

“Keepers Never Taste Death”
John 8:42-59

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

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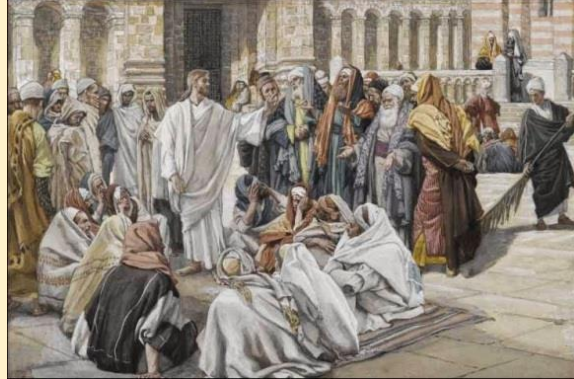
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Our Mission:

To reach out faithfully and nourish all of God’s people with His living and active Word, Baptism, and Lord’s Supper so that our Vision can be fulfilled.

Our Vision:

To live in the grace, mercy, peace, and forgiveness of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, as members of His family, here in time and there in eternity.

We Promise:

To witness faithfully and **GROW** God’s family by reaching out to all people who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus and welcome, embrace and nurture them.

To nourish God’s family with **DIVINE WORSHIP** – God’s Word, Sacraments, beautiful music and faithful law and Gospel preaching.

To provide opportunity that invites everyone across a Lifespan to **PARTICIPATE** as members of God’s family.

To be a family in **PRAYER** for and with each other.

To grow continually in the grace and love of God through faithful and thorough study of **SCRIPTURE** and **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** at every age.

To provide **HUMAN CARE** for God’s family at Grace, including our friends and neighbors, with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs wherever we find them.

To equip and encourage every member of God’s family to discover and utilize their **PERSONAL GIFTS** of time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and the good of their neighbor.

Welcome to the Family of God

Concerning the Lord's Supper...

Worthy reception of the Lord's Supper: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words; "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe. (Luther's Small Catechism)

We encourage your individual preparation for the Lord's Supper. Luther's "Christian Questions and Answers" (pp. 329-330 in the hymnal) are wonderful aids in preparation. You may also wish to meditate on the sacramental hymns (617-643). The Lord's blood can be received by common cup or individual cup. Gluten-free wafers are available, please tell the Pastor if you would like one; and non-alcoholic wine is available at the center of the tray. **Please ask an usher** for assistance if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests: The Prayer Circles of Grace want to pray for those who have requests or praise or thanksgiving! Please e-mail Patty Polster at GracePR.patty@gmail.com. Prayer requests are held in confidence.

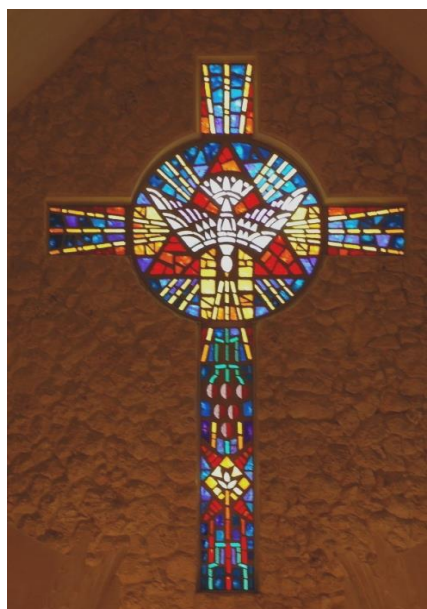
Education Hour Today: Adults, please join us for Bible Class, at 9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School rooms off of the Courtyard.

German Language Worship Service

On the third Sunday of every month at 3:00pm there is a German Language Lutheran Service led by Pastor Michael DeLong followed by a time of fellowship.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT GRACE TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
ELDERS	Patrick Perri Jerry Scholz Thomas Hecht	Chris Mogelvang Phil Wehmeyer Larry Polster
USHERS		Greg Davenport
LECTORS		Len Walter
GREETERS	Carol Tamulis	Beverly Fritz
ACOLYTES	Corban Mogelvang	
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Lingsch	



For Families with children:

There is a cry room available off the narthex and rocking chairs in the back of the Sanctuary for parents with infants and young children.

There are fun activity bags for children to use during the service, available at the welcome center.

Hearing Devices

are available from one of the ushers to enhance the sounds of the service.

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Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation

563 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a



Vindicate me, | O God,*
 and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me,*
 let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Vindicate me, | O God,*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

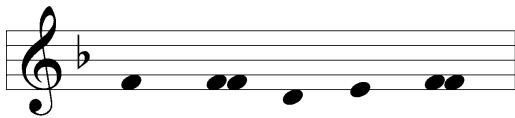


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–14

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is

the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 43



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man
de- | liver me!

**For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you re- | jected me?***

**Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the | enemy?**

Send out your light and your truth;
let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your | dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O | God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation | and my God.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem (10:30a.m.)

“Cross of Jesus Cross of Sorrow”

-Simpson/Stainer

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message & Rite of Friendship

While the children are coming forward, please take the black folder located in the hymnal rack in front of you, record your name, check the appropriate column and pass it to the person next to you until it reaches the end of your pew. As it is passed back, take note of the names of those worshipping with you so that you might greet them. Please return the folder to the hymnal rack.

Hymn of the Day

430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 WOMEN 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

MEN 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Anthem (8:00a.m.)

"Cross of Jesus Cross of Sorrow"

-Simpson/Stainer

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Prayer Concerns Beverly, Bill, Daniel, David, Flora, Gilbert, Ken, Linda, Louis, Mallie, Norma, Robert, Ruth, Sandy, Sharon, Thora Jean, Trevor.

Missionary of the Month: Deac. Pamela Boehle-Kenya

Service of the Sacrament

Lord's Supper Statement of Faith

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion. We also believe that, as we receive Christ in this meal with penitent and believing hearts, we receive all the treasured blessings that He earned for us. If you share this confession, then come; taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



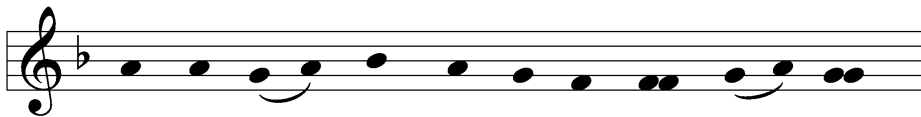
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

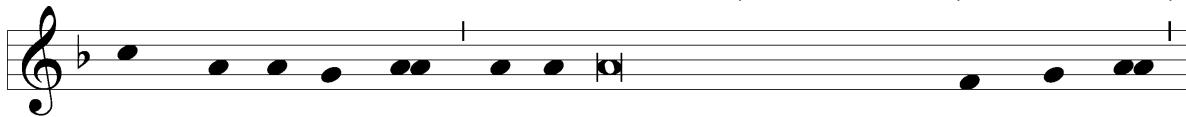
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



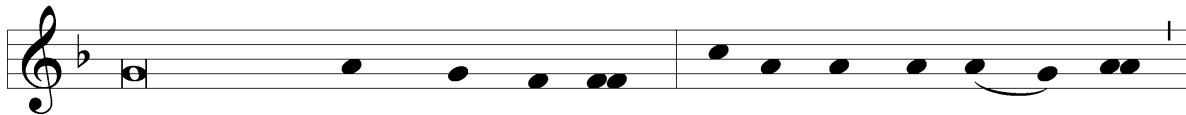
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



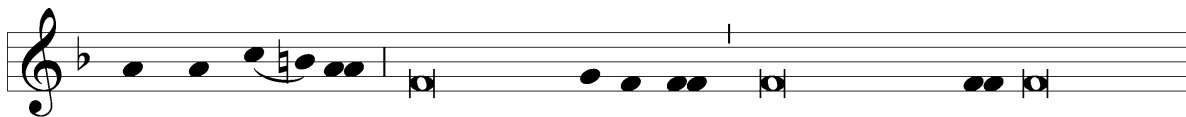
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



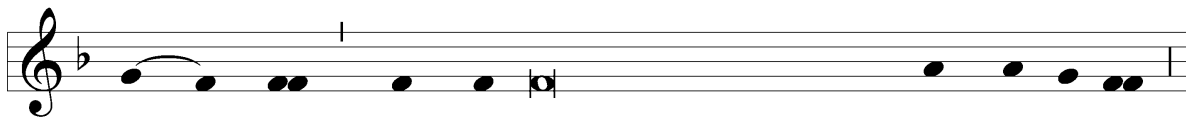
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



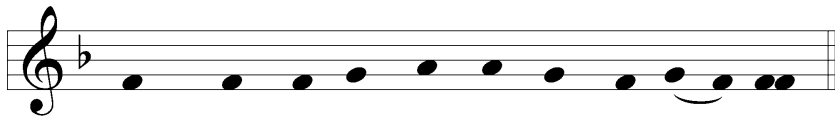
My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



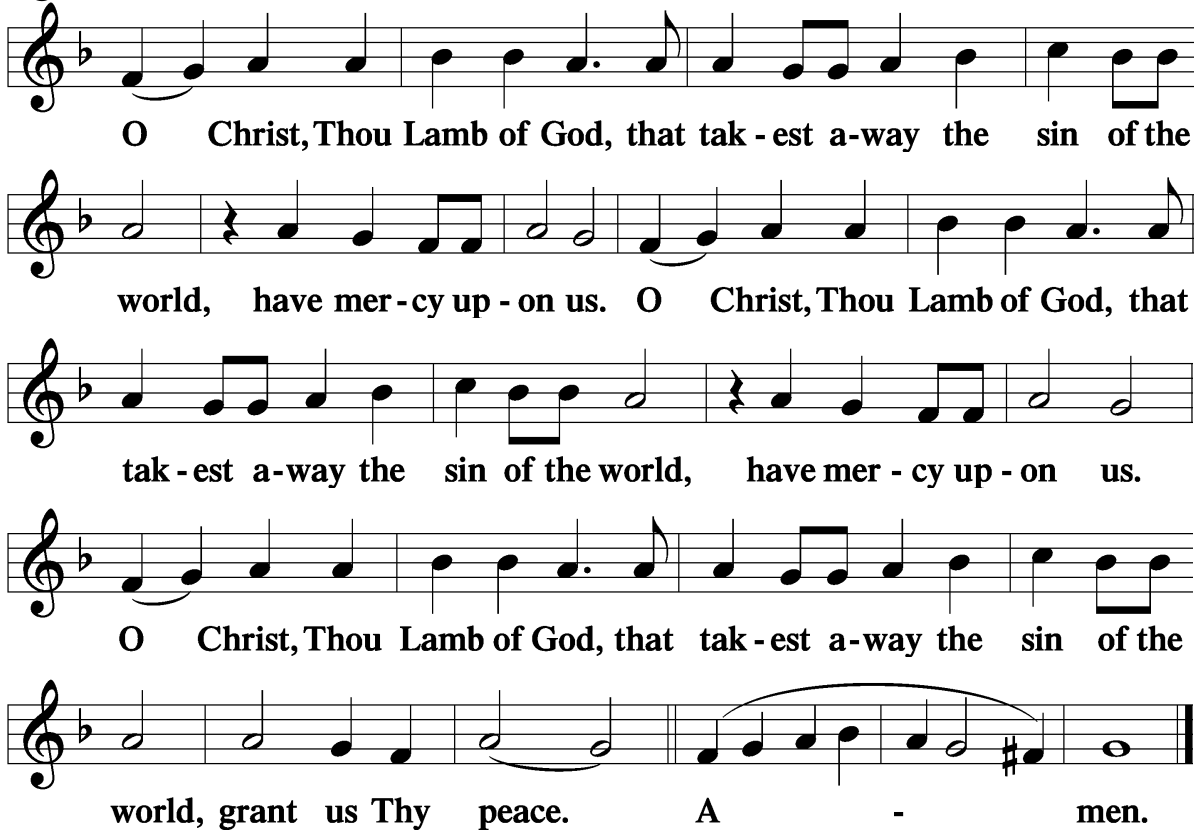
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

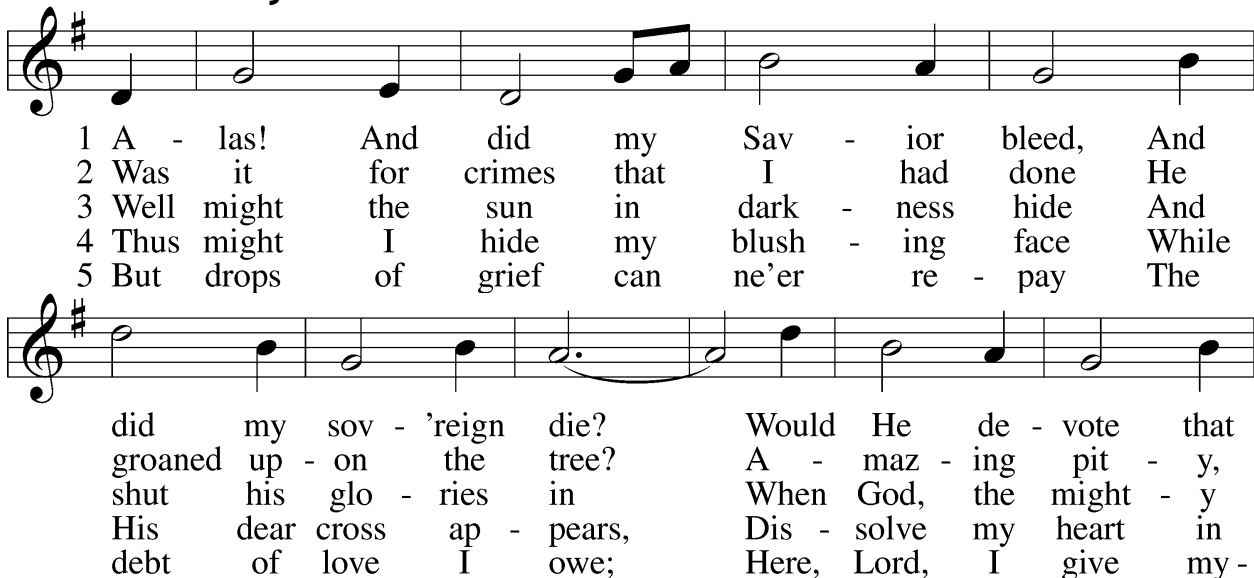
Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

Distribution Hymn

547 The Lamb

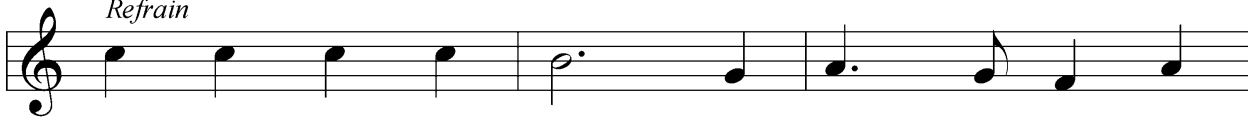


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

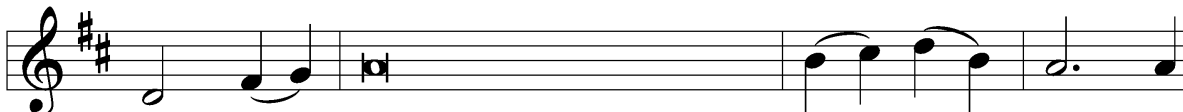
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

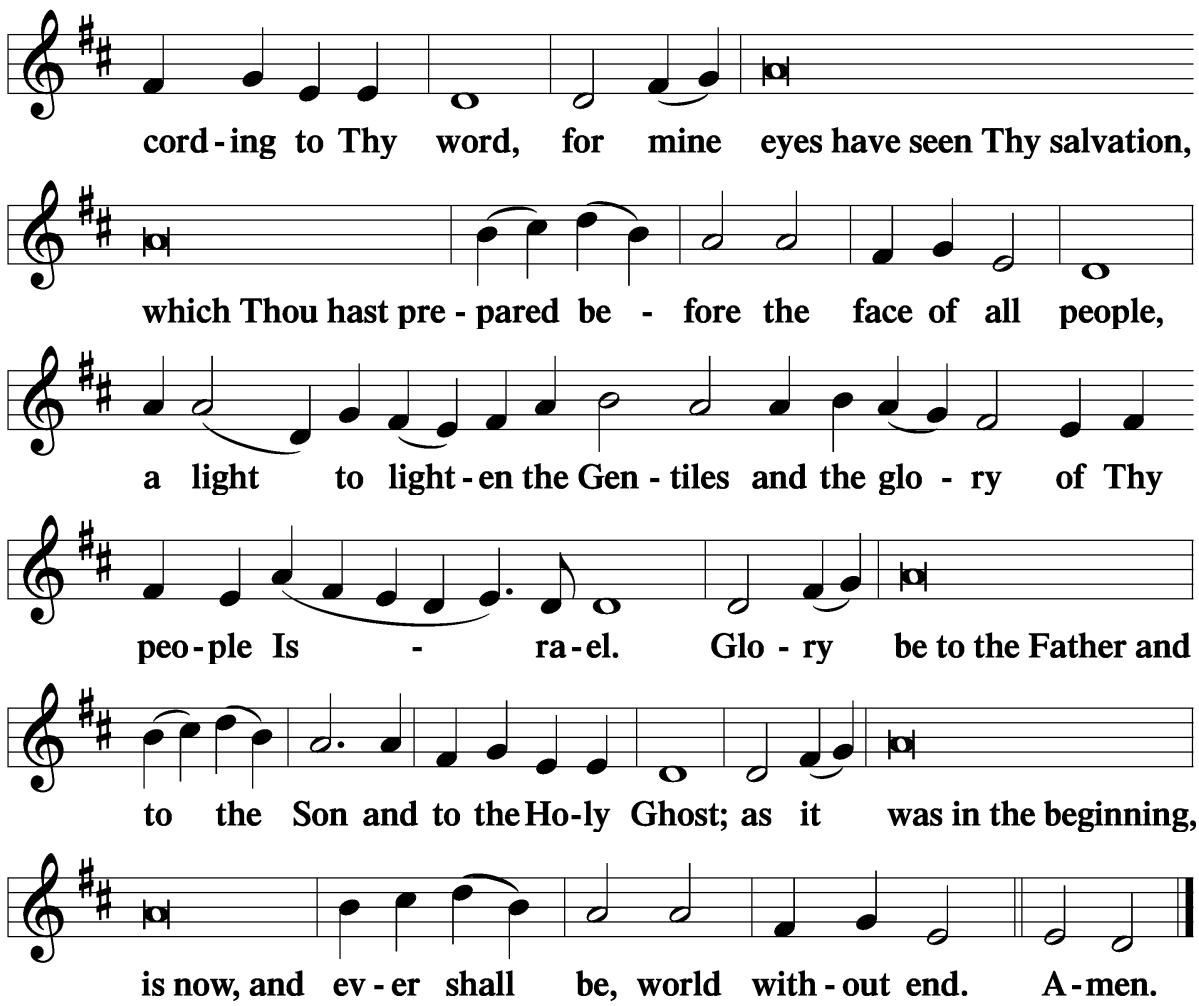
Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



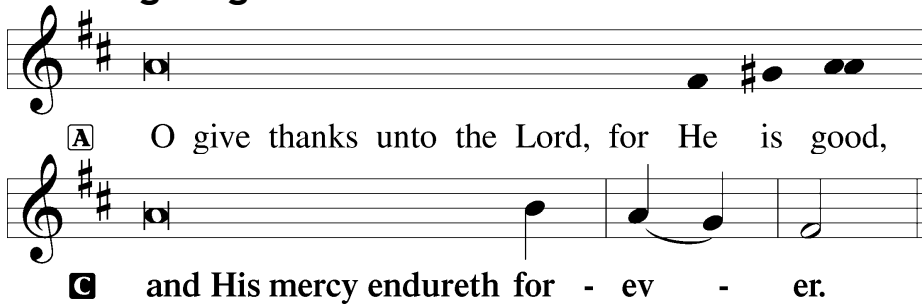
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



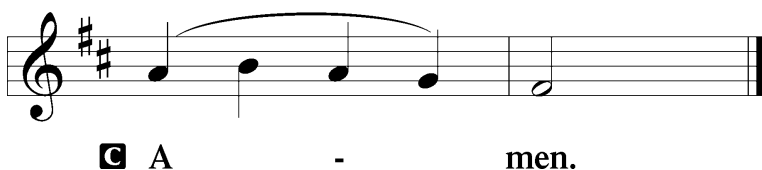
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



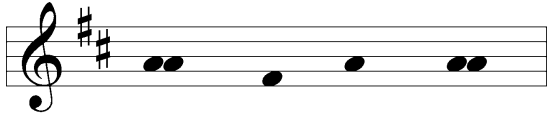
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



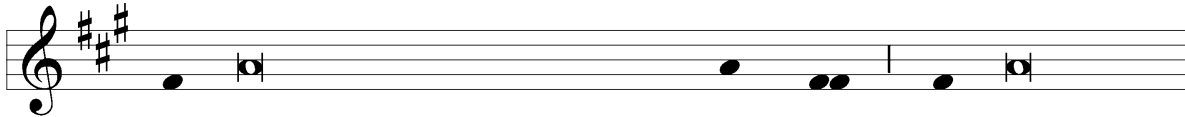
A Bless we the Lord.



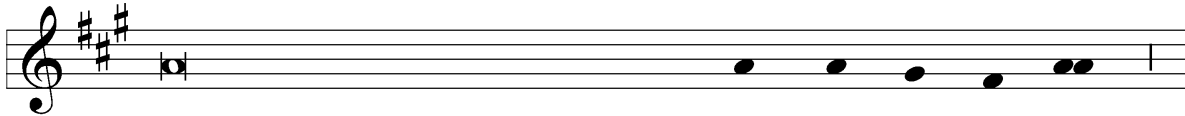
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

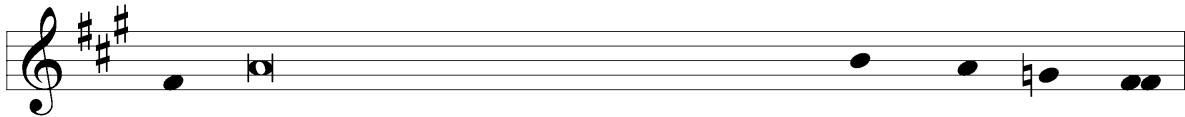
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67
 Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude

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Last week's Attendance

4:00 pm	43
8:00am	122
10:30am	157
TOTAL	322



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When making contributions to the various organizations and missions that Grace Lutheran supports, please make checks out to the Mission and we will send it for you.



Next Voters Meeting
Sunday, March 24th after the second service at 12:15pm.



EASTER FLOWERS

Help decorate our Narthex with Easter flowers!

Please fill out a form and return it in an envelope marked 'Easter flowers' with your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

Deadline for orders will be Sunday, March 24th

Each plant costs \$19.00

Forms for flower donations are available at the Welcome Desk!



Mite Box Challenge for the month of March The Women of Grace are asking for your help. Will you prayerfully consider saving your mites for the month of March. A mite can be coins or dollars, whatever your heart can share. On the last Sunday of the month bring them in and help us fill our Mite Jar. Mite boxes are available and will be passed out after the service if you would like one.

Faith & Fellowship

Fellowship Committee

Do you have a servant's heart?

Do you want to be a part of something that is bigger than yourself?

Do you want to share the Good News of Jesus by helping.

Then you are ready to be part of the Fellowship Committee.

This is a group of faith filled fun, loving, joy, bring people who do not want to "retire" from their faith but want to lift up those around them with the Word of God. Prayerfully consider joining a group who can come up with ideas to bring people of faith together to build lifelong friendships and encourage relationships built on faith.

If you are interested, contact lorilingsch@yahoo.com.

Donations Needed

Donations of pre-filled Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt can be dropped off in the narthex. Eggs can be filled with stickers and trinkets or non-chocolate candy.



Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt March 24th

Meet at 12:15 sharp in Fellowship Hall

Kids will be put in age groups and sent with an adult for the outdoor hunt!

Contact DCE Kami Jo with any questions.



St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry
 Hosted by the Grace Lutheran Elders
 Today at 4:00 – 6:00 pm



Menu includes:

Fish, Shrimp, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Hush Puppies and Desserts
 There will be holiday Appropriate Beverages

Location: Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offerings will help defray expenses for Future Staff at Grace

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services

March 23rd at 4:00 pm

March 24th at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Services

March 28th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

March 29th at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Service

March 30th at 7:00 pm

Easter Services

March 31st at 8:00 and 10:30 am



Grace Lutheran Church
Nominating Committee Report
March 10, 2024

Grace’s Church Council, at their regularly scheduled meeting, on Monday Evening, February 26, 2024, approved the following nominations:

Niles Jehn	President
Brian Heidel	Vice President
Board of Elders	Steve Beights, Ben Borchelt, Tom Murray, Larry Polster and Tom Hecht
Financial Secretary	Search Continues
Board of Fellowship	Lori Lingsch
Board of Church Properties	Mauro Nobili
Board of Stewardship	Matt Stevenson-Smith
Endowment Committee Chair	Carl Ehmann
Endowment Committee Member	Dennis Scharf, Bill Allen
Preschool Board	Bonnie Steffens

It was previously noted that members were only eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms. It should be further noted that this only applies to three officers of the congregation and those positions are President, Vice President and Treasurer. Elders and Board Directors are not limited as to terms served. Further, it should be noted that the Voter’s only elect Officers, Elders and Directors. Boards are then additionally staffed by congregation members. Grace’s By-Laws authorize the following additional members to each board. The numbers include the Director.

Board of Elders	16
Board of Evangelism	8
Board of Christian Education	7
Board of Youth Ministry	5
Board of Stewardship	8
Board of Church Properties	5- Jaclyn Jansen and Patrick Hill have volunteered.
Board of Fellowship	5
Board of Human Care	By-Laws do not indicate a number of members.
Board of Endowment	7-A Director, (3) Elected Members, Pastor, President, and Treasurer.
Board of Preschool	By-Laws do not indicate a number of members. Alexandra Hill has volunteered.

As you will note in **red** members have volunteered to be members of several committees. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Boards where you might have expertise. There is not an age limit and **“Don’t keep these Board Member Positions a Secret”**. Grace welcomes all members to serve on the various Boards. The one exception is the Board of Elders which has additional requirements. In the continuing weeks, I will detail the position requirements of the various Boards.

Blessings, in Christ our Lord
Nominating Committee Chair
Niles Jehn

This week at Grace

<p>Today—March 17th 8:00 am Divine Worship—S 9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH 10:30 am Divine Worship—S 12:00 pm Adult Information class—FH 4:00 -6:00 pm Fish Fry—FH</p>	<p>Thursday— March 21st 11:00 pm Rae Anne Ouillette Funeral—S 1:00 pm Grief Share—SS 6:00 pm Grace AMR Ringers—S 7:00 pm Information Meeting—FH</p>
<p>Monday— March 18th 6:30pm Council Meeting—FH</p>	<p>Friday— March 22nd</p>
<p>Tuesday— March 19th 10:00 am Quilters & Knit/Crochet—FH 12:00 pm Information Meeting—FH 4:00 pm Information Meeting—FH 6:30 pm Men of Grace—FH</p>	<p>Saturday—March 23rd 4:00 pm Divine Worship—FH</p>
<p>Wednesday— March 20th 10:30 am Adult Bible Class—S 4:30 pm Confirmation—SS 5:15 pm Dinner—FH 6:30 pm Evening Prayer—S 7:00 pm Grace Chorale—S</p>	<p>Sunday— March 24th 8:00 am Divine Worship—S 9:15 am Sunday School—SS & FH 10:30 am Divine Worship—S 12:15 pm Easter Egg Hunt 12:15 pm Voters' Meeting—FH 5:00-7pm Youth Night—FH</p>
<p>Readings for Sunday March 24th Matthew 21:1-9 Zechariah 9:9-12 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54</p>	<p>ROOM KEY S—Sanctuary SS—Sunday School Rooms off Courtyard C—Courtyard N—Narthex PL—Parsonage Lawn NR- Nursery room</p>

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!

- March 31st Youth Easter Breakfast 9:30am**
- April 2nd Men of Grace at 6:30 pm**
- April 3rd Last Wednesday night Dinner**
- April 6th Don Thomas Funeral Service at 11:00 am**
- April 20th LWML meeting 10:00am**

The Preschool Donation for the month of March is any size Pom Poms