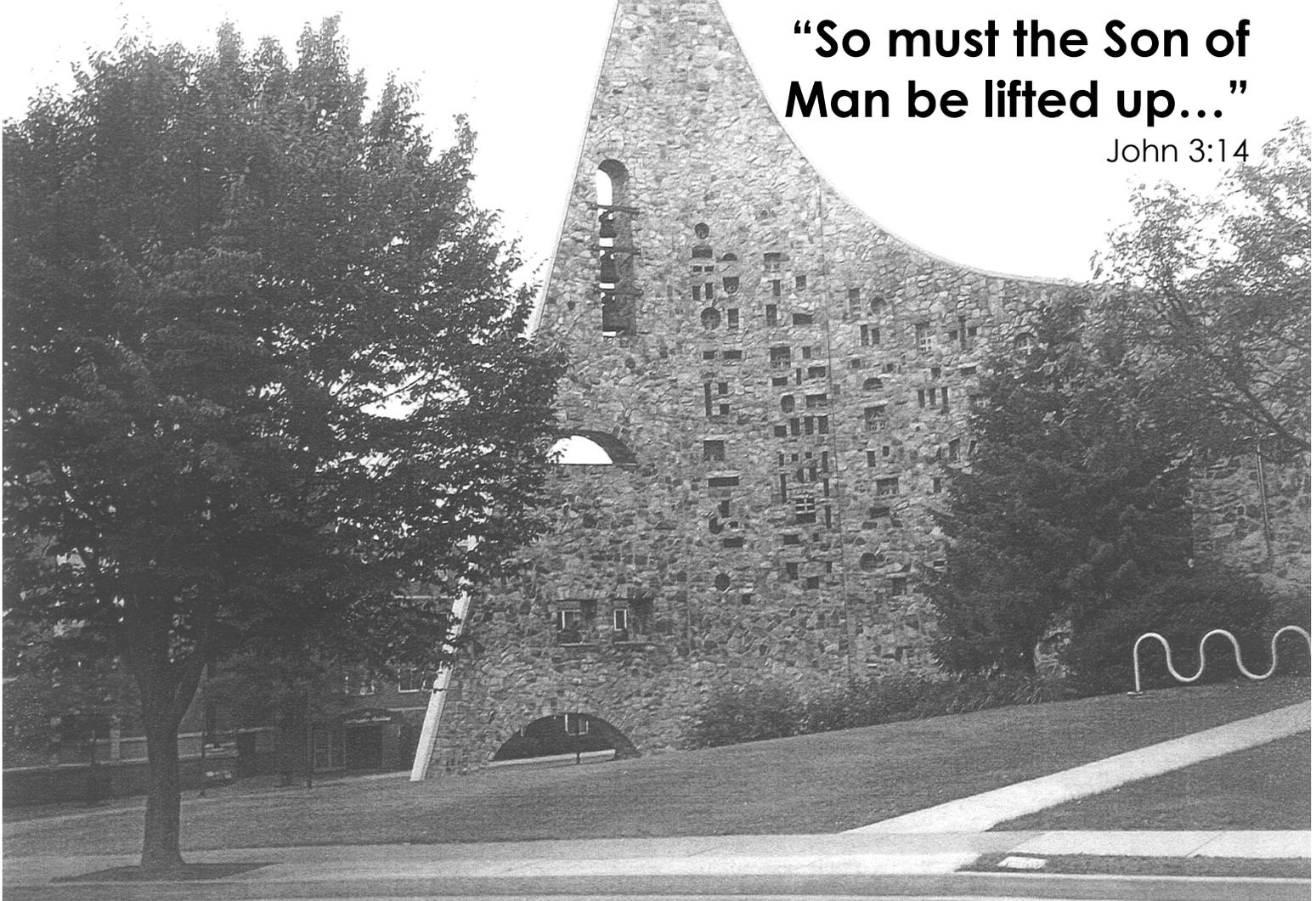


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

**“So must the Son of
Man be lifted up...”**

John 3:14



SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 836

#ELW 323

#ELW 660

Distribution

#ELW 631

#ELW 595

#ELW 708



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 fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...The First Lesson: Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole. **The Second Lesson:** While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives. **The Gospel Lesson:** To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

6:30 PM MID-WEEK WORSHIP—WHAT IS THAT ABOUT?

We are a younger congregation and are trying ideas to meet the needs of our changing church. 7:30 pm is too late for many of our young families that we'd like to see in worship. That's why the 6:30 pm time. The service will be one for all people. A regular sermon, Holy Communion and it will also include a children's message and some other interactive things (prayers, hymn) that make it more conducive for children to feel included. Thus far our services have been well received.

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Andante allegro*.....G.F. Handel
Anne Sullivan, harp

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 *Glory Be to Jesus*.....Michael Burkhardt
sung by Pastor Schul and Peter Horn, Terry Roof (9:00) and Rod Egan (10:30)
Laura Pauley, xylophone; Laurel Sanders, flute

GATHER

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

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.....ELW #836

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.

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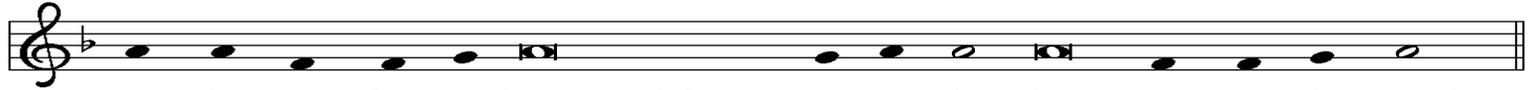
(ELW pgs. 156 & 157)



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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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.....Darcy Houseknecht
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) ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM *Den Tod, Versus II from Christ lag in Todesbanden*
BWV 4.....J.S. Bach

(Translation: No one could defeat death among all humanity, this was all because of our sins, no innocence was to be found. Therefore death came so soon and took power over us, held us captive in his kingdom. Amen.)

FIRST LESSON.....Numbers 21:4-9 (pew Bible p. 122)

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 107—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

C: **Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.**

L: Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.

C: **Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.**

SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 2:1-10 (pew Bible p. 949)

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN MERBECKE
Arr. HAROLD W. GILBERT

Unison

Christ hath hum - bled him - self, and be - come o -
be - dient un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 3:14-21 (pew Bible p. 864)

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

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not

be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

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

(10:30 A.M.) HOLY BAPTISM.....ELW p. 227

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:

L: 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 *Angelus*.....Henriette Renie
Anne Sullivan, harp

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

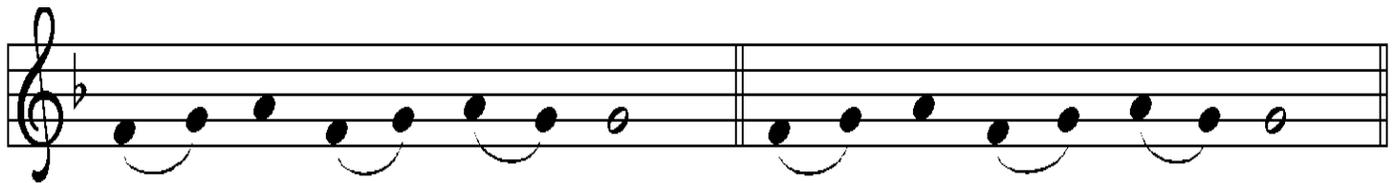
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a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

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

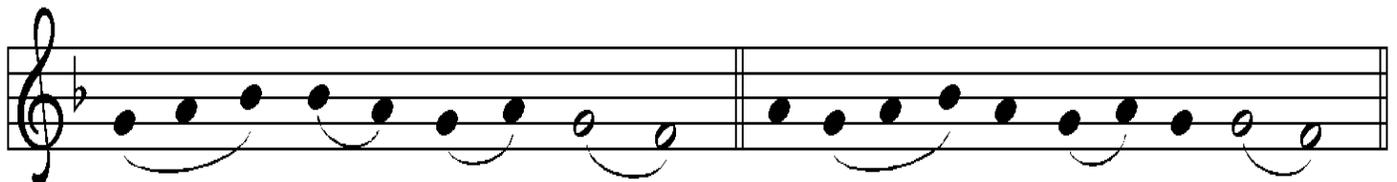
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 161)



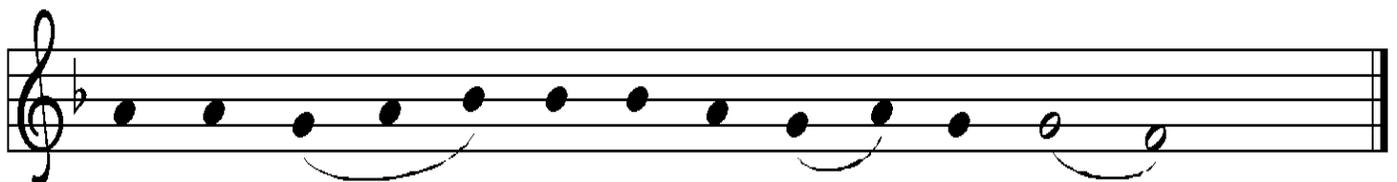
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



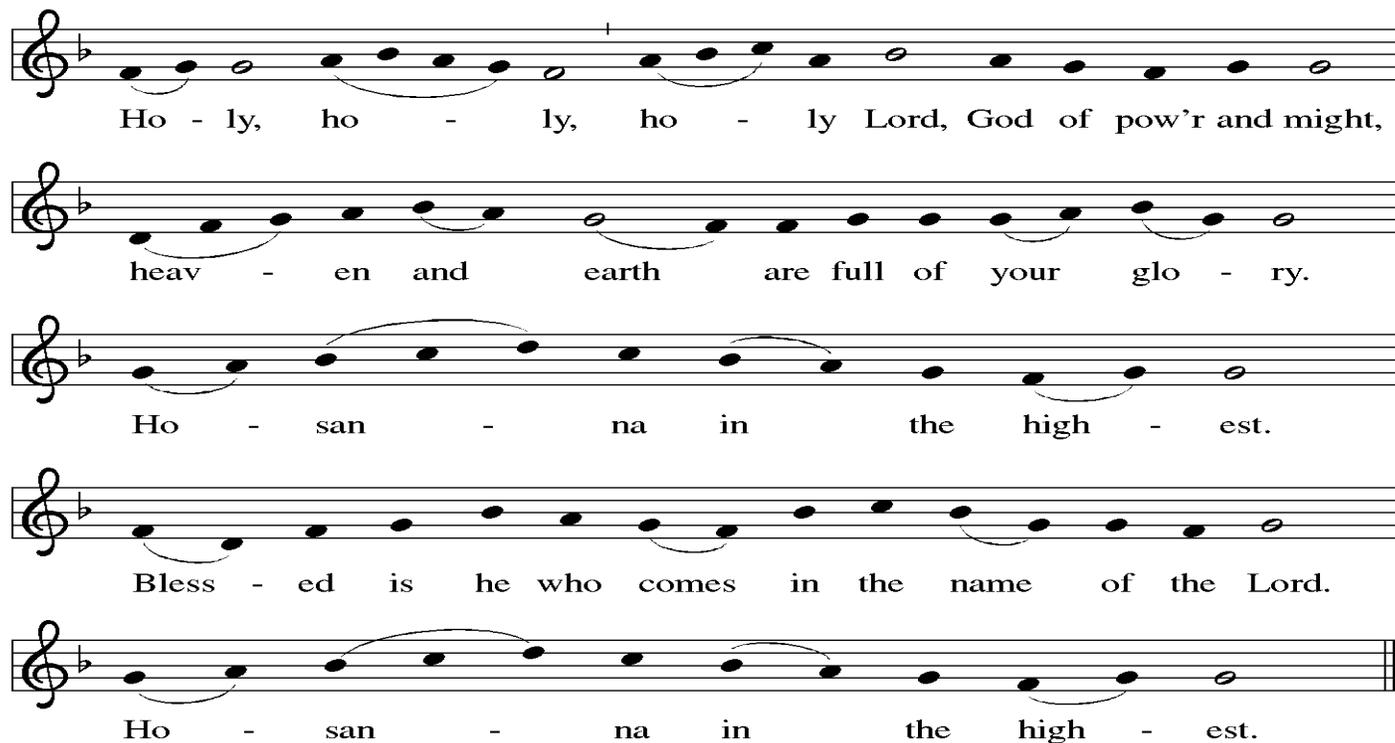
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.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 HYMNS:

ELW #631 -- *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

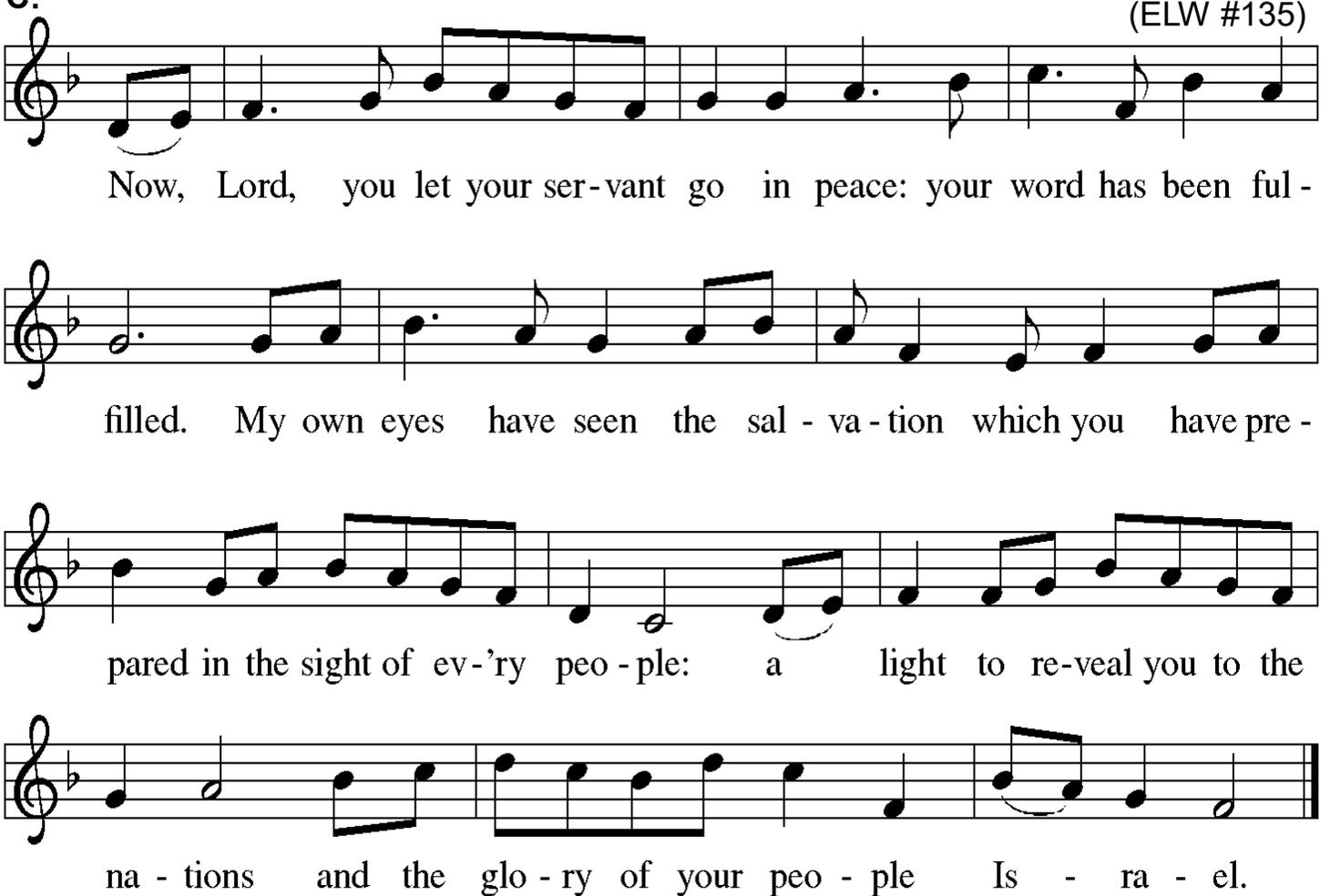
ELW #595 -- *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW #708 -- *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love*

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

C: **Amen.**

C: (ELW #135)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared 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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SEND

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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Lift High the Cross*.....ELW #660

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Worship Assistants for Sunday, March 11, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Jennifer Pencek	Anne Rohrbach	Ellen Campbell
Greeters	Paul & Kathryn Mackes	Chuck, Lori & Anna Coup	Jim, Ellen & Matthew Campbell, Leslie Wagner
Acolytes		Abby Fozard Carter Fozard	Jack Hockenberry Lincoln Hockenberry
Deacons	Cindy Nicosia	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs	Beth Shafranko Brian Bills
Worship Assistant	Leonard Ellenberger		
Cantor		Terry Roof	Anne Whitney
Ushers		Bonnie Burris Don Burris 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			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are given by Mary Kay Fuller in memory of William F. Fuller

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by the Elders
in memory of Helen & Charles Stewart and Mary & Donald Elder

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
by Louise Tarman in memory of Jim Tarman

2018 Lenten/Easter Special Events and Services

Wednesday, March 14—A Bible study on Sunday's lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 18 - Lent 5

Wednesday, March 21—A Bible study on Sunday's lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 25 - **Palm Sunday**, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 AM services

6:00 PM Contemporary Worship

Wednesday, March 28 - **Holy Wednesday Program**, *Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from The Apostles' Creed*, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29, **Maundy Thursday Worship**, 7:30 PM

Friday, March 30, **Community Good Friday**, 12-3:00 PM, University Baptist & Brethren Church, 411 S. Burrowes Street, State College, PA

Pastor Lynn's time is 2:05—2:30

Friday, March 30, **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**, 7:30 PM

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Sunday, April 1 - **Easter Sunday**

6:30 AM—Sunrise Service

7:30 AM—Easter Breakfast, Harkins Hall

8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 AM—Worship Services

6:00 PM—Contemporary Worship

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12:15 p.m. Wednesday Lunchtime Lenten Worship (until 12:45 p.m.)

with weekly celebration of Holy Communion. This short service should fit into a working lunch hour as well as allow the opportunity to attend weekday worship without nighttime travel.

6:30 p.m. Lent Mid-Week Wednesday Evening Worship

This mid-week service is designed for worshipers of all ages, and we have tailored it to be very accessible to young families and children. Come and make the Wednesday worship services part of your Lenten discipline.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES: Sermon series on Lenten Hymns

March 14—Hymn 338—*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

March 21—Hymn 325—*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*



*This Week
At Grace*

Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings time starts

- 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 and baptism, Sanctuary
- 1:45 p.m.....Sorida soloist rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m.....Ecumenical Rehearsal #3 for March 28th, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 4:15 p.m.....Palm Sunday rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside

Monday, March 12

- 9:15 a.m.....55+er's Steering Committee, Library
- 10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace-Comfort Makers, Library
- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.....Church Council, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m.....Men's book club, Library

Wednesday, March 14

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 12:15 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m.....Chapel at the Village at Penn State
- 4:00 p.m.....Stephen Ministry, Library
- 5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Room 204
- 5:00 p.m.....Sing 'n Ring Choir, Choir Room
- 5:10 p.m.....Rehearsal—Sing 'n Ring, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Dinner, Harkins Hall
- 6:30 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
- 9:00 a.m.....Bulletin Announcement Due, Church Office
- 12 noon.....GLPK Curriculum Meeting, Fireside
- 6:30 p.m.....Emergency preparedness CERT training, Fireside
- 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, Miller Center

Friday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Bible Study, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Cross-Generational Lenten Coloring & Meal event, Harkins Hall

Saturday, March 17

No regular church calendar events