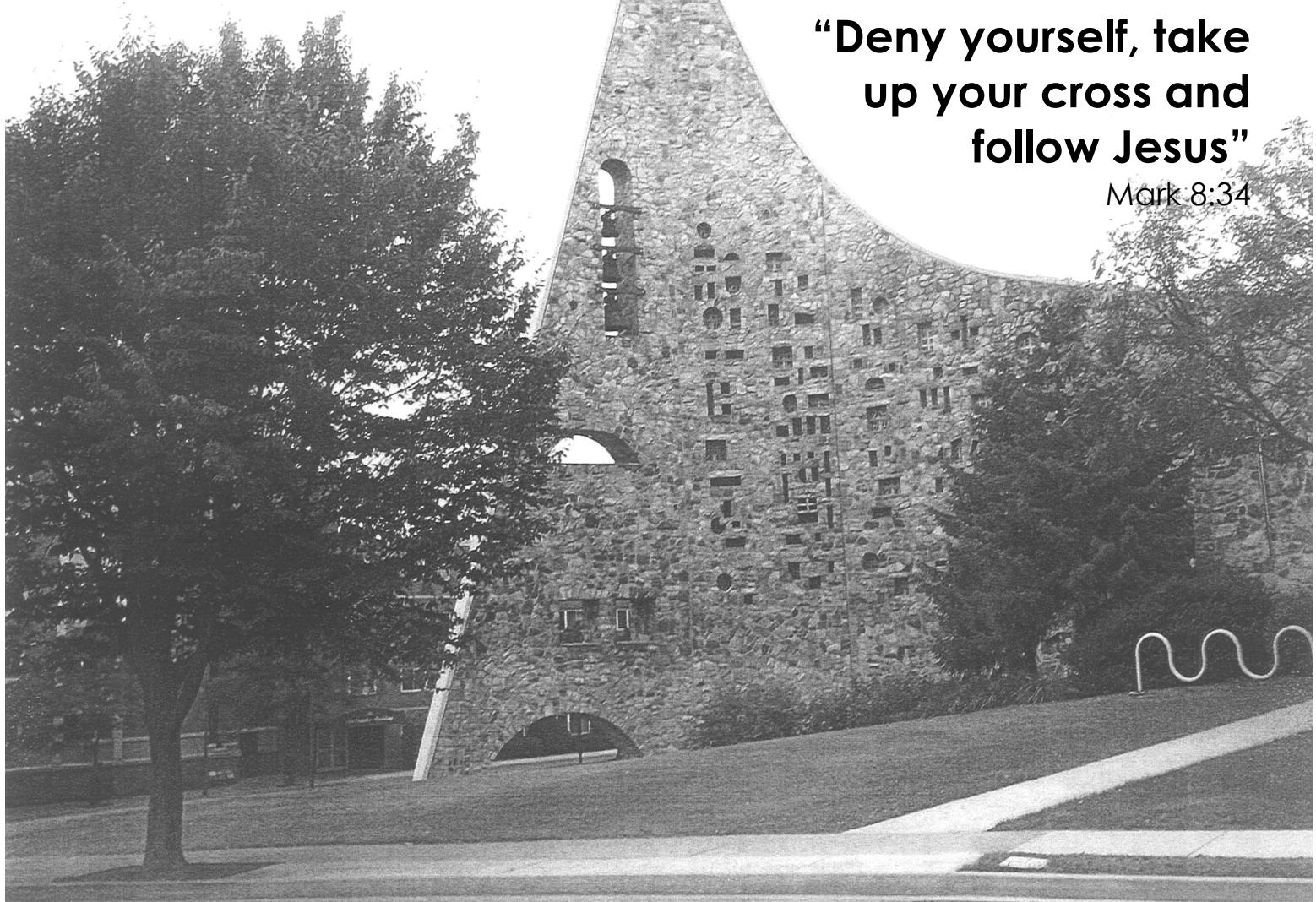


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

**"Deny yourself, take
up your cross and
follow Jesus"**

Mark 8:34



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Today's Hymns

#ELW 324
#ELW 667
#ELW 542

Distribution

#ELW 802
#ELW 803
#ELW 685



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 second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...**The First Lesson:** As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise. **The Second Lesson** Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish. **The Gospel Lesson:** After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

Join the 'Grace Group' for dinner at



Tuesday, March 6th

Home D will donate 10% of all food sales between 5-9 pm to
Interfaith Human Services.

Our group will sit at one long table again this year BUT the server will take orders from each family unit as they arrive and the food will come out for each family as it's ready.

Come at 5:00 or 6:15. Janet Lybarger will help you get seated.

Sign up on the Social Ministry & Outreach bulletin board, call her at 814-308-8629,
or email her at jlpayne19@comcast.net.

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.

This is a trial. We are seeing if this works and is helpful for our changing congregation. Come and see. Give it a try. If it doesn't work, we'll try something else.

↑= Please stand as you
are able

↓=Please be seated



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 *Prelude in g minor BWV 861.....*.....J. S. Bach

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 *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us.....*ELW 704, stanzas 1-2;

Jim Strathdee, arr. Laurel Sanders

Sarah Rodgers, soprano; Joan Kovalchik and Laurel Sanders, flutes;

Anna Carol Buffington, handbells

GATHER

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

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

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 pgs. 156 & 157)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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 mercy.

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

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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.....Amy Evanego
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

FIRST LESSON..... Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (pew Bible p. 11)

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

PSALM 22—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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- L: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- C: **From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.**
- L: The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- C: **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.**
- L: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore
the LORD.
- C: **They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"**

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 4:13-25 (pew Bible p. 916)

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.”

¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN MERBECKE
Arr. HAROLD W. GILBERT

Unison

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

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 8:31-38 (pew Bible p. 812)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter.

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my

words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Lynn
↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*.....ELW #667

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 *Largo and Rondo from Three Duets, Opus 80.....* Kuhlau
Joan Kovalchik and Laurel Sanders, flutes

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

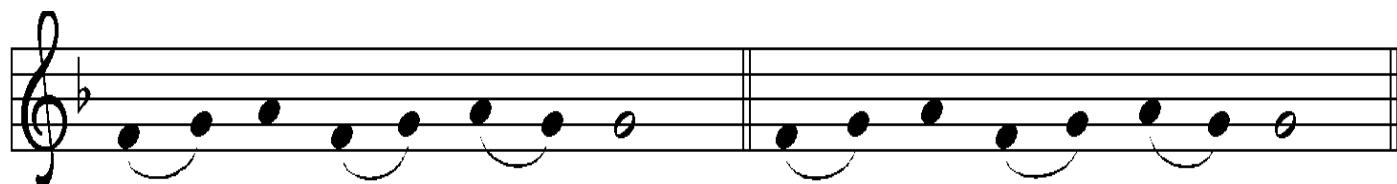
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing,
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with
the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the
prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a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

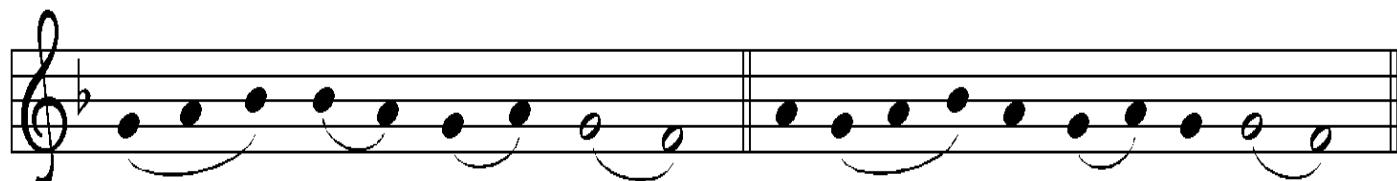
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

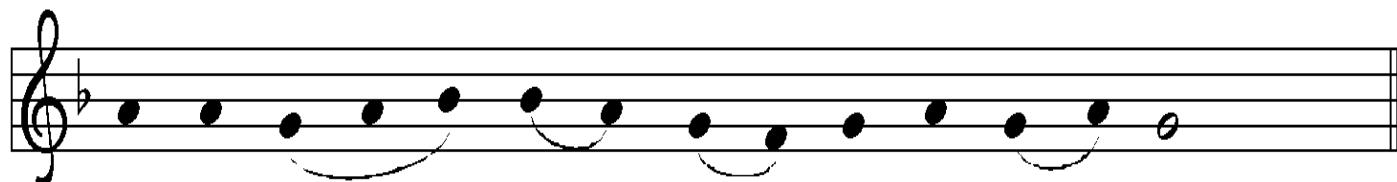
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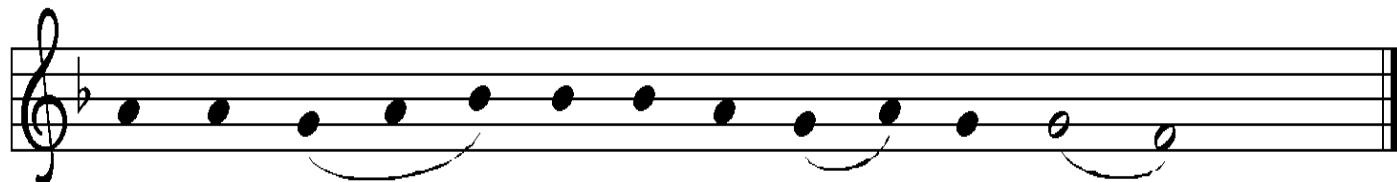
P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.



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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #802 -- *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

ELW #803 -- *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW #685 -- *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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 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: 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 *O Living Bread from Heaven*.....ELW #542

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in g minor BWV 861*.....J. S. Bach



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Worship Assistants for Sunday, February 25, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	June Walter	Anne Rohrbach	Brian Christian
Greeters	Carla Rossi	Tena & Brad Ishler	Don & Gina Leon Lois Lynn
Acolytes		Nicholas Kewitt Annika Bechtel	Sophia Bills Mirabella Bills
Deacons	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert & Sally Keiser Bankert	Paul & Leslie Wagner
Worship Assistant	Leonard Ellenberger		
Cantor		Graham Sanders	Graham Sanders
Ushers		Dan Bright Del Bright Erin Kauffman Shawn Kauffman Ken Tamminga Nancy Tamminga	Peter Forster Kurt Gibble Ted Oyler Trey Oyler
Radio Ministry; Sound			Wayne Pauley
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Grant & Tammy Davis
Welcoming Center Hosts		Anne Rohrbach	Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are given by Joan & John Kovalchik
in memory of their son, John Glenn

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Peter & Sue Forster
in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored
by Mary Lou Swan in memory of Mindy Swan

2018 Lenten/Easter Special Events and Services

Wednesday, February 28—A Bible study on Sunday's lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 4 - Lent 3

Wednesday, March 7—A Bible study on Sunday's lessons, 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 11 - Lent 4

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

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 evening service is designed so that all Sunday worshipers will find similarities, but there will also be some differences as well. We have tailored this service to be more accessible than ever before to young families and children. Come and make these Wednesday worship opportunities part of your Lenten journey.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES: Sermon series on Lenten Hymns

February 28—Hymn 349—*Ah, Holy Jesus*

March 7—Hymn 340—*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

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, February 25

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, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
12 noon.....Confirmation Intensive Session, Miller Center
2:00 p.m.....Climate Change Forum, Fireside
2:00 p.m.....Ecumenical Rehearsal #2 for March 28th, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside

Monday, February 26

9:15 a.m.....GLPK Silent Auction Meeting, Fireside
11:00 a.m.....Congregational Care, Fireside
12 noon.....GLPK—Enrichment play, Harkins Hall

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 a.m.....Women of Grace-Comfort Makers, Library
9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
12 noon.....GLPK—Enrichment play, Harkins Hall
7:00 p.m.....Women of Grace-Daughters of Eve, Fireside

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 a.m.....GLPK International Week, Flight Home, Harkins Hall
11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
12:15 p.m.....Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Room 204
5:00 p.m.....Sing 'n Ring Choir, Choir Room
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 1

7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
9:00 a.m.....Bulletin Announcement Due, Church Office
6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, Miller Center

Friday, March 2 GLPK—No School

No regular church calendar events

Saturday, March 3

No regular church calendar events