all ages may be placed in the collection containers in the narthex and preschool entry. Thank you!

The coronavirus is on the minds of many as nations around the world struggle to contain its spread. Though there is much about the virus that we do not know, it is clear is that practices like handshaking and touching your face can spread germs of any kind, even the common cold. Shaking hands is a treasured cultural convention, especially at an affectionate place like Grace. But **no one** - repeat **NO ONE** - should feel compelled to do that if it raises health concerns for you. And if you think you have a bug, politely decline. Lastly, if someone declines to shake your hands, take no offense. Smile and thank God that the person is taking your good health into concern. We do not want worries about the coronavirus to keep you from worship or distract you from single-minded focus on Jesus. And so please take whatever precautions you deem prudent to keep yourself and others around you safe. Practice good hand washing techniques too. And keep medical professionals and all who are sick in your prayers. If you have questions or concerns, please convey them to Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick.

## **Spots are still available Sunday, March 22 QPR training, held at Grace Lutheran from 9-10:30 a.m.**

Register at <https://janamariefoundation.org/learn-with-us/take-a-course/qpr-registration/> or e-mail Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org).

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying “Yes” to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor. Learn how to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal, how to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide. The common causes of suicidal behavior, the warning signs of suicide, and how to get help for someone in crisis.

## **News From GLPK:**

### **GLPK 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction**

Our preschool and kindergarten will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> annual silent auction to provide tuition assistance for school families with a demonstrated need and also to fund items and opportunities that were not in our school budget. The auction will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Commons next to the Sanctuary. School classes will be donating themed baskets; and businesses and individuals will be donating gift cards, handmade items, services, etc. If you have something you would like to donate to our silent auction, stop in the school office; email us ([glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:glpk@glcpa.org)); or call Dawn or Cathy (814-238-8110) to get more information.

### **USHER AND DEACON APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Sally Keiser-Bankert and Carl Bankert will be hosting breakfast in Harkins Hall for our dedicated ushers and deacons. The menu will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, orange juice, coffee and tea. Ken Fogelman will serve as head chef, assisted by Nancy Fogelman and the Bankerts. We hope you can join us for a hearty breakfast and fun fellowship. If you're able to attend, please RSVP by March 21 to Sally at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net)



*This Week  
At Grace*

**Sunday, March 8  
Daylight Saving Time**

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School, various rooms
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Youth Choir rehearsal, Rm 203
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m..... Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.....QNA (Questions—Not Answers Group), Library

**Monday, March 9**

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

**Tuesday, March 10**

- 9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace—Comfort Makers, Library
- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 11:00 a.m.....Women of Grace Planning Meeting, Fireside
- 5:30 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting, Pastor Schul’s Office

**Wednesday, March 11  
Bulletin Announcements due 3p.m.**

- 10:00 a.m.....Spring Break Open Gym, Miller Center
- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
- 12:15 p.m.....Lenten Mid-Day Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m.....Lenten Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 12  
Grace Notes Deadline**

- 7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
- 10:00 a.m.....KNIT WITS, Library
- 7:00 p.m.....Helping Hands Meeting, Fireside

**Friday, March 6  
No scheduled church activities**

**Saturday, March 7**

- 9:00 a.m.....Garden Team Meeting, Fireside