

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 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!

Welcome, Pastor Starke!

Today we are fed the Word by Rev. Stephen Starke! Pastor Starke is a retired LC-MS pastor, a prolific published author of hymn texts, and a member here at Grace. Pastor Starke will also lead Bible study following the service.

Divine Service 1 - LSB 151



Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Stand

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

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- 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.

- **P** 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 4

NIV

Henry V. Gerike

I will lie down and sleep in peace, in peace, for You alone, Cantor/Choir: O Lord make me dwell in safety. Congregation: **REFRAIN** I will lie down and sleep in peace, for in peace, You a-lone. O Lord, make me dwell in safe tv. Congregation sings verses in **bold**. * O Answer me when I call to You, O my | righ - teous God.* Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and | hear my prayer. How long, O men, will you turn My glory | in - to shame?* How long will you love delusions and | seek false gods? REFRAIN Know that the Lord has set apart the godly | for Him - self;*

the Lord will hear when I | call to Him.

In your anger | do not sin;*

when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be | si - lent.

Offer right sacri - | fic - es*

and trust in the Lord.

REFRAIN

Many are asking, "Who can show us | an - y good?"* Let the light of Your face shine upon | us, O Lord. You have filled my heart with | great - er joy* than when their grain and new | wine a - bound.



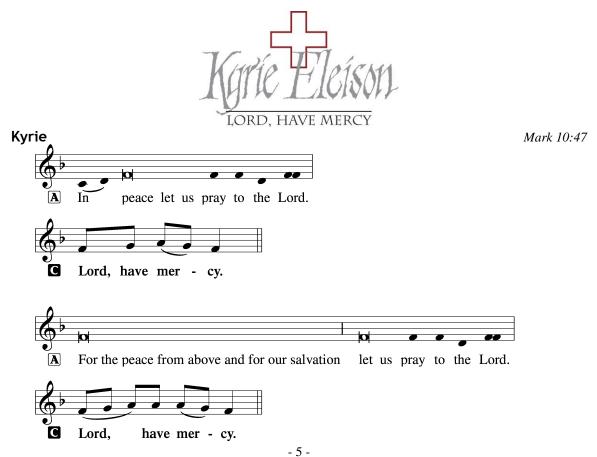
I will lie down and | sleep in peace,* for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safe - ty. **REFRAIN**

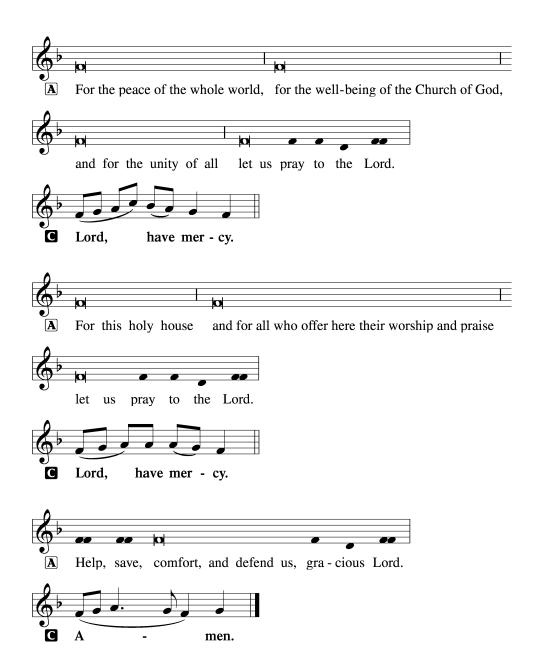
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spir - it; as it was in the be - | gin - ning,* is now, and will be forever. | A - men. REFRAIN

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P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

A This is the Word of the Lord.



Gradual



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.

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

Epistle

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

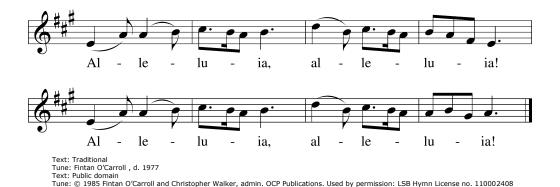
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We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;* death no longer has dominion | over him.

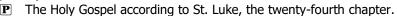


Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us | on the road,* while he opened to us the | Scriptures?



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49





As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day: With High Delight Let Us Unite

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 Marv 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.

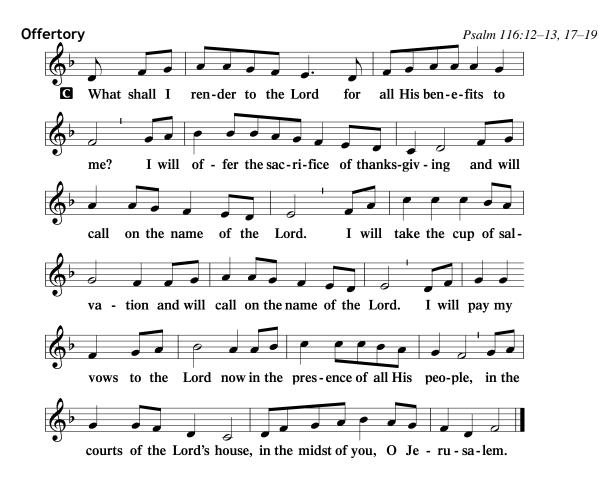
Prayer of the Church

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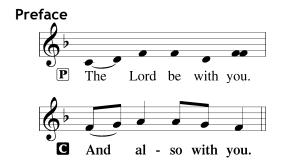
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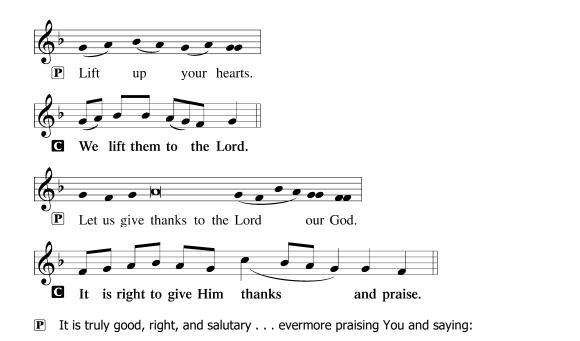
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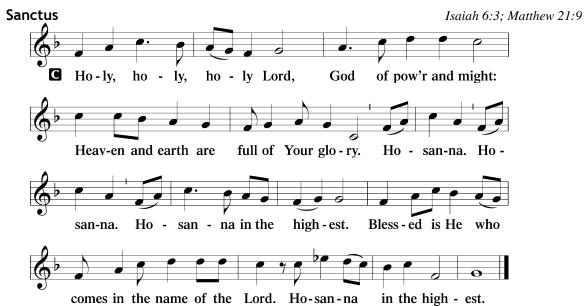


Service of the Sacrament



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





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."

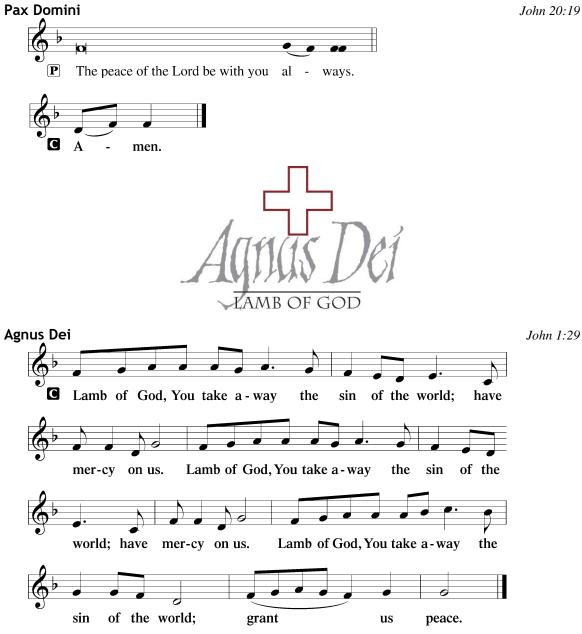
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

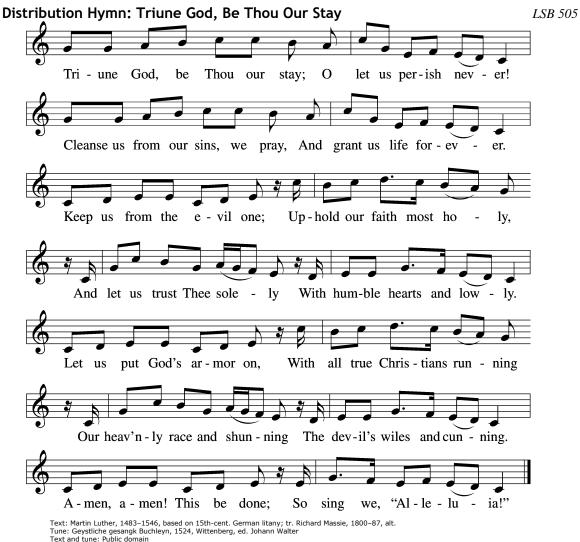
Our Father who art in heaven,

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.



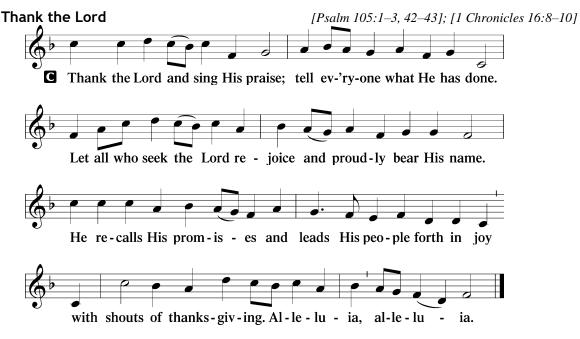
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Distribution Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

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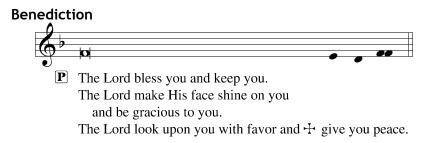


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Numbers 6:24–26



Hymn to Depart: This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

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For The Week of Sunday, Apr 7

Attendance: Sunday 128, Wednesday 25 Week: YTD: Tithes needed: \$9,380 \$131,320 Tithes received: \$6,935 \$135,528

Serving in God's House Today

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Stephen P. Starke
Kantor:	Nathan Beethe
Elder:	Greg Braman
Usher Team:	McNally
Greeter(s):	Judy Lance
Altar Guild:	Barb Bartz, Linda Haven, Teresa
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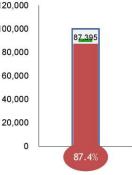
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Grace Lutheran Church Boiler Fund

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Church Notices

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Starke's Bible study presentation today following worship is entitled, "Congregational Song: Faith, Hope, and Comfort in Christ," and is based in part on thoughts flowing from Psalm 137:4, *"How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?"* Join us in the library!

Today in Sunday School...

Today in Sunday School we'll study 69. The Faith of a Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15). Jesus for us: Jesus came to give us so much more than crumbs; He gave us Himself for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins. Words to Remember: *There I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.* (Mark 11:24)

Easter Caroling TODAY!

Today we are going Easter Caroling to members of Grace and Trinity who are homebound. We'll meet at noon at Grace and carpool to each location. **This is open to everyone, not just YSC.** We hope you'll join us! If you have questions, please contact Kantor Beethe at 989-878-2103.

Encouraging Everyone

In our thoughts and prayers this week is Shirley Wegener. If you would like to send a card or note, the address is: 4526 S Franklin St, Auburn 48611.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

There will be no Women's Bible Study this week while Deaconess is out of town. We'll resume on Wednesday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

Quilting for 2024

We continue our 2024 quilting sessions on April 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!

All Hands On Deck Tuesday, April 16 @ 6 p.m.

We are continuing to put out our warmer weather clothing and could use help. We will put out clothes and sort starting at 6 p.m. If you have ever wondered about our closet crew-come on out and join us. If you have any questions, please call Karla Weiss 989-245-8627.

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 crosslwml@gmail.com no later than April 19.

Benefit Dinner – Jacob Aiden @ Grace Lutheran, Auburn

Jacob is the son of Sarah & Chris Earle and grandson of Dale and Cheri Fish. He was born 16 weeks prematurely 11 years ago with many special needs which require daily nursing care. Jacob has outgrown his car seat, and at 86 lbs is too big to be lifted in and out of a car. This benefit is for the purpose of helping to purchase a transport van with a lift to be able wheel Jacob right into a vehicle to transport him and have a quality of life outside of his bed/home. This benefit will be held at Grace's gym on Sunday April 28 from 12-4 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks and desserts will be served. Adult and takeout meals are as follows: Adults: \$15, Children: \$10, and children under 5: Free. There will be a Silent Auction accompanying the dinner. If you would like to help with serving, providing baked goods for dessert or any other contribution, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058. We hope to see you there!

All New Black and Blue

Happy Dependence Day! Join the celebration in this week's "Black and Blue"!

Save The Date!

Dear Grace Family, on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m., Deaconess Tirzah Krey will be presenting on the work that our Lord is doing in Latin America! Deaconess Tirzah serves as a deaconess and nurse with the LCMS in the Dominican Republic as Regional Human Care Coordinator for Latin American & the Caribbean. Hope you can come! You can find out more about Deaconess Tirzah at <u>lcms.org/Tirzah.Krey</u>. Also, a fun Grace connection: Tirzah is a deaconess classmate and close friend of Deaconess Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores!

Opportunity to Serve! Grace Officer & Board Candidates

The 2024 election for Grace Officers and Boards will take place in the Voters Meeting on Sunday May 5. Officer & Board Positions open for election this year are:

- President
- Vice President
- General Accounts Treasurer
- Board of Elders (3 positions)
- Board of Evangelism Stewardship (2 positions)
- Board of Christian Life (4 positions)
- Board of Property Maintenance (2 positions) and
- Board of Finance (2 positions)

All terms begin July 1, 2024, and are for 2 years, with the exception of the Board of Property's 3 year terms. If you are interested in running for one of the positions or would like to learn what the position entails, please contact Kye Sugden or the chair of the board in which you are interested. Please prayerfully consider serving our Lord in this manner.

Auburn Treasure Hunt Days

Grace and the Auburn Lions are teaming up again to offer tables(s) to the members at Grace for the Auburn Treasure Hunt Days, May 16 and 17. The Grace gym will offer an area of about 10' x 15' to anyone wishing to sell their "Treasures" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those days. The community sales do occur on Saturday, but Grace has "Grace Your Closet" offered in the gym and all vendors must be out of the Grace gym by 6 p.m. on Friday. There is no cost for Grace members, however, there will be a couple of sales tables for people outside of the church who will be paying \$15. This is a fundraiser for the Auburn Williams Lions Club. All funds received are returned to the community and beyond to help those in need. "We Serve" is the Lion's motto. Please contact (text or call) Lion Deb VanTol at 989-430-1824 if you would like to participate.