



#### 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 suffering, dying, and third-day rising! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, personal 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 narthex (entrance at the rear of the sanctuary), 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 partake of the Lord's Supper. If anyone eats and drinks our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily (that is, not believing what this meal is and the benefits it gives), they eat and drink to their great spiritual harm. Therefore, we kindly ask that any who are not yet instructed, are 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 invite you from your pew to approach the rail. Pastor will then 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 follow 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. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or an elder before the service. Thank you!

#### **Sermon Summary**

No alleluias! No trumpet blast! No family photos! No Easter lilies! No chocolate bunnies and candy wrapped in pink, green, and yellow! None of that the first Easter! In Mark's account of Easter morning, the Spice Girls go to the tomb with heads hanging low! The past confusing! The present full of bewilderment! The future dark and dreary! It's a lot of bad news! No one comes back from crucifixion, after all! They expect a limp, lifeless body to anoint in one, final act of love and respect for this man that healed, taught, doing only good! What they experience, though, goes against reason and all comprehension! And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. [Mark 16:4] What the Easter Angel goes on to proclaim is the Easter Good News! A Sermon that changes the course of human history! A Sermon that touches hearts and transforms people! A Sermon when heard and believed makes it so we can't ever be the same again! We need the Sermon from this Easter Angel! The Spice Girls sure did! We come to Grace on Easter like the Spice Girls with our own doubts and fears! The past confusing! The present full of bewilderment! The future dark and dreary! What the Easter Angel has for us are three promises! One for the past! "He has risen; he is not here!" One for the present! "He is going before you to Galilee!" One for the future! "You will see Him!" These Easter promises fill us with Easter joy! They fill our past with comfort, our present with confidence, and our future with conviction! What may seem like bad news is actually the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...for you! "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He's risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

# Divine Service 1 - LSB 151



# Ringing of the Church Bell

Handbell Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Sandra Eithun

Please stand and face the processional cross.

### Easter Acclamation

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

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

# Confession and Absolution

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

 ${\rm I\!P}~$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

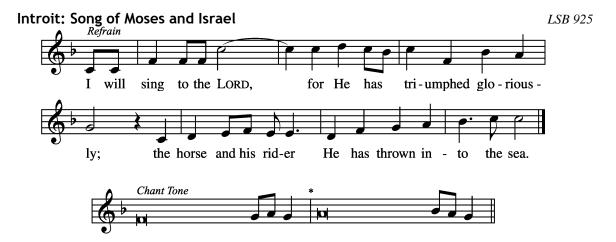
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.
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# Service of the Word



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?

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

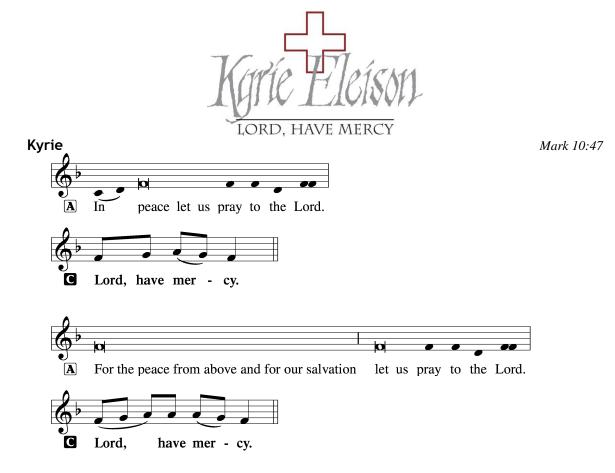
#### You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,\* the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode,

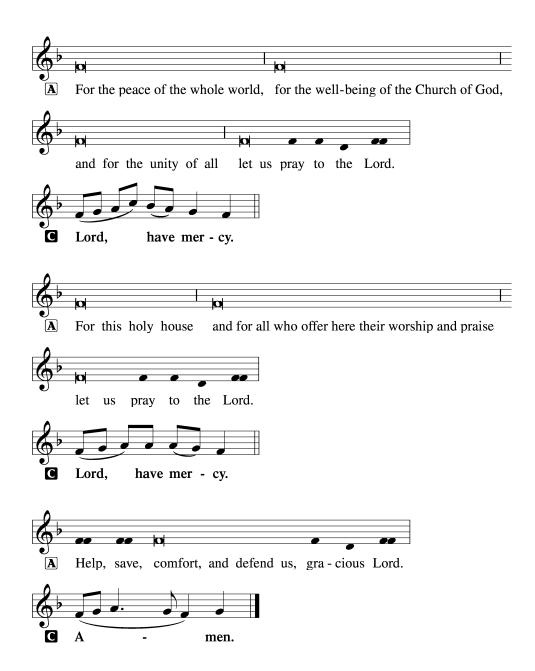
the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es- | tablished.\* The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

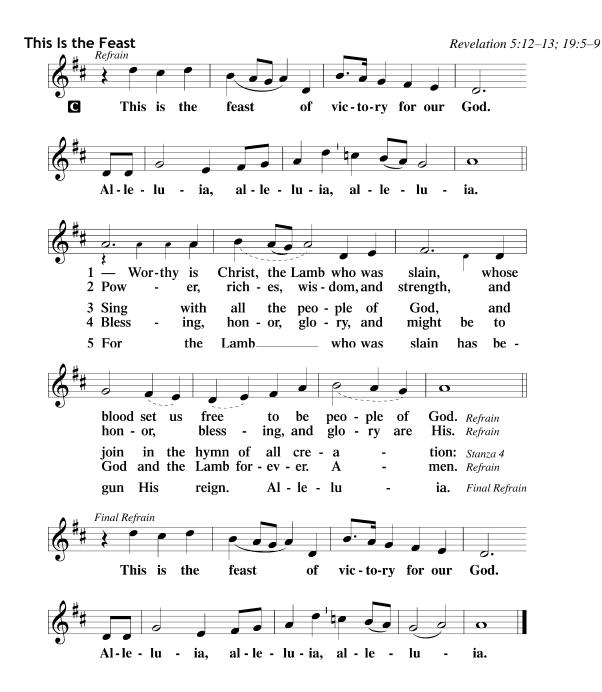
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

#### Refrain

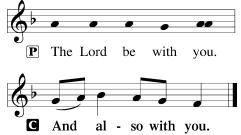
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### Anthem

O Risen Lord - K. Lee Scott

O risen Lord, O glorious Son, Now is the mighty battle won: Songs of praising we are raising: Alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morning he arose Shining in victory o'er his foes; Earth is singing, heaven is ringing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

After the death that him befell, Christ, our Lord, has harrowed hell; Sing with gladness, gone is sadness: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, Let us our hearts and voices raise; May our living be thanksgiving: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Old Testament Reading**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. Isaiah 25:6–9

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



Christ has risen | from the dead.\* [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor. He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\* he has put all things un- | der his feet.

#### Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

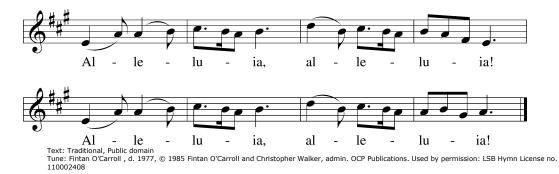
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Christ Jesus a- | bolished death\*

and brought life and immortality to light through the | gospel.



#### Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### Hymn of the Day: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 ++ of the world to come. Amen. LSB 467

### Prayer of the Church

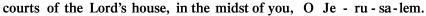
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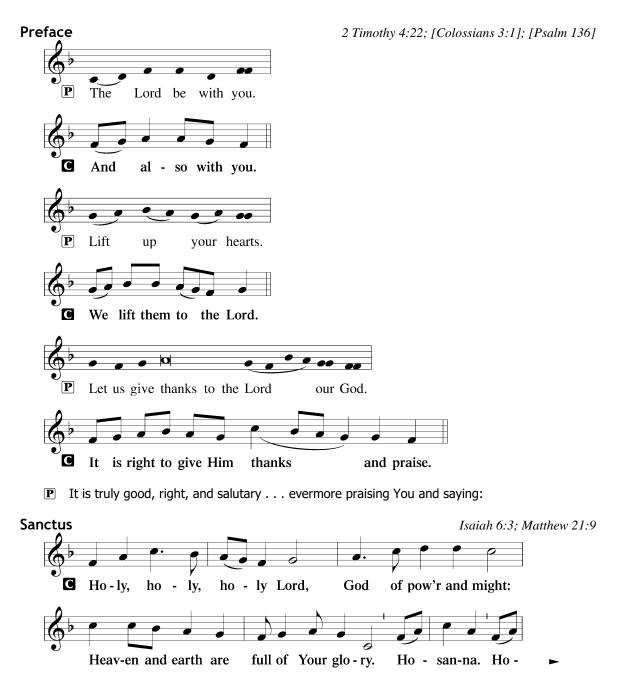
Please sign the Record of Fellowship.

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# Service of the Sacrament





#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

C 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."

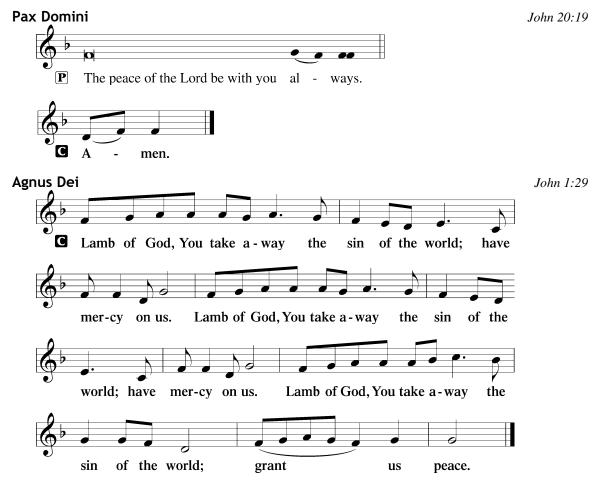
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- 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

 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.

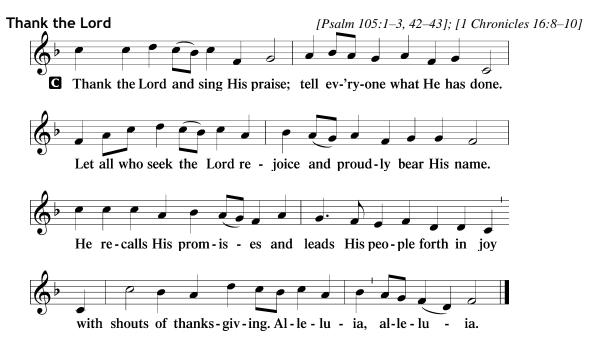
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Sit

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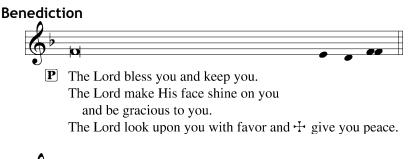


### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom 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.







### **Easter Acclamation**

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

# Hymn to Depart: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

If you ordered altar flowers, please take them home with you when you leave church today. Thank you!

### Acknowledgments

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Numbers 6:24–26

# **Our Mission: Sharing GRACE**





Reaching out with love,







#### For The Week of Sunday, Mar 24 Attendance: Sunday 195

YTD:

Rev. Aaron T. Schian

\$112,560

Handbell Choir, Grace Choir

Emily Beethe, Jeff Gledhill

Week:

Tithes received: \$7,309 \$114,046

Serving in God's House Today

Mika Patron

Lisa Bale

Ernie Weiss

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Nathan Beethe

Tithes needed: \$9,380

Pastor:

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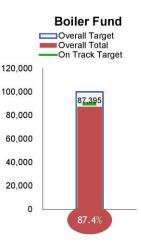
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# **Church Notices**

#### Glorious Gold of the Grave Gobbler!

The greatest morning of the Church year is here! Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our Jesus has accomplished what the Prophet Isaiah foretold in today's OT reading: "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8a)! Jesus has gobbled down the grave forever by being devoured by death for three days. But He didn't stay dead: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" The grave has been gobbled up by God Himself! The gold chasuble that Pastor is wearing today reminds us of that! Today our crucified and risen Jesus has swallowed up death forever on Mount Calvary! What a glorious morning! Alleluia!

#### No Bible Study Easter Sunday!

There will be no Bible Study today.

## **No Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School today. We'll resume next week. Happy Easter!

#### Welcome to the Grace Family, Julie!

Julie Haney was welcomed as a member of Grace at the Easter Vigil service on Saturday. 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!

#### **New Chairs!**

You might have noticed the new chairs in the chapel, the choir loft, and in the back of church. These new chairs were given in thanks to God by the estate of Wally and Donna Wegener. Praise the Lord for this good and "comfortable" gift!

### **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.

#### No Services April 3

There will be no morning or evening services on Wednesday, April 3.

#### Women's Bible Study

There will be no Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, April 3. We'll resume and start a new study on Wednesday, April 10. See you then!

### **Encouraging Everyone**

In our thoughts and prayers this week are Dave & Cindy Styn. If you would like to send a card or note, the address is: 409 N Wenona #4, Bay City, 48706.

## All New Black and Blue

H<sub>2</sub>O! What about it? Check it out in Pastor and Deaconess' latest *Black and Blue* video!

#### **Thanks to Grace Members**

Grace congregation members, thank you all so much for the thoughts, prayers, cards, & memorial donations in memory of Dave. Also for the many prayers, cards, & love shown to me during my recent surgery. It was greatly appreciated! -Julee Gray & Family of Dave Lederer



## Thank You

Dear friends of Grace, we want to express our appreciation for the many well wishes, cards, prayers, and deeds of love that we have received from you in these past weeks. They are greatly appreciated, and make us happy to be part of such a loving Christian congregation. We wish you the best of this Easter season and the blessings of our loving Savior. -Tom and Ruth Wegener

### Ask a Church Worker

We are excited to announce a new project on our social media platforms titled "Ask a Church Worker." This series will feature short videos posted as "reels" on Facebook and Instagram. If you have any questions you would like to submit for consideration, please email them to <u>graceauburnhappenings@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your participation and support.

# Quilting for 2024

We continue our 2024 quilting sessions on April 8 and 15, 2024. We will continue to meet at the Gengler home at 1625 Wilder Road, Auburn, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring willing hearts and hands as well as a sack lunch. We continue to strive for another successful year. Quilt top kits will continue to be available through April. Please consider this way of helping our efforts for Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran World Relief. Please also sign up on the sheet if you are just donating tops made from other materials. We appreciate knowing specifically who is helping us out!

# 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 9:00AM 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 <u>crosslwml@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>https://lwmlmichig.org/convention/district</u>. Join other Lutheran Women in Mission from Grace and other churches in our district. Contact Linda Haven (989-750-3211 or <u>peachpeople@netzero.com</u>) with any questions.