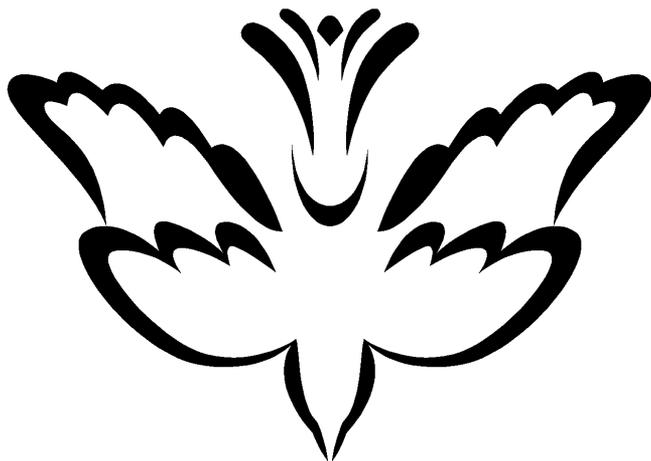


# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



**“Peace be with you.  
As the Father  
has sent me,  
so I send you.”**

**John 20:21, RRSV**



**The Second Sunday of Easter**

April 7, 2013

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of  
God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to  
all to be free to be the people of God.*

# **Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church**

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

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## Prelude

"Thine is the Glory"

by Robert J. Hughes

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of grace and glory,

**C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

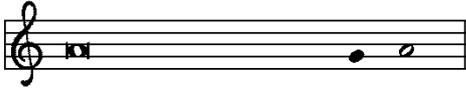
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## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

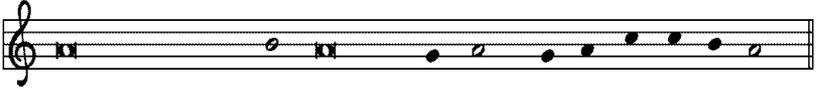
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



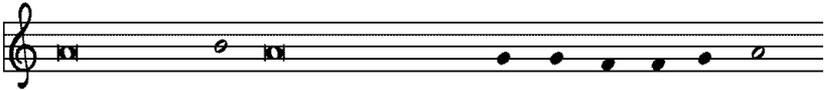
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

C: **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### First Lesson: Acts 5:27–32

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**



*The Lord is Risen!*



## Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4–8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation



C: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twentieth Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 20:19–31

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

"We Walk by Faith"

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**Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

L: Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray,  
trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.  
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send  
us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

### **Announcements**

### **The Offering**

**Offertory** "Chanson Melodique (from Piano Concerto No. 1)"  
by Frederic Chopin, arr. By Thomas Chesterton

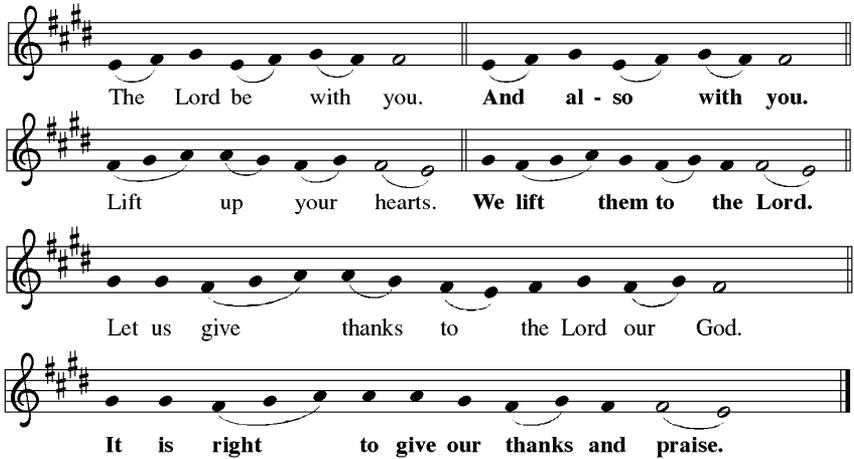
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### **Offering Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

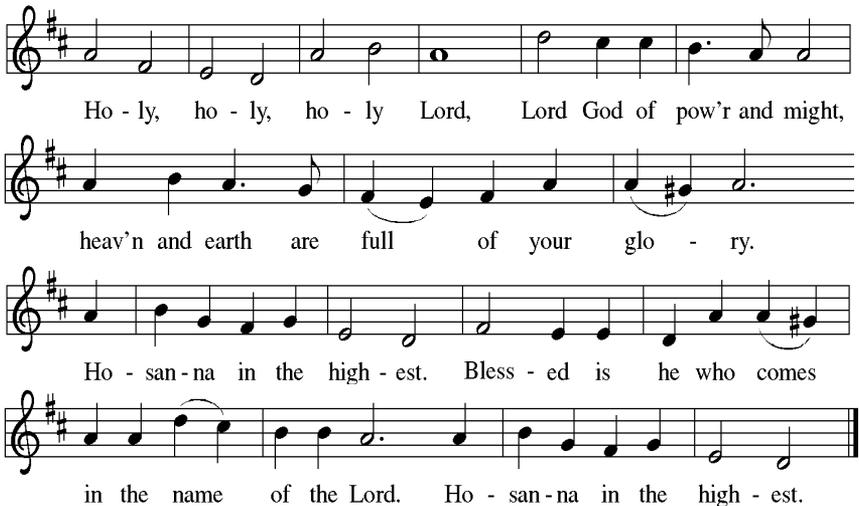
### **Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Preface**

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, 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**

## **Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.



*The Lord is Risen!*

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God**



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, grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns:** 369, 886, 770

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

“Thine is the Glory”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“A Rondel”

by Charles Callahan

# Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

## Announcements and Calendar

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Beth, Evelyn Piltingsrud (Kathy Piltingsrud's mother), Sandra Roehrick and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jerry Dockum in memory of Beth and Madalyn.

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today, and every first Sunday are for Hunger.

**A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

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### Education Opportunities

**Sunday School classes** and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

#### Adult Forum

**April 7** - First Circle Friends (interactive presentation by Cannady Fritzjunker, Ardis S., Julie H., Connie H, Kate S., and Stephanie J.)

**April 14** – Grace Garden and Local Hunger. A few lucky attendees will get a treat for participating in a simple demonstration – students welcome. We will also start simple container gardens to donate to the food pantry - a fun, easy service project that can help in so many ways. Michelle Voelker and Shirley Shiffler

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.



The next **New Member Class** will meet Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



**Happy Anniversary to:** Paul Nelson and Kathy Piltingsrud, Eric and Deanna Weber, Barry and Sandra Briggs



**Happy Birthday to:** Bradley Moon, Carolyn Andersen, John Nelson, Emily Woodruff, Maya Uehling Lint, Jennie Wonderlin, Kelley Marks, Matt Hagerty, Mark Stumme

Cherie Rissman, Brett Brindley, Jared Nelson, Lanette Kennebeck, DeVee Trickel, Mira Voelker, Sandra Briggs, Alex Davik, Kyler Medhurst, Vanessa Bloomberg, Alice Nelson, Mary McCann, Mark Meyer

**Tickets go on sale tomorrow! Casting Crowns at the state fair this year:** Want to organize a group for the August 8 concert? Pre-sale tickets for churches are on sale the week of April 8-12 before being made public. See the information on the music bulletin board by the office.

#### **Lutheran World Relief:**

Please pray for Lutheran World Relief and for the people who are helped each year. We will have our ingathering on April 14th. Donations can be turned in to the offering plate or the church office anytime through April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Envelopes for donations are located in the church pews and at the LWR display in the gathering hall. Visit our display for more information. If you have an interest in this work, we would love to have you join our committee. **Contact Cathy Barks at 278-1461. Thank you for your support.**

#### **Learn CPR from the comfort of your own home**

We now have 1 adult kit and 1 infant kit with inflatable manikins available for checkout in the library. We would love to have everyone check them out. There is also information in the kits about using our new AED located outside the church office. Help save lives and learn this skill. If you have questions while using the kit, please feel free to call Alice Kulzer at 280-7991 or Mary Weaverling at 255-4151

**You're Invited...**  
**To an afternoon of Piano**  
performed by  
**Adam Dostalík**

**This afternoon • 2:00 p.m.**

Temple for Performing Arts • Grand Hall, 4th Floor  
10th & Locust Street • Des Moines, Iowa

**Program**

*Prelude & Fugue 15 from The Well Tempered Clavier II - J.S. Bach*  
*Sonata No. 5 in G Major K. 283 - Mozart*  
*Prelude in C Sharp Minor Op. 3 No. 2 - Rachmaninoff*  
*Berceuse Op. 57 - Chopin*  
*Etude in C Sharp Minor - Chopin*  
*Danzas Argentinas - Ginestera*

**Active Grace Kick-off**

**Wear Blue at Grays Lake! 2 p.m. Saturday April 20**

Join us for a low-key (and hopefully snow-free) kick-off in the heart of Des Moines. Bring your feet in good walking shoes and a smile. If you prefer, bring your bike, scooter or rollerskates. We'll walk, we'll talk, we'll have fun!



Active Grace will focus on the health of the community of faith, and the individuals and families within it. This is the first of monthly events for ranging from fitness to spiritual health, cooking and nutrition to financial well-being. Stay tuned for more information and if you have ideas for events or classes please let us know. You can contact Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873 or [revschmidt@live.com](mailto:revschmidt@live.com).



**Garage Sale, Bake Sale,  
Plant Sale Pick up,  
Annual and Perennial Plant Sale**  
Saturday, May 11  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Grace Hall and the parking lot

The High School youth and families are hosting this sale to raise money for the High School trip Fund and 2015 National Youth Gathering.

You can contribute by coming to the sale or by donating items.

**Anyone can donate:**

**Garage Sale Items:** Books, tools, small furniture, toys, clothes, housewares, etc.... **clean and in good condition.** (please, no golf clubs, golf carts, air purifiers or humidifiers, as Goodwill won't accept these.) Please bring donations to Grace Hall II beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 7 – 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10. Questions: Ross Peeler at 314-6830 or email [address--rosspeeler@aol.com](mailto:address--rosspeeler@aol.com)

**Baked Items for Bake Sale:** Please bring items to Grace Hall by 8 p.m. on Fri., 5/10 or 7:30 a.m. on Sat., 5/11. Questions: Susanne Carney 707-5159.

**Perennial Plants:** Perennial donations may be made Saturday morning, between 7 and 8 a.m. Please donate potted plants and provide the following information: Name of plant, sun or shade requirement, and flower color. Questions: Michelle Voelker 402-8571



## **This Week at Grace**

### **SUNDAY, April 7**

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice

9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe

9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

### **MONDAY, April 8**

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

7:10 p.m. – Hannah Circle

### **TUESDAY, April 9**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 -10:15 a.m. – Bible Study

10:30 a.m. – Pastors Text Study

6:00 p.m. – Companion Congregation Committee

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall

6:00 p.m. – Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe

7:00 p.m. – Committee Night

8:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, April 10**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir

5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Chapel Chimers and Youth Bells - Combined practice

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells

6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion

7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, April 11**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion

### **FRIDAY, April 12**

9:00 a.m. – Library Committee Meeting

### **SATURDAY, April 13**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Luther Park Spring Luncheon at Luther Park Community Center

**SUNDAY, April 14, *LWR Ingathering***

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall

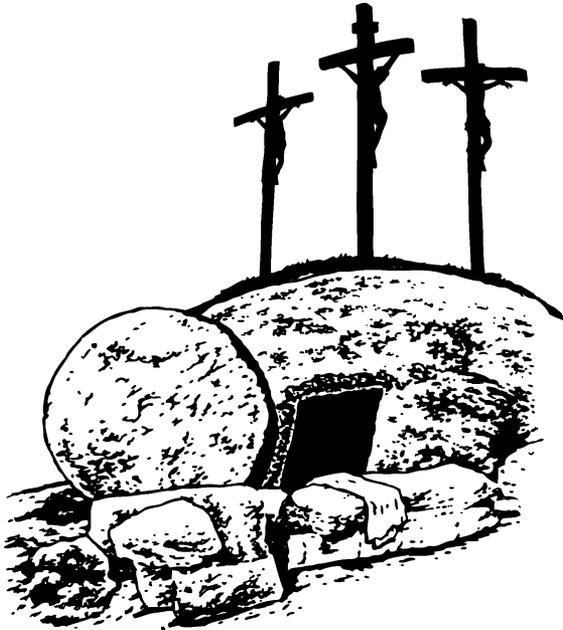
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9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – New Members Information and Class, Gathering Hall



## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Ensemble Director** – Sherry Kocek

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Ushers** – 8:15 Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg, John Gronert

10:45 Gary Nelson, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Matt Jordahl 10:45 Hal Turner

**Lector** – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Rev. Bill Kallestad

**Children's Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Ed and Jane Ridnour, Jan Gross, Kate Schaller

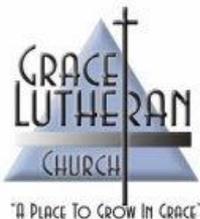
**Acolytes** – 8:15 Sarah Voelker, Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Hannah Jensen

**Altar Guild** – Michelle Voelker, Tammy Denton

**Counters** – 8:15 Mike Peterman and Jon Rissman

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Tom McCleary

**Coffee** – Karen Taylor



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