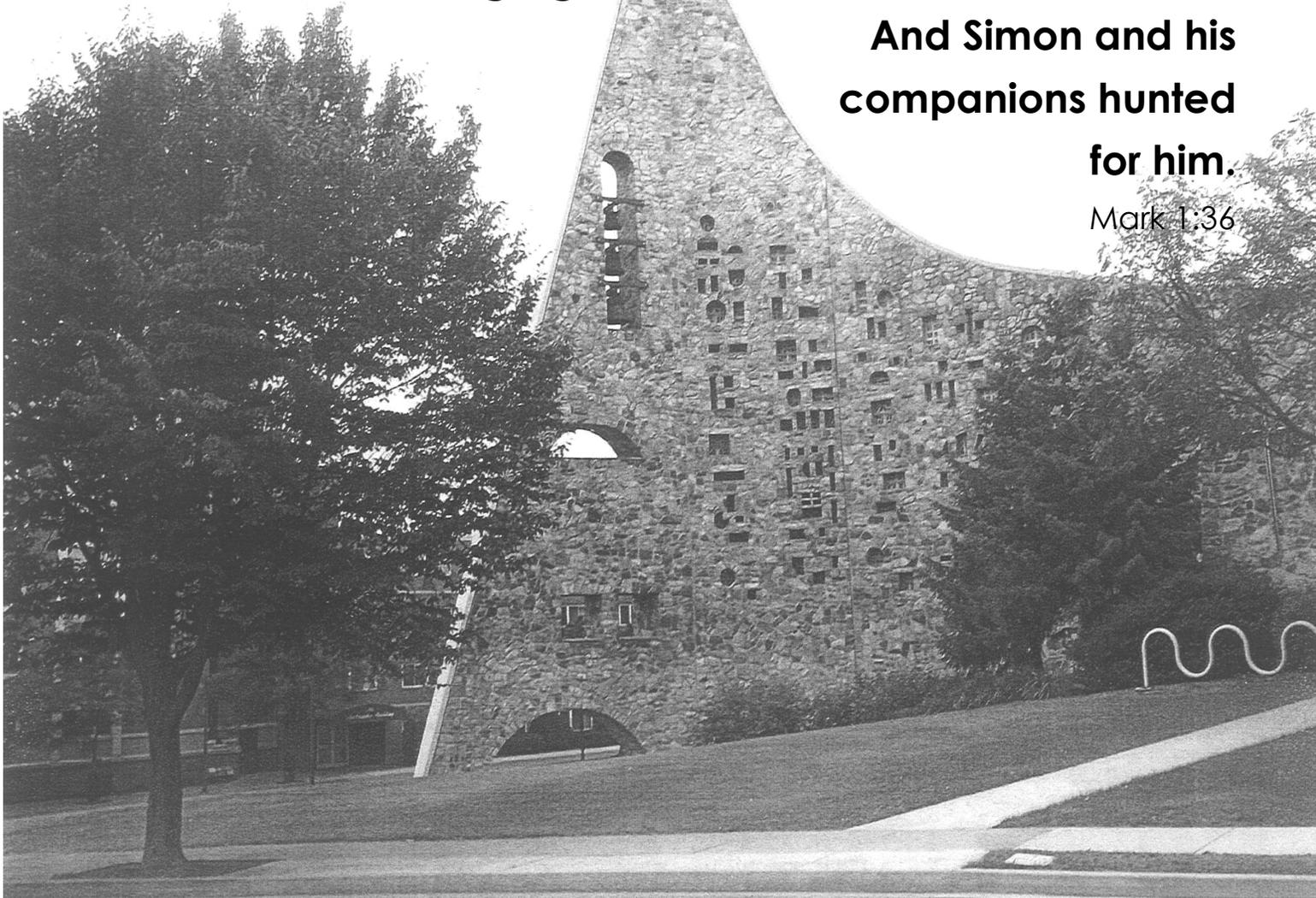


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

And Simon and his  
companions hunted  
for him.

Mark 1:36



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018**  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

**Today's Hymns**

**#ELW 842**

**#ELW 843**

**#ELW 647**

**Distribution**

**#ELW 787**

**#ELW 728**

**#ELW 812**



**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...**In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...The First Lesson:** The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary. **The Second Lesson:** God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others. **The Gospel Lesson:** Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.



**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

Have you found a faith home at Grace? Is Jesus drawing you into a deeper relationship as part of the Grace family? If so, we encourage you to consider becoming a member. We will be receiving new members at our 10:30 service on **February 11**. The process for joining is simple: just contact Pastor Schul to set up an appointment to share more about your faith journey and to learn about all that Grace has to offer. Contact the church office at **238-2478** or email [pastorschul@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorschul@glcpa.org).



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

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Adagio* Op. 65 No. 1.....Mendelssohn

## 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.*

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Oh, Worship the King*.....ELW #842

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 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. 140)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FEED**

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

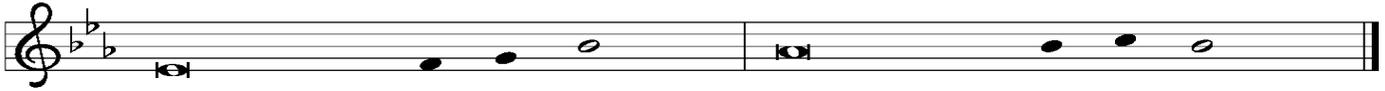
↓ (10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Jonna Belanger  
*We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.*

(10:30) ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*  
(Antiphon from Five Mystical Songs) Ralph Vaughn Williams

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 40:21-31 (pew Bible p. 582)

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM 147—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

**C: The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

L: Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

**C: The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

L: Sing to the LORD| with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God.

**C: God finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>| Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON..... 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (pew Bible p. 931)

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

<sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law)

so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *O Christ the Healer, We Have Come.* (ELW #610, vv. 1-2)  
Laurel Sanders, soprano; Anna Carol Buffington and Sarah Rodgers, hand bells;  
Deb Lux, percussion

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 1:29-39 (pew Bible p. 812)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring

towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.”<sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ SERMON.....Vicar Ariel

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*.....ELW #843

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 *When I Think Upon Thy Goodness*.....F. J. Haydn  
Rebecca Clayton, soloist

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

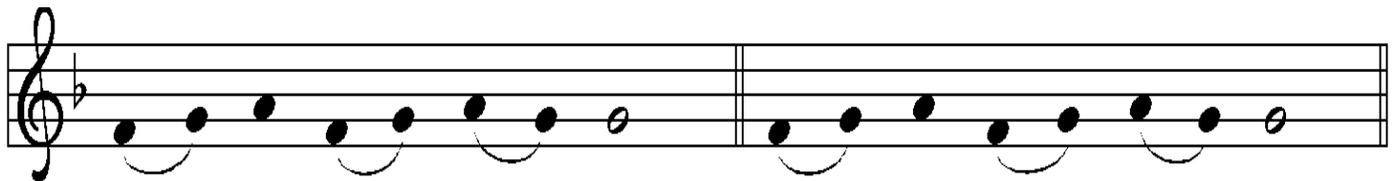
**C:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us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

**P:** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 144)



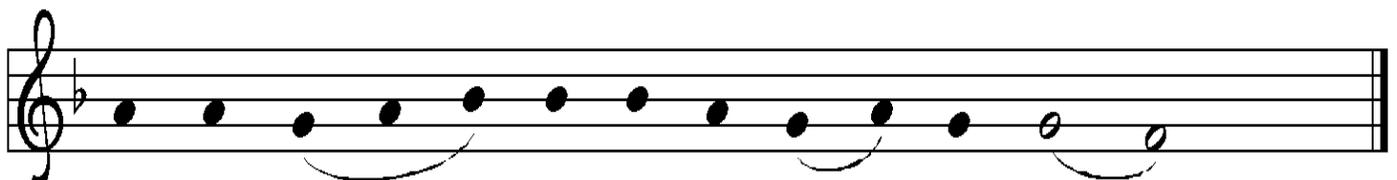
**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



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



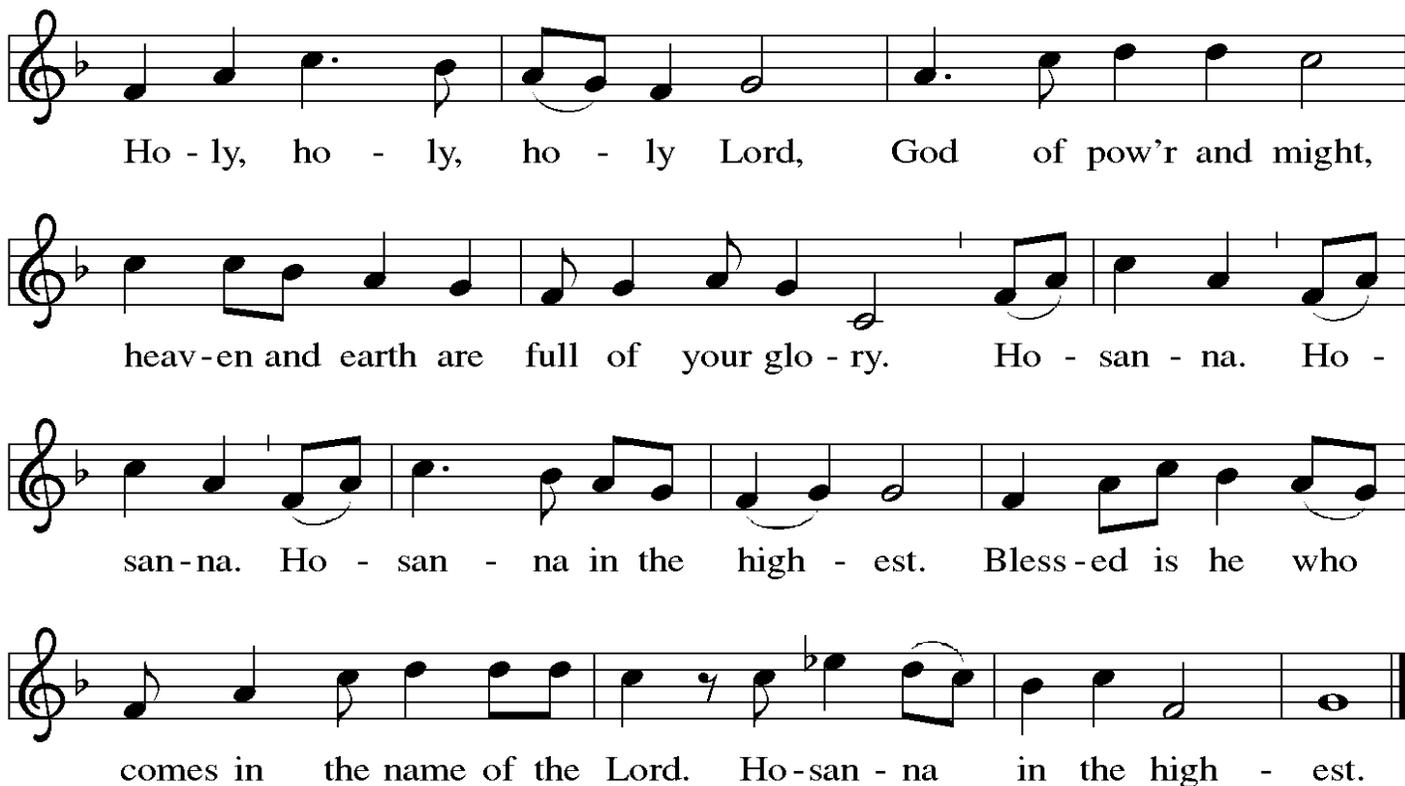
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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. 144)



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. Ho -  
san-na. 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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. 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.146)

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.

### COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #787 -- *On Eagle's Wings*

ELW #728 -- *Blest Are They*

ELW #812 -- *Faith of Our Fathers*

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

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

C:

(ELW #204)

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our 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 *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*.....ELW #647

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Allegro vivace assai* Op. 65 No. 1.....Mendelssohn



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## Announcements for February 4, 2018

**A FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL...**who have joined us today to worship and praise our Lord & Savior. May this time of worship bless us to be a blessing to others. If you are a guest this morning, please complete the beige slip in the pew pocket where you are seated and place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

**FREE FAMILY MINISTRY RESOURCE...**Are you making use of Grace's "Taking Faith Home" family ministry resource? On one double-sided piece of paper you'll find an entire week's worth of

scripture, prayer, and faith activities designed to help your family grown in faith. The resource is updated weekly and is linked to the Sunday lectionary readings. Pick up your FREE copy at the Welcome Center!

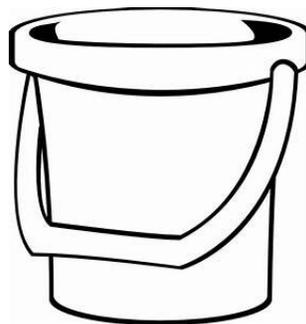
The February selection for the **GARDEN OF READ-IN'** (women's book club) is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman. This is the selection of Michelle Peiffer and she will be facilitating the discussions Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm in Fireside.

The **BELLS OF GRACE** is seeking two substitute ringers for the spring semester. Bell choir rehearsals are each Sunday at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary, following the end of the 10:30 AM service. If interested, please contact Anna Carol Buffington at [acbuffington@yahoo.com](mailto:acbuffington@yahoo.com) or (814) 531-4242. Come join us as we ring praises to our Lord.

**WANTED: CHORISTERS FOR ECUMENICAL CHOIR...**Choristers are wanted for our seventh annual Centre Region Ecumenical Choir (Laurel Sanders, director) for a March 28, 7 pm concert held at Grace.

This is a concert of music based on the Apostles' Creed. Entitled **Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from the Creed**, the concert features 12 pieces of music and poetry inspired by the 12 articles of the Apostles' Creed, presented by choir, youth choir, bells, and string ensemble. Includes choral music by Vivaldi, Schubert, Sweelinck, Vaughan Williams, and a Zimbabwean call and response. Rehearsals on Sundays from 2-4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church beginning Feb. 18; make-ups offered. Modest music reading skills are helpful. Contact Laurel Sanders at (814) 238-2478 or [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) for details.

### February 11<sup>th</sup> is Bucket Collection Day for CentrePeace



CentrePeace's sole mission as a registered, non-profit organization is to reduce recidivism in our local, state and federal correctional facilities by providing care, support and educational services to those in need. Virtually all of the funding required to provide these services is generated through the sale of donated furniture and household goods at our facility in Bellefonte, PA. CentrePeace receives no government funding and, as a non-profit, all net proceeds are invested back into programming/training (life skills, vocational, financial management, etc.).

# Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019 begins Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!

205 S. Garner St. \* 814-238-8110 — [www.glcpapreschool.org](http://www.glcpapreschool.org) \* [glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:glpk@glcpa.org)

- Priority and Open registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, 2/5/18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All registration forms will be marked with the date they are received.
- Priority registrations will be reviewed beginning February 5, 2018.
- Open registrations will be reviewed beginning February 12, 2018.
- Confirmations of enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will be mailed on March 21, 2018.

In case of a State College Area School District (SCASD)-issued delay or closure, we will hold registration on the next normal school day starting at 8:30 a.m. Check

## Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from the Creed

*A Lenten concert featuring a Centre Region Ecumenical Choir, The Bells of Grace, Crossfire Youth Choir, poetry readings, and more, inspired by*



### The Apostles' + Creed +



*supported by piano, organ, string ensemble and percussion*

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

**5:15 – 6:15** Community fellowship meal

**6:30 – 6:50** Pre-concert music provided by string ensemble

**7:00 – 8:15** Concert

*Featuring music by Vaughan Williams, Sweelinck, Vivaldi, Powell, Schubert, Marshall, McChesney, Raney, and Liebergen*

*freewill collection helps defray event costs*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GRACE OPEN BASKETBALL in the Miller Center

Come join the fun **Thursday evenings**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information contact Bob Hampton (880-3627).

Plan to come out and play every week or whenever you can get there!

## Worship Assistants for Sunday, February 4, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<b>Lectors</b>	June Walter	Angie Hardyk	Brian Christian
<b>Greeters</b>	June Krumrine	Louise Tarman Gerry Slear Proctor Family	Leslie Wagner Sue Forster
<b>Acolytes</b>		Ethan Hardyk Spencer Hardyk	Jack Hockenberry Lincoln Hockenberry
<b>Deacons</b>	Don Widener	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Elena Blazina Brenda Palmgren
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	George Weigand		
<b>Cantor</b>		Laurel Sanders	Laurel Sanders
<b>Ushers</b>		Dennis McClure John Palmgren Dave Huebner Shar Huebner Andy Vanden Heuvel Anne Rohrbach Aaron Rohrbach	Don Burris Bonnie Burris Ted Oyler Trey Oyler Linlee Oyler Ellen Campbell Matt Campbell
<b>Radio Ministry; Sound</b>			Lester Griel, III
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.</b>			Brenda Palmgren Julia Nelson
<b>Welcoming Center Hosts</b>		Linda Domin	Sharon Rivell



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Dave & Nadine Wolfe in memory of loved ones

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Mary Kay Fuller  
in memory of Ruth E. Fuller

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored  
by Mark Eckley in memory of Lou Ann & Matt

## PRAYER CONCERNS for February 4, 2018

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries Sam Alexander Don Allenbaugh, friend of the Vollmers Dave Asencio Sara Cocolin Cathy Antes, friend of Deana Coine Pastor Alison's mother, Christie Paul & Lois Confer & family, friends of Phil Vollmer Emma Deppen, granddaughter of Winnie & Marion Deppen Pastor Dowhower Rich Gamble, Holly Stoltzfus' father Vicki Garvin Megan Grunthamer, Kathy Cathcart's daughter-in-law	Sherry Harrington Skylar Hill Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman Lenore Horner Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis' Phil Keeney Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassidy Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar Nick Lingenfelter Paul Lloyd Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson Al Musgrave Amy Neving Maryann Newcomb Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan & Morgan Wagner	Margaret Schrock, Kathy Weimer's mother Scott—Sally & Carl's friend Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin Kay Smith Victoria Smith William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite Carol Spangler Marlowe Stiger Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother Lynn Waite, Michael Waite's mother Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's father Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family  <b>Members in the hospital</b> Dick Houtz
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**The Lenten Season...** Will be upon us in a week and a half. With that in mind here are some important dates to mark on your calendar.

- Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, Feb. 18 - Lent 1
- Sunday, Feb. 25 - Lent 2
- Sunday, March 4 - Lent 3
- Sunday, March 11 - Lent 4
- Sunday, March 18 - Lent 5
- Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday
- Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday



Mid-week Lenten services will be held at 12:15 PM & 6:30 PM (following the Super Wednesday meal) Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14 & 21

**\*\*\*Wednesday, March 28 – “Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from The Apostles’ Creed”—5:15pm—dinner; 6:30 pre-concert music provided by string ensemble; 7:00--concert**



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us.

*Each Sunday, there will be a "Grace Prayer Request" in Sunday's bulletin. 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.*

*Please pray that God uses our Lenten devotions on Psalm passages to comfort, strengthen, challenge and draw us a little closer to God.*



## 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. And we should since prayer is how we talk with God. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. A way of making those prayers and our intention to prayer more tangible, we are beginning a prayer letter ministry. Each week, one or two names will be selected from our prayer list to receive a letter acknowledging our prayers and signed by Grace members. Each week the letter, with ample room for signatures, will be placed in the gathering area outside the upstairs restrooms-what we are now calling - "The Commons." All who are willing to commit to pray for its recipient are invited to sign the letter. It is our hope that these letters and the prayers promised by the signatures of our members will serve as powerful encouragement and source of healing and wellness to those in need of prayer.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to Philip Keeney.

## **Super Wednesday, February 7, 2018**



Spaghetti with homemade  
meatballs, tossed salad,  
toasted garlic bread  
& dessert

### ***SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE***

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastor Schul, a four-week study on the letters of 1 John, 2 John and 3 John

5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203

5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5)

Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can choose either choir

5:30-6:30 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall

6:30-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastor Schul, a four-week study on the letters of 1 John, 2 John and 3 John

6:30-7:15 pm—**The Re:Formers** (5th-8th grades), HH Stage

6:30-7:15 pm—**Kid's Club**, Miller Center

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

## ***SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER***

Join your fellow Grace members for a time of “Food, Fellowship and Fun” at our Shrove Tuesday Supper on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m. in Harkins Hall**. You are invited to gather for a meal of some of your favorite soups and breads. This is simple fare—but then the merry-making begins. Each person (family) attending is asked to bring their favorite dessert to share with their fellow Grace members.

Following the meal, we will share favorite jokes and stories (appropriate for church and children!). The idea is to have some laughter and fun before our Lenten journey begins. The church will provide soup and bread. Come and join the food, fun, and fellowship.

Questions: Sally Keiser-Bankert ([sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net))



**Sunday, February 4**

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m.....Crossfire Stage Rehearsal #1, Room 203
- 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 5**

- 8:30 a.m.....GLPK Priority Registration, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel

**Tuesday, February 6**

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....GLPK Chapel
- 1:00 p.m.....Women of Grace—Naomi Circle, Library
- 6:00 p.m.....Executive Committee, Pastor Lynn’s Office
- 7:00 p.m.....Women of Grace Board Meeting, Fireside

**Wednesday, February 7**

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 4:00 p.m.....Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting, Library
- 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
- 6:15 p.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 6:15 p.m.....Kids’ Club, Miller Center
- 6:15 p.m.....Re:Formers (5th-8th graders), Harkins Hall stage
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.....Ministry Coordinators meeting, Library

**Thursday, February 8**

- 7:00 a.m.....Women’s Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
- 10:00 a.m.....KNIT WITS, Library
- 12 noon.....GLPK Curriculum meeting, Fireside
- 12 noon.....Men’s lunch Bible Study, IHOP, S. Atherton Street
- 5:30 p.m.....Finance Committee meeting, Fireside
- 6:30 p.m.....GLC open basketball, Miller Center

**Friday, February 9**

No regular church calendar events

**Saturday, February 10**

No regular church calendar events