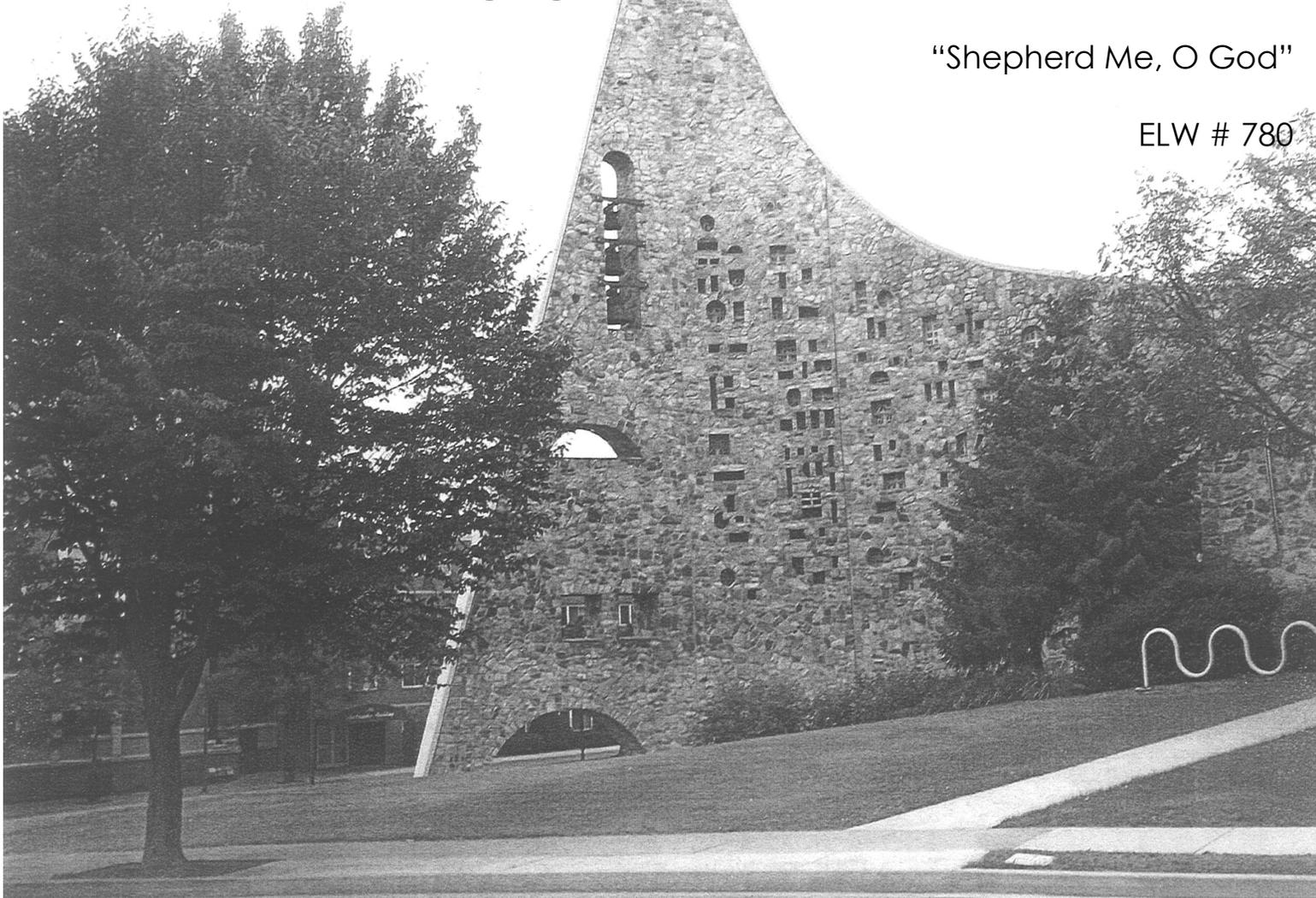


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"Shepherd Me, O God"

ELW # 780



**SUNDAY, May 3, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**10:30 a.m. radio worship service**  
**WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM**

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**Grace's website and Facebook page as well.**



**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...** Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough. **The Second Lesson:** Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

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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 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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Kneel/Sit*

P: Most merciful God,

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

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

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHER**

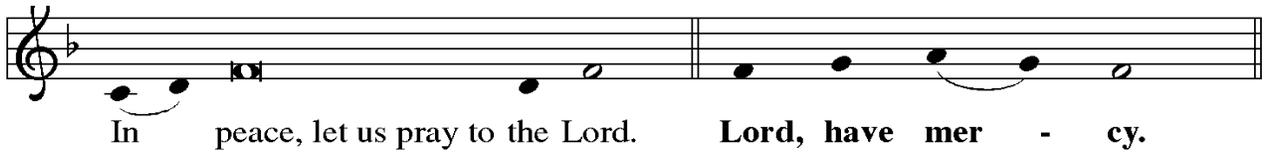
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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

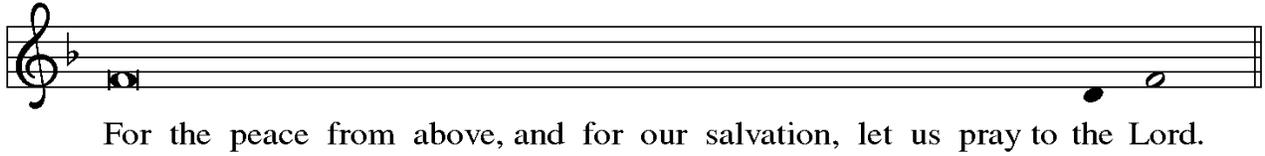
**C: And also with you.**

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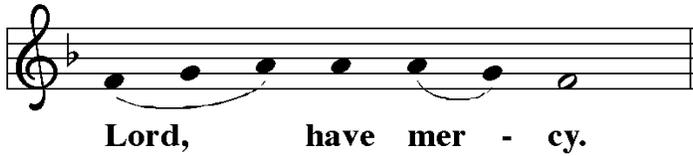
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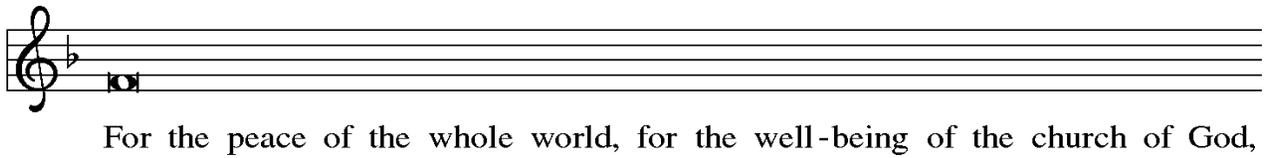
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



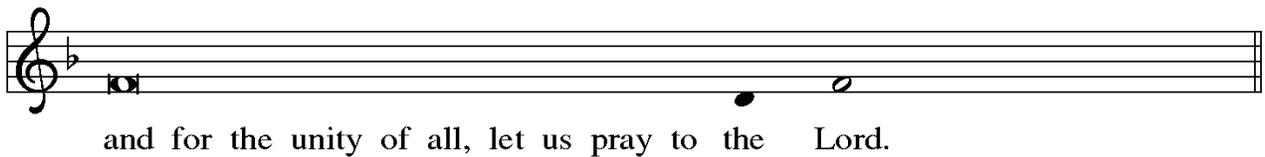
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



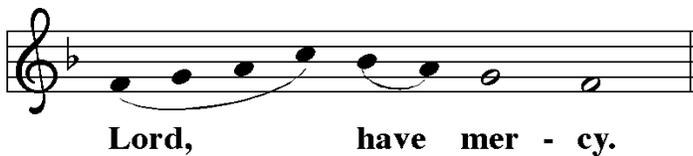
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



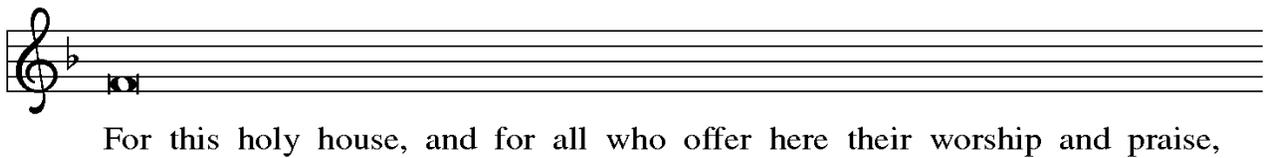
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



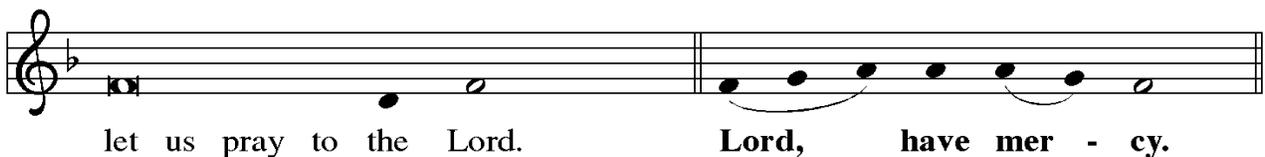
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



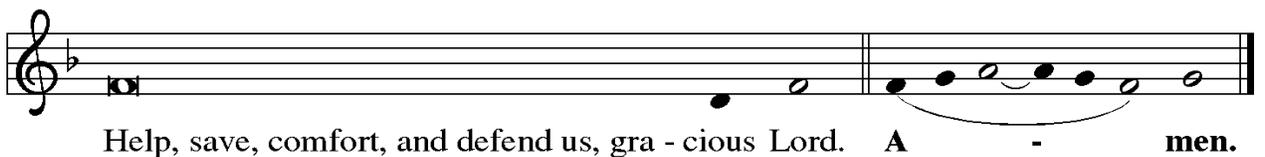
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend 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

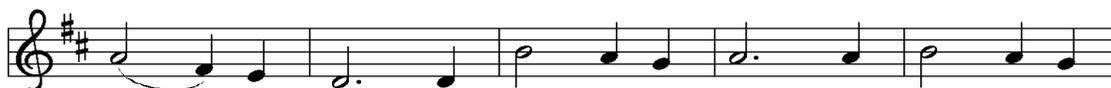


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



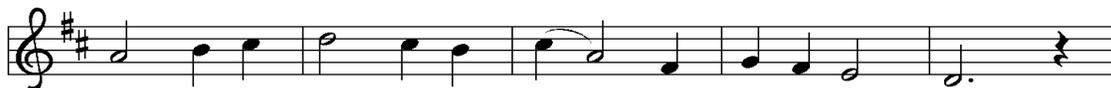
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FEED**

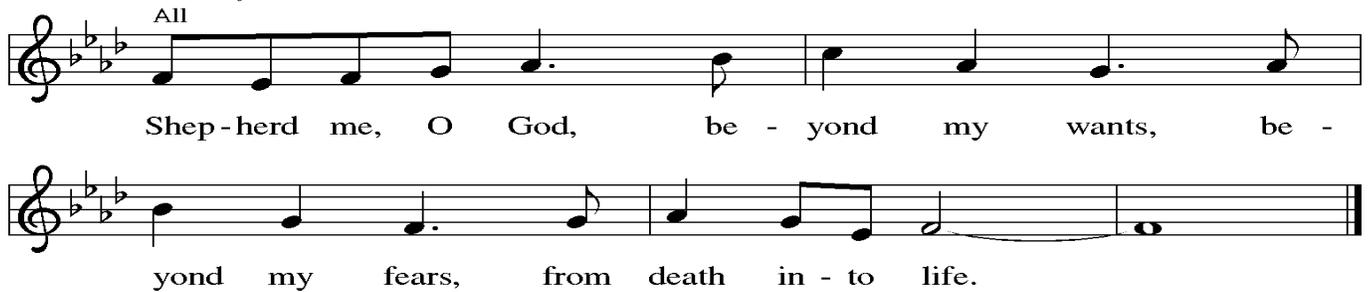
*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

FIRST LESSON.....Acts 2:42-47 (pew Bible p. 886)

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23 *Shepherd Me, O God*.....ELW # 780



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P: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

**C: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

P: Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

**C: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

P: Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

**C: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

P: You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

**C: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

P: Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

**C: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SECOND LESSON..... 1 Peter 2:19-25 (pew Bible p. 984)

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 10:1-10 (pew Bible p. 872)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.....*ELW # 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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:** Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P: 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.**

**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.**



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## PRAYER CONCERNS for May 3, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
 Elmer Barta  
 Deb Baysinger's cousin  
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
 Debbie Bolthouse  
 Barbara Braun  
 Jon Brockopp and family upon the death of Jon's mother Marilyn  
 Phil Bucher  
 Melanie Buffington  
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart  
 Denise Centini  
 Nancy Chapa  
 Melissa Chapman and family upon the death of her grandfather, Elmer Barta  
 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  
 Patti Fisher  
 Vicki Garvin  
 Joseph Halterman, son-in-law of Pastor & Michael Hetrick  
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will  
 Shawn Hintosh  
 Dick Houtz  
 Bob Igoe  
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
 Phil & Shirley Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster  
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
 Tom & Lois Martin  
 Mardi McDonough  
 Ed McGowan  
 Danielle McHenry  
 Kim Marsh  
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler  
 Amy Nevling  
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe

Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener  
 Matthew Praskovitch, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
 Nancy Reinert  
 Dottie Roberts  
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
 Ken Shultz  
 Nan Sichler Moerschbacher, friend of Margy Strong Deysher  
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Emily & Charlotte Spearyl  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
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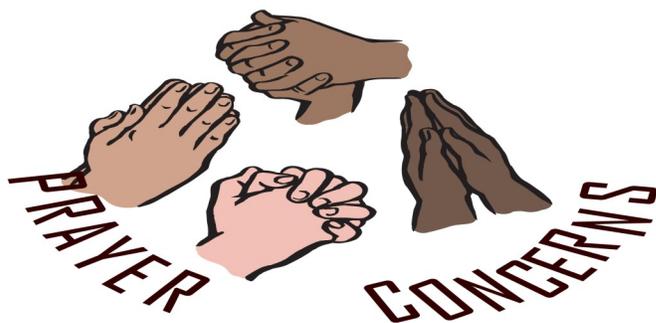


Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

*This week, pray for shepherds in our lives, like parents, teachers, and pastors. Ask God to help you be a shepherd to someone too.*

## Remote worship options amid COVID-19 concerns:

- Sunday worship continues to be broadcast live on WRSC AM 1390 and FM 93.3. For those of you who prefer video, we will prerecord and upload a video version as well and make it available on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege](http://www.facebook.com/GLCStateCollege) .
- Note that all streamed services can be located on Grace's website ([www.glcpc.org](http://www.glcpc.org)) by clicking the "Sermons" button on the MAIN web page below the list of service times. Click on the date you want to review; streamed services are found under "Worship / Bulletins" and currently the bulletins can be found under "Notes."
- Mid week Bible Study with Pastor Hetrick will be offered each Wednesday through May 13, 2020, and is entitled "Our Living Hope Lessons from 1 Peter." Web based print study outline/pre-recorded ZOOM will be available by 11:00 am each week. ZOOM in at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings - EMAIL [pastorhetrick@glcpc.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpc.org) by 6:00 pm on Wednesday to be given the access information for dial-in or video-in.



Send us your  
prayer  
concerns

As we explore new ways to worship as a community even if we cannot meet in person, we will be interested in including your prayer requests. And so please contact Sheri (Office Manager, [srider@glcpc.org](mailto:srider@glcpc.org)), Pastor Schul, or Pastor Hetrick.

## YES! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Let's continue to make our monthly donation to the **State College Food Bank**. Times are tough, more people need help from the food bank, and if you're able, will you help Grace make its monthly donation to the food bank? We're only giving monetary donations now. ANY AMOUNT is good! Please don't think your \$2 donation doesn't matter because it's the sum of our donations that create our generosity.

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