



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**  
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,  
Tuesdays at 12:10pm**

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**Our Mission:** "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

**Vision Statement:** At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word.

**Welcome to Worship:** We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

**Communion Instruction:** Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. **Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

**Offering:** Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

**Hearing Assistance Available:** This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Available:** We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

**PRELUDE** (SBG Band) Barry Gaul, Bart Millard, Ben Glover, David Garcia, Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran and Robby Shaffer, "Greater" (2014; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

- Vs. 1) Bring your tired and bring your shame, bring your guilt and bring your pain.  
Don't you know that's not your name, you will always be much more to me.  
Ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right,  
But that's alright.
- Chorus) 'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed,  
When others say I'll never be enough.  
And greater is the One living inside of me,  
Than he who is living in the world.
- Vs. 2) Bring your doubts and bring your fears, bring your hurt and bring your tears.  
There'll be not condemnation here, Oh, You are holy righteous and redeemed.  
And ev'ry time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake,  
Well, that's OK!
- Break) Oh, Oh, Oh. He's greater, He's greater!
- Bridge) There'll be days I lose the battle, grace says that it doesn't matter,  
'cause the cross already won the war.  
I am learning to run freely, understanding just how He sees me,  
And it makes me love Him more and more.
- Ending) My God is greater, than he who is living in the world.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** (SBG Band) Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes, "Christ Is Risen" (2009; arr. By Dan Galbraith and Frank Ralls)

- Vs. 1 Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame;  
But fix our eyes upon the cross,  
And run to Him, who showed great love and bled for us,  
Freely You've bled for us
- Chorus Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave
- Vs. 2 Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold You down. In strength You reign;  
Forever let Your church proclaim.

Bridge O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
 O church, come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated the night.  
 Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
 O church, come stand in the light; God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive!

◆ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity ...and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ...now and forever. **C: Amen.**

◆ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

◆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Please stand*)

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) O God of life...one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Blessing, Honor, and Glory*

(ELW 433)

C Am G/B C F/A G

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C Am G/B C F Gsus G C/E

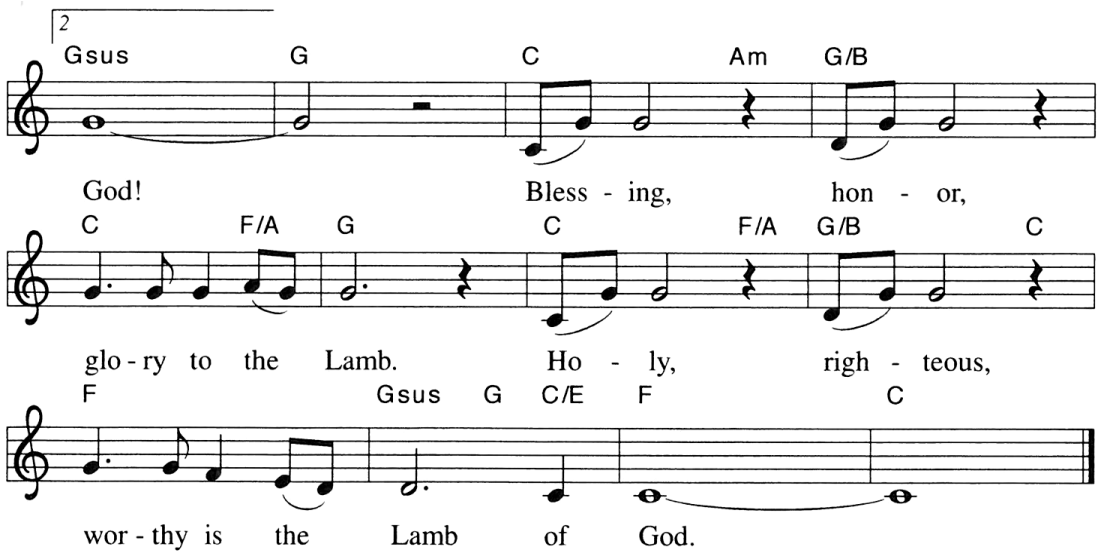
Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em F F/A G C

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em F Dm Gsus G

Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!



2  
 Gsus G C Am G/B  
 God! Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 C F/A G C F/A G/B C  
 glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly, righ - teous,  
 F Gsus G C/E F C  
 wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

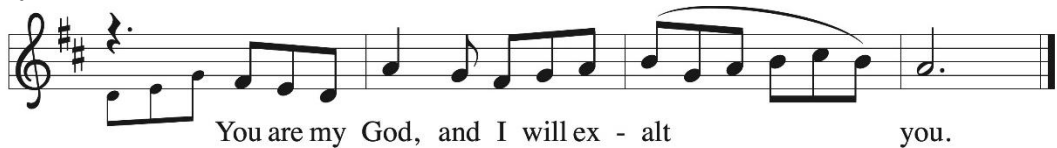
**FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles], 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: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 118:14-29**

**Refrain:**



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

L: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation

**C: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

L: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**C: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. R**

L: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**C: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

L: "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

**C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. R**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days! R**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**C: The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

L: You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**C: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. R**

## SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

<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 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 all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

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: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (Vs. 1 Only)* (ELW 860)



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

◆ **GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (*The gospel is announced*)

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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 our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

◆ **HYMN OF THE DAY Majesty**

(W&P 94)

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> C/D D  
Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty: un - to  
G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> D<sup>7</sup>  
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup>

Maj-es-ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G

throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm<sup>7</sup> Bbdim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G

So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm<sup>7</sup> Bbdim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup>/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am<sup>7</sup> D G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty:

Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/Eb G/D Am<sup>7</sup>

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/Eb

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: .... God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We commend these...in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

◆ **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (*Please stand*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn:

**Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (Vs 1 & 2 Only)**

(ELW 389)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.....the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection.... Grace our table with your presence. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us .... justice, peace, and love. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones .... now and forever. **C: Amen.**

◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Please stand*)

**C: 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.**

**COMMUNION SONG** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (Vs. 1 only)*

(ELW 385)



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**COMMUNION ANTHEM (SBG Band)** David Crowder and Ed Cash, "I Am" (2014)

Vs. 1) There's no space that His love can't reach.  
 There's no place where we can't find peace.  
 There's no end to amazing grace.  
 Take me in, with Your arms spread wide;  
 Take me in like an orphan child.  
 Never let go, never leave my side.

Chorus I am holding on to You.  
 I am holding on to You.  
 In the middle of the storm,  
 I am holding on, I am.

Vs. 2) Love like this, O my God to find.  
 I am overwhelmed with a joy divine.  
 Love like this sets our hearts on fire.

Bridge This is my resurrection song,  
 This is my hallelujah come,  
 This is why it's to You I run.

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Vs. 1 only)* (ELW 392)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scepter,  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the triumph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living God .... Jesus Chris our Savior. **C: Amen.**

### ◆ BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

### ◆ SENDING SONG *Christ Is Living: Cristo vive*

(ACS 934)

*1* ;Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!  
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.

*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*  
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.

*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*  
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*;* *Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*  
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

◆ **DISMISSAL** (*Please stand*)

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** (SBG Band): David Crowder and Ed Cash, "Glory, Glory" (arr. 2001 by Dan Galbraith)

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Take me in like an orphan child.  
Never let go, never leave my side.

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Bridge This is my resurrection song,  
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This is why it's to You I run.

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## Music Notes:

The Saved by Grace Band leads today's worship music. The **Prelude** is by the band, Mercy Me, an American contemporary Christian music band founded in Greenville, TX. Interestingly, each and every member of the band is credited on the authorship of this song. The band has eight Dove Awards to its credit, and 13 consecutive Top 5 singles on the Billboard Christian Songs chart, 7 of which reached number 1. This song is from the group's eighth studio album, "Welcome to the New," released on April 8, 2014. As the Last **Prelude**, the Saved by Grace Band presents an Easter song by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes. Maher has been nominated for nine Grammy® awards and is a three-time GMA Dove Award® winner. Fieldes is a Hillsong Church alumna who moved from her native Australia to Nashville, TN, where she is a worship leader at the Belonging Co Church. Dawn Mark Bacon-Johnson provides percussion for this song. As the **Distribution Song**, the Band presents "I Am," the debut single from David Crowder's debut album, *Neon Steeple*, released in 2013. Crowder is a "folktronica" musician, meaning that he fuses folk music with electronic elements, including samples and hip-hop dance rhythms. The song rose to No. 3 on the Christian Songs chart. The **Postlude** is an American spiritual song recorded by many artists in a variety of genres (including on the Crowder album, "Milk and Honey"). The version we hear this morning is the version by Crowder, but played more in the style of Mississippi John Hurt. Other famous covers include Dr. John, Ike & Tina Turner, Roy Acuff, and The Byrds.

The **Hymn of the Day** is by Jack Hayford, who wrote, "In 1977, my wife Anna and I spent our vacation in Great Britain. We traveled through England, Scotland and Wales the same year that Queen Elizabeth celebrated the 25th anniversary of her coronation. There were many symbols of royalty... 'Majesty' describes the kingly, lordly, glorious, regal nature of our savior. 'Majesty' recalls that our worship can align us with God and His throne and His kingdom. We are rescued from death, restored to the inheritance of sons and daughters, and qualified for victory in battle against the adversary, and destined for the throne forever in His presence."

Next week: Chancel Choir warms up at 8:15am, sings for 9:00am worship, and rehearses after worship at 10:15am. Men's Chorus rehearses at 11:00am.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>This Sunday Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Sunday Worship Leaders</u>
<b>Reader:</b> Dawn Omernik	<b>Reader:</b> Pam Johnson
<b>Wine:</b> Pam Johnson, Geri Schesel	<b>Wine:</b> TBD, TBD
<b>Usher:</b> TBD	<b>Usher:</b> TBD
<b>Comm. Set Up:</b> Bev Leidel	<b>Comm. Set Up:</b> TBD
<b>Greeter:</b> TBD	<b>Greeter:</b> TBD
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> JoAnn Holdmann	<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> TBD

### This week at Grace

- Sun 4/27 8:15am SBG Band Warmup  
9am Worship ~ SBG Band Provides Worship Music  
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:15am Sunday School  
11am Women's Choir Rehearsal (**\*\*\*LAST OF PROGRAM YEAR\*\*\***)
- Mon 4/28 2:30pm Violin Lessons  
6pm Scouts
- Tue 4/29 12:10pm Devotional Worship  
5:30pm Scouts
- Wed 4/30 3pm Kucharski Visitation  
5pm Kucharski Funeral
- Thu 5/1 12pm Bible Study
- Sun 5/4 8:15am Chancel Choir Warms Up  
9am Worship - Chancel Choir Sings  
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (**\*\*\*LAST OF PROGRAM YEAR\*\*\***)  
10:15am Community Life Team Meeting  
11am Men's Chorus Rehearsal (**\*\*\*LAST OF PROGRAM YEAR\*\*\***)

**Grace's Welcome Statement:** Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** This morning we celebrating our worship volunteers that are very appreciated! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone that makes the worship services possible!

**Hidden Blessings:** Just an extra note of thanks to some congregation members that provide consistent ministries for communion. Each week, Dave and Lynne Huebschen provide the communion bread, and Dan and Theresa Umhoefer provide the wine.

**In Memoriam:** We rejoice and mourn that lone (Oney) Ashworth entered the church triumphant 2 weeks ago. We also mourn the passing of Ken Kucharski, father-in-law of member Hayley Kucharski. Ken's funeral service will be here at Grace on Wednesday, April 30 at 5pm, with a 3-5 visitation and a meal following the service. Please keep Oney's family and the Kucharski family in your prayers during this time of grief.

**Prayer List Information:** We have noticed that our prayer list is getting quite long again, and we realize that people sometimes forget to request that a loved one be removed from the list when appropriate. So, going forward we will start a new list over every 4 months. If you would like someone to stay on the list, please just call or email the office.

**Prayers:** **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** (Stepfather of Sandy Smith's best friend), **Jack** Clark (Florence Panning's son-in-law), **Chevell** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Faye** Junker (Matt Junker's mother), **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Grace** McCandless, **Hildegard** Quaegber, **Jerry** Karthaus, **Dan** Gander (friend of Sandy Smith), **Maygie** May, **David** Rauth, **Marilyn** (friend of Dawn Omernik), **Tricia** Baackes, **Joyce** Winghart, **Thomas** Button (Jim Button's brother), **Lana** (Janie Robbins's cousin), **Suzanne** Peterson (mother of Kevin Mussatti), **Javier** Rodriguez (friend of Buczynski family), **Olivia** (cousin of John Liegeois), **Connie** H. (friend of Lynne & Dave Huebschen), **Tami** Zuiker (friend of Geri Schesel), **John** (friend of Holly Tischer), **Andy** Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker) **Liane** Callow (Pr. Bill's Sister), **Debbie** (friend of Dawn Omernik), **Amelia** (daughter of Paul & Mary Gieschen), **Rick** Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle).



**The Undy 500 is back!** The UNDY 500 is a clothing donation drive that will take place during the month of May for The Guest House of Milwaukee, a men's homeless shelter. This is an important event because most of the individuals served at The Guest House are in need of undergarments and basic items. Items most in need are boxer briefs and boxers in sizes S, M and L. Other items appreciated are T-shirts and socks. This year they are also collecting women's underwear as part of their outreach program for women. Cash donations are also welcome if you don't want to do the shopping.

**May Good News:** If you receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please stop by the communication desk and pick your copy.

**Bobby Jo Valentine Concert:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 10 at 7pm here at Grace, for an evening of heart-opening pop with Bobby Jo Valentine. Bobby Jo's music exists outside the lines of any genre, but the music's thoughtful, spirit focused lyrics and catchy melodies reach listeners across all walks of life. The poetic nature and spiritual focus of his stories and songs has resulted in notable awards and a growing, loyal following around the country. He's found a voice with original, hopeful songs about the gentle everyday spiritual awakenings of an openhearted life.



There is no charge for this concert, but a free will offering will be collected.

**Council Installation:** Please note the 2025 members of Council will be installed during worship on Sunday, May 4th.

**2025 Council:** Below are the 2025 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Ryan Bernard (President): 920-418-5235 Janie Robbins (VP): 262-646-4628 Kevin Sibley (Treasurer): 262-302-8182 JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609	Diana Koppa: 414-254-9983 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045 Geri Schesel: 262-227-9251
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**Sermon Definitions:** Below are sermon definitions for confirmation students.

**Preach:** To proclaim a message, to advocate, especially to urge acceptance of or compliance with.

**Prophets:** People chosen by God to speak the words of God or on behalf of God.

**Psalms:** A sacred hymn or song. The book of Psalms in our bible is the ancient hymn book of the people is Israel.

**Testify:** To express or declare a strong belief. To make a declaration of faith.

**Grace Membership:** If you are still interested in becoming a member of Grace, please let Pr. Bill know, or call the office (262-242-1174). We will be receiving new members at a date yet to be announced.

**Help for West Coast Fires:** If you would like to help with relief for those suffering the fires on the West Coast, you are encouraged to send a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR is a branch of the ELCA and 100% of your donation goes to help those affected by the fires. Our offerings help to pay for this ministry's overhead. So, all the gifts you give go to the response and not to giving a charity CEO another boat. For more information see: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires>

**Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge:** If you have any new or gently used coats, boots, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please consider dropping it off at the church to be donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. There is a box near the Luther room for these items.

**Guest House Sandwiches:** We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **May 7 and 21.**



All Peoples  
Church

**Update to Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church):** Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.

**“Lend A Hand” Board:** As you enter the building near the pastor’s office you will notice the new “Lend a Hand” board. This board contains small tasks that need to be done around the building from time to time. Perhaps you have some time on a rainy afternoon? Perhaps you are waiting for a loved one to get out of a meeting? Perhaps you’re bored and want to do an act of service? This board will help you find jobs around the church that help make this place looking great from day to day. Just take a task off the board if you plan on doing it and when the task is complete, place the card in the offering plate. This will help us to know things are done. Let us know if you see anything around the building that we can add to this list and have a great time keeping Grace clean and in good shape.

**Worship Volunteers:** **Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers!** There is a hard copy of the SignUpGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the SignUp Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



SignUpGenius

**Celebrations this week:**

**Birthdays this week:** Rita Karthausser - 4/29, Stella Rockwood – 4/29, Heather Sibley - 4/30, Liz Streubel – 5/3

**Anniversaries:** Rich & Robin Koch – 5/2