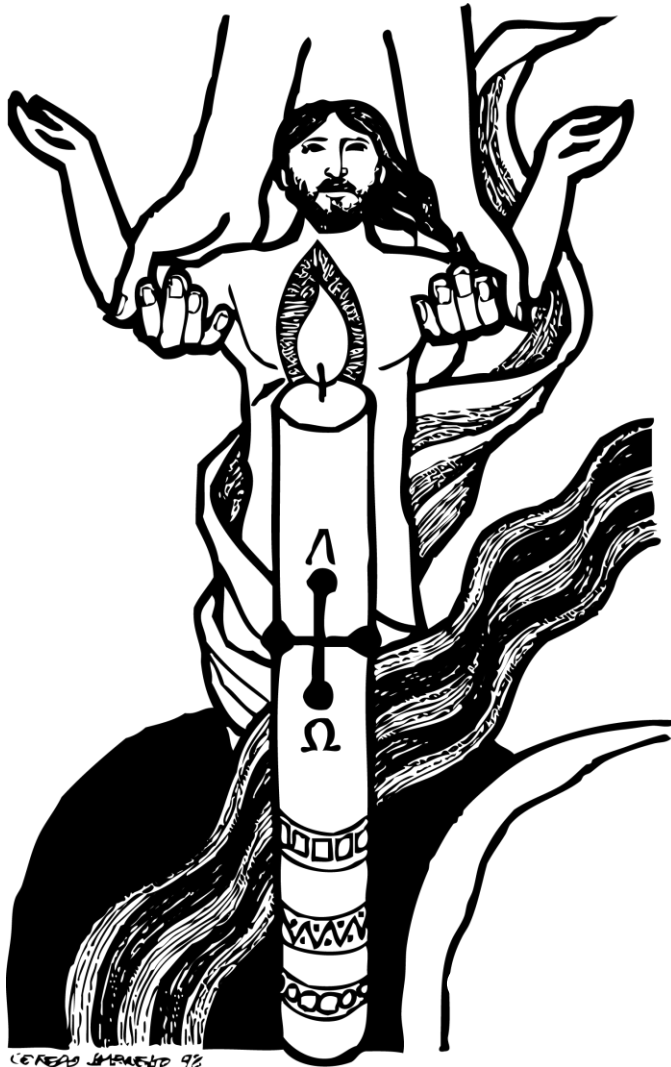


Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024



*Grace Lutheran Church
Auburn, Michigan
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

Welcome to Our Guests:

We give thanks to our risen Lord and Savior that you're with us to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord won for us by His bleeding, dying, third-day rising. If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding of our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. Pastor is available to speak with you before the service in the back of the Church or you can contact him on his cell phone at 607-972-5792. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. The peace of Christ be with you!

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper:

We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If people eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily, that is, not believing what this meal is and the benefits it gives, then they eat and drink to their great harm. For this reason, we kindly ask that any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a belief different from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) would not commune today.

Those who confess oneness in doctrine with us and are members of this congregation or a sister congregation of the LC-MS are welcome to commune. If you are communing, an usher will let you out of your pew to approach the rail. Pastor will welcome you to the Lord's Table and you can either kneel or continue standing. You will be offered a cup that holds the Body of Christ. Take the cup and consume the Lord's Body. An elder will come around to pour the Lord's Blood into that same cup. If you are not communing but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms at the rail. Do you have any questions concerning our communion practice? Please speak with pastor or an elder before the service.

Service Overview

Welcome to the Lord's House on this Most Holy Night. The Vigil of Easter is celebrated this evening as the conclusion to the sacred Triduum. What began on Holy Thursday, and continued through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, now culminates in the initial celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, from the dead – a celebration that will continue tomorrow morning and throughout the seven weeks of the Easter season. The Vigil of Easter is comprised of six parts: 1) The Service of Light, 2) The Service of Readings, 3) The Service of Holy Baptism, 4) The Service of Prayer, 5) The Service of the Word, and 6) The Service of the Sacrament. In the ancient church, the Vigil of Easter was the most important Service of the Church Year. Christians would gather after sunset on Holy Saturday and hold vigil ("keep watch") throughout the night, praying, listening to readings of Holy Scripture, and singing psalms and hymns, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection of Christ at dawn. The Lord be with us all!

Vigil of Easter



Service of Light

The congregation gathers in the gymnasium and candles are given to all, later to be lighted from the paschal candle. In the semidarkness a fire may be kindled.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

and then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:

the Alpha and the Omega.

He traces the year on the candle, saying:

P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

He puts the five wax nails into the candle, saying:

P By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says:

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

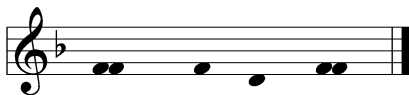
C Amen.

All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.

At the entrance of the nave, the bearer of the paschal candle stops and chants:



A The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

When the candle bearer reaches the middle of the nave, he chants for the second time:



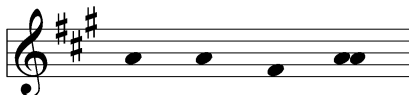
A The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

When the candle bearer arrives at the candle stand, he turns to face the congregation.

After all have reached their places, the candle bearer lifts the candle high and chants the third time:



A The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.



Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

After the candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand, the assistant turns to face the people and chants or speaks the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).

- A** Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

Preface Dialogue



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 Him thanks and praise.

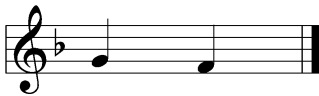
Easter Proclamation

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood.

This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night.

Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ.

Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

All may extinguish their candles at this time. The paschal candle remains lighted throughout the service. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.

Sit

Service of Readings

- P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:3 (Pew Bible pg. 1-2)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.**

The Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13 (Pew Bible pg. 5-7)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10—15:1 (Pew Bible pg. 56-57)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** Let us pray.

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.**

Hymn: Song of Moses and Israel

LSB 925

Service Note: *The Verses are chanted responsively between Kantor & Congregation. The Congregation sings every Refrain.*

Refrain

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed glo - rious -
ly; the horse and his rid - er He has thrown in - to the sea.

Chant Tone

The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal - vation;

**this is my God, and I will | praise Him,*
my father's God, and I will ex - | alt Him.**

Refrain

The LORD is a | man of war;*
the LORD | is His name.

**Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast in - | to the sea,*
and his chosen officers were sunk in the | Red Sea.**

The floods | covered them;*
they went down into the depths | like a stone.

**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.**

Refrain

Who is like You, O LORD, a - | mong the gods?*

Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing | wonders?

**You stretched out Your | right hand;*
the earth | swallowed them.**

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;*
You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho - | ly abode.

**You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode,**

the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es - | tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**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.**

Refrain

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible pg. 724-725)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Job Confesses the Redeemer

Job 19:20-27 (Pew Bible pg. 429)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Your Son You put to death our wretched flesh and in His rising restored our life. Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life that at the last we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1-30 (Pew Bible pg. 739-740)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

LSB 930



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
 2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,
 3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,
 4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
 Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;
 Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;
 All you green things that grow on earth;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
 Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
 Light and dark - ness, you day and night,
 Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:
 Heat and fire, you ice and snow:
 Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:
 Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

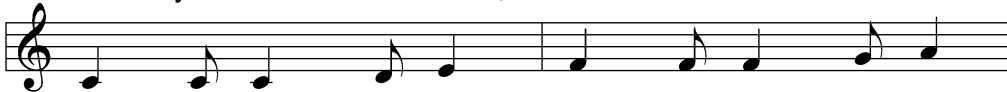
Refrain



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest:

Refrain

△6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore!

Refrain

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During the canticle, the candle bearer carries the paschal candle to the font, followed by the pastor.

Service of Holy Baptism

P On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G **Amen.**

P Do you renounce the devil?

C **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Rite of Confirmation for Julianne Elizabeth Haney

P You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing and passage of Holy Scripture. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Julie, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Addressing the entire congregation, the pastor says:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Following the Service of Holy Baptism, the candidates return to their places. The paschal candle is placed back in its stand, and the ministers return to their earlier stations.

Service of Prayer

During the Litany of the Resurrection, pastor will go around the congregation and sprinkle the congregation with water from the baptismal font. This is called the asperges. The word "asperges" comes from the Latin word "to purge" which is found in Psalm 51:7: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. The sprinkling of the water is to remind us that the blood of Jesus washes us clean in our baptism.

Litany of the Resurrection

- A** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C** **hear us.**
- A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
- C** **have mercy on us.**

- A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By Your victory over sin and death,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By the majesty of Your risen body,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- A** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- A** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen.**

Service of the Word

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The altar candles may now be lighted from the paschal candle. Lights in the church are turned on, bells may be rung, the chancel may be decorated, and the altar may be prepared for the Sacrament while the congregation sings the Hymn of Praise.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C 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
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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.

P The Lord be with you.

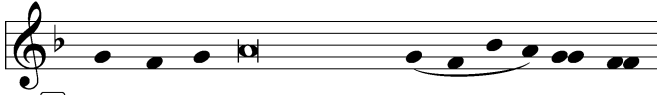
C And also with you.



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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

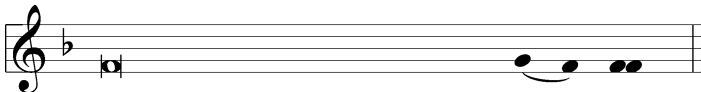
Matthew 6:9–13

- G 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 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



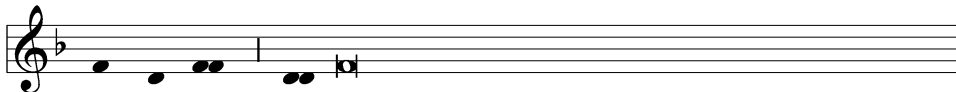
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

Post-Communion Collect



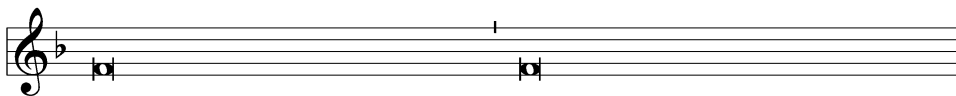
P Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten



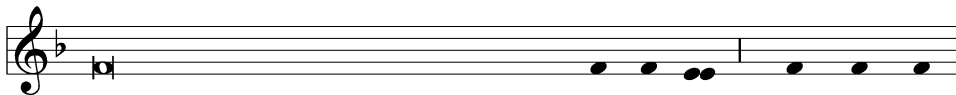
Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered



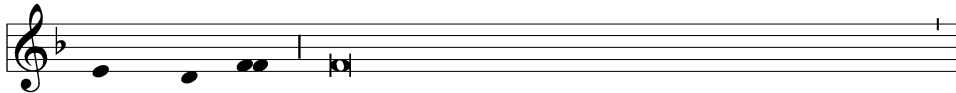
us from the power of the en - e - my. Grant that all our sin may be



drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to



live before You in righteousness and purity for - ev - er; through Je - sus



Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,



one God, now and for - ev - er.



☐ A - men.



A Let us bless the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.



P The al - mighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,



and the Holy Spir - it, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Join us again for worship in Divine Service tomorrow, Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m.!

Acknowledgments

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**Growing in
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**Reaching out
with love,**



**Announcing
forgiveness,**



**Calling
the lost,**



**Encouraging
everyone**

For The Week of Sunday, Mar 17

Attendance: Sunday 136, Wednesday 83

Week: YTD:

Tithes needed: \$9,380 \$103,180

Tithes received: \$9,573 \$106,737

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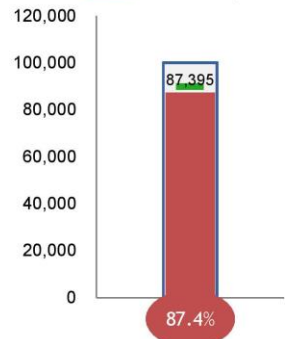
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Grace Lutheran Church Boiler Fund

Overall	
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On Track Target	89,798.56
Loan Balance	10,201.44
Overall Total	87,395.00
Overall Percent	87.4%
This Period	
Start:	3/7/22
End:	9/7/24
Total:	87,395.00
Current	
Date:	3/18/24
Total:	10.00

Boiler Fund

Overall Target
 Overall Total
 On Track Target



Church Notices

Welcome to the Grace Family, Julie!

Julie Haney will be welcomed as a member of Grace this evening. She is a graduate of Frankenmuth High School and has known Pastor Schian for many years. In a couple weeks, she'll be married to Shawn Weiss on a cruise in the Caribbean which Pastor will officiate. (Shawn recently transferred to Grace from St. Lorenz.) Pastor and Shawn graduated from Frankenmuth High School in 2003 and have been friends since middle school. Julie teaches at Bridgeport High School where she brings so much joy and encouragement to her students. She is also the head coach for cheerleading there. Let's give thanks to God for Julie and her presence here at Grace!

Women's Bible Study

There will be no Women's Bible Study next week. We'll resume and start a new study on Wednesday, April 10. See you then!



All New Black and Blue

"Squirrel, Squirrel, Squirrel!" Hmm...what are Pastor and Deaconess talking about? Find out in this week's episode of *Black and Blue!*

Food of Faith

On Sunday, March 17, members from Grace served meals with Food of Faith at Trinity in Bay City. They were able to serve 55 hot meals to people in need! We look forward to serving again on October 6.

Office Closed April 1

The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1. (No joke!) There will be no Bible study with Kantor that day.

LWML Prayer Day / Spring Rally Saturday April 27

Grace Sisters will be participating in the LWML Prayer Day at St. Paul Sanford on April 27. It's fun to socialize, worship and pray with other Lutheran women of our area. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration (\$5) at 8:30, including lunch. Our Gifts from the Heart will be given to the Open Door (Midland) and Midland Community Action. See the flyer on the bulletin board for information. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058 or crosslwml@gmail.com no later than April 19.

LWML MI District Convention June 28-30

Taste and See that the Lord is Good! (Psalm 34:8) Registration is now open for the LWML MI District Convention to be held this summer at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and to hear great Lutheran speakers on topics affecting all of us today. Information is available on the bulletin board or online at <https://lwmlmichig.org/convention/district>. Join other Lutheran Women in Mission from Grace and other churches in our district. Contact Linda Haven (989-750-3211 or peachpeople@netzero.com) with any questions.

