

March 15, 2020  
**Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado**  
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

## ***Welcome to Grace!***



*This is the service that we had planned before Bishop Gonia encouraged all Rocky Mountain Synod congregations to cease all in-person worship services and gatherings, no matter the size of the congregation.*

*Our hope is that you will find solace and peace in reading through the order of services, and listening to the lectionary readings and sermon.*

*In response to Christ's boundless love for all, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace.*

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*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

Erbarm' dich mein, O Herr Gott  
*Have mercy on me, O Lord God*

J.L. Krebs

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEDICATION OF QUILTS

Let us pray:

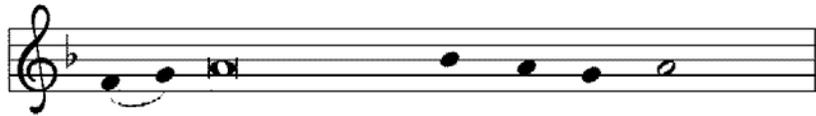
O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a love for fabric, a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of these labors, the Quilts, to you.

**We dedicate these Quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each one is sent, making it more than just a piece of fabric but making each quilt an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use this gift to radiate your love from us to the world. May these quilts be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. Amen.**

**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



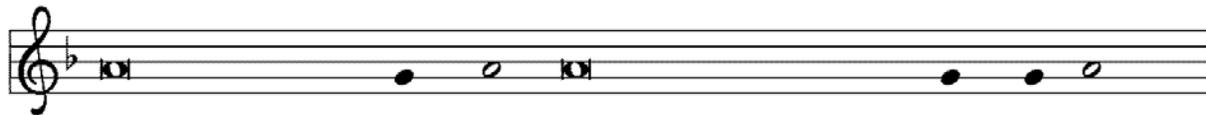
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

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### WORD

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#### **FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 95**

*Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**“Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering

produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

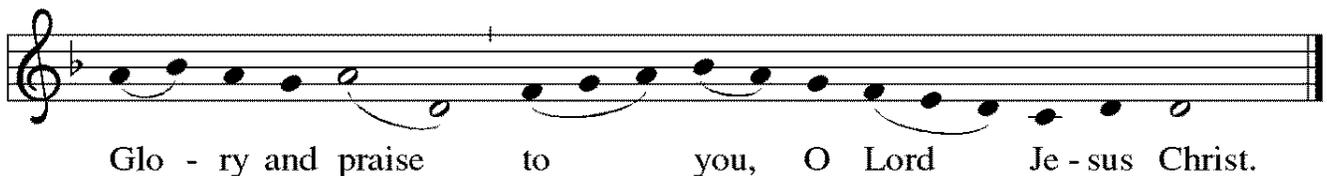
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(Due to the length of the gospel reading, please remain seated.)*



## GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired

out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you

speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“As the Deer Runs to the River”

ELW 331

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends with:* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## MEAL

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### OFFERING

*“Ave Verum Corpus”*

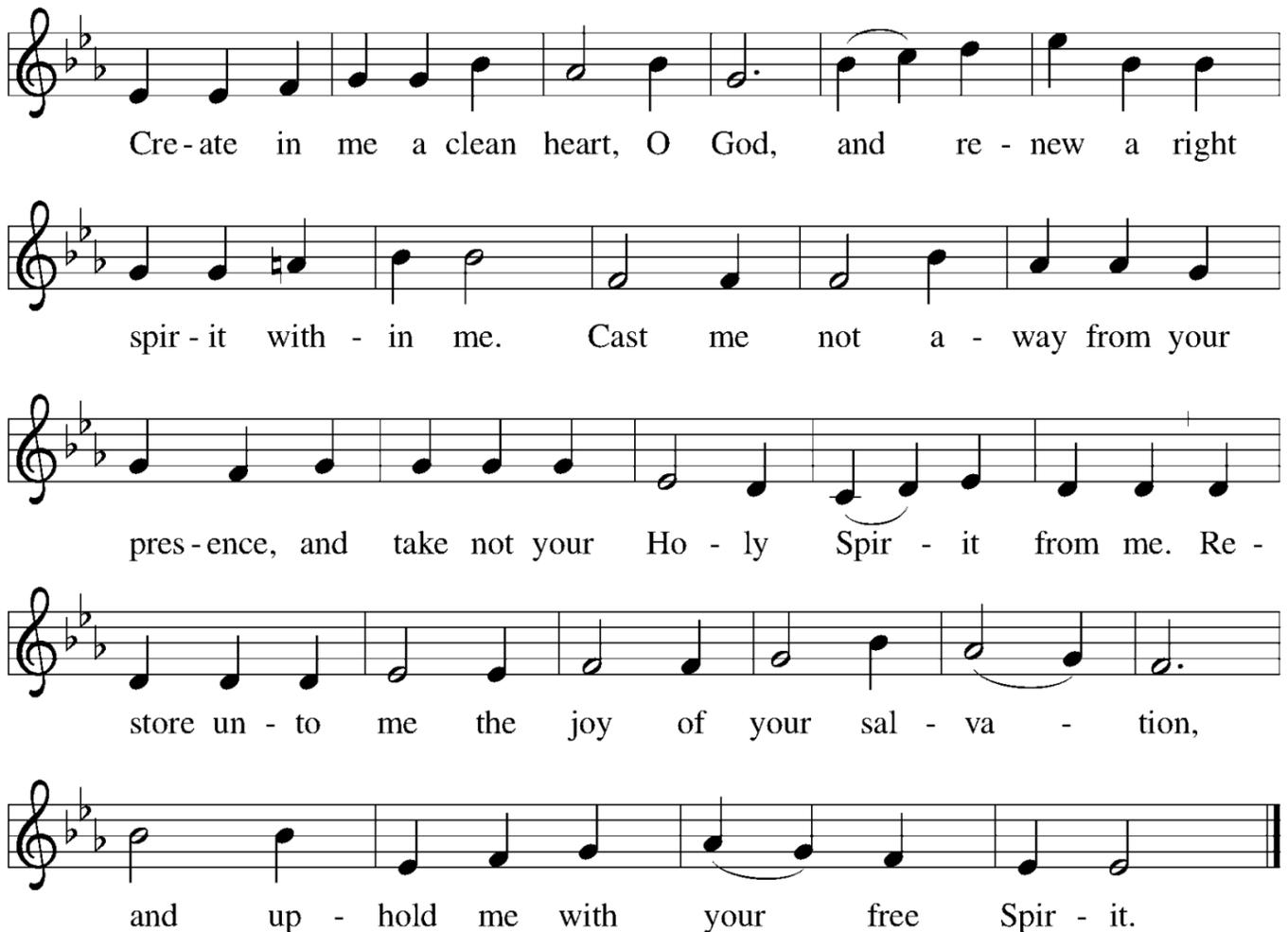
W.A. Mozart

*Hail, true body,  
Born of the virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered  
On the Cross for humanity.  
Whose side was pierced,  
Pouring out water and blood.  
Be a foretaste for us  
During our ordeal of death.*

### OFFERTORY

*“Create In Me”*

ELW 188



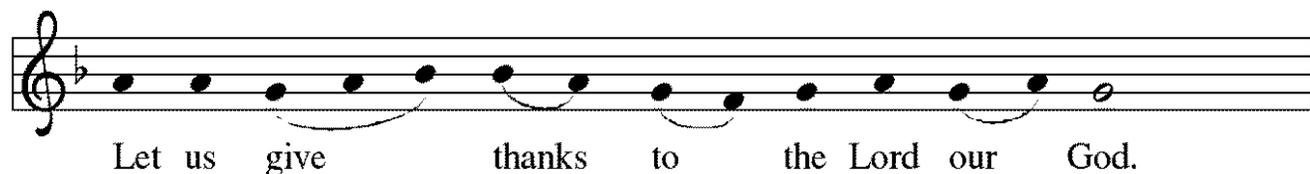
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and generous host,  
you set a table where we feast as friends.  
Prepare us to witness to your goodness  
with every gift you have given us to share,  
that all people may know your peace  
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

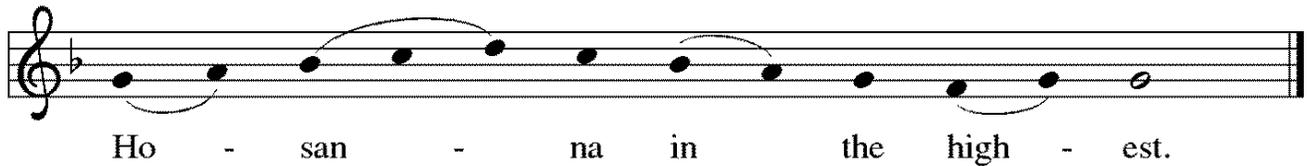
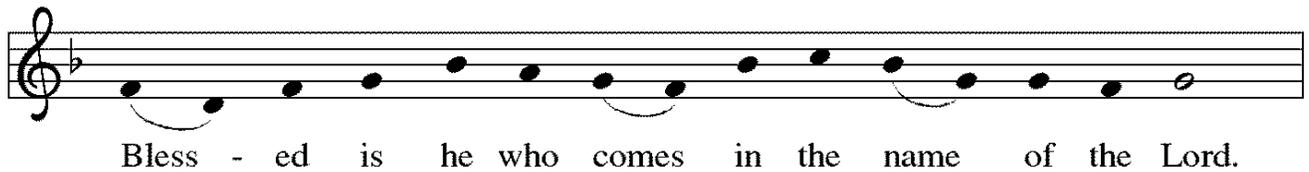
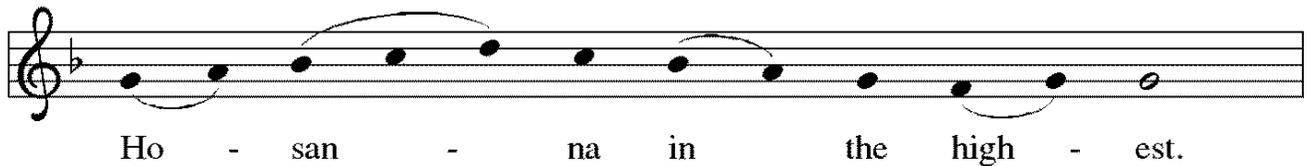
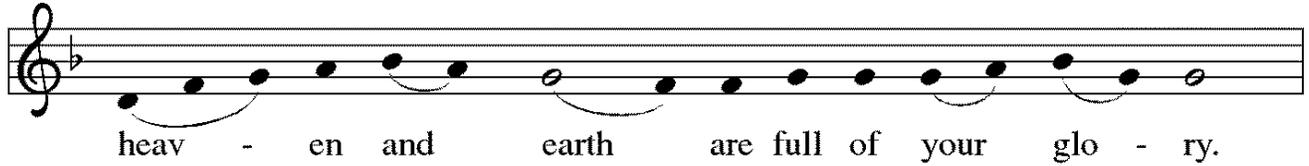
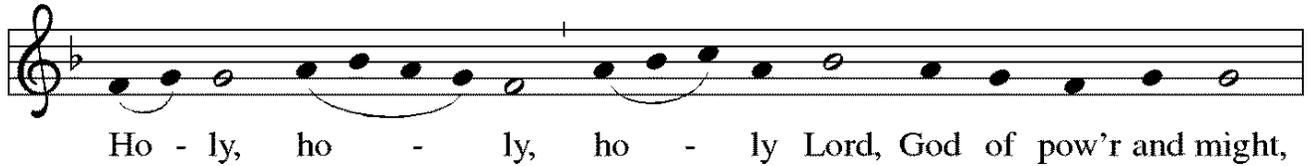
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation...

... 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself...

...Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

And together, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

**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**

The bread is broken. The wine is poured.  
Receive what you are, become what you receive.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*This is the table of God. We invite all who are hungry for God's presence in their lives to come forward to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table. Those who do not desire to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. The usher will direct you forward. You may drink from the chalice or dip the wafer into the wine.*

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. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with various phrasing slurs and ties. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

HYMN

“Give Me Jesus”

ELW 770

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## SENDING

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### PRAYER

We thank you, living God,  
for the body and blood of your Son,  
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.  
As Christ has loved us in this feast,  
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God,  
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
✠ bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”    ELW 843

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Scripture Readings Next Sunday**

*1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*



## GRACE NOTES

a guide to parish life at Grace

March 15, 2020

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We pray for **those who are ill**: Tony Stahl (moved to Memory Care), Catherine Tietjen (family friend of the Lawsons), Allan Wolfe, Jacquie Poe (friend of the Stahls); **those undergoing treatment**: John Gamble, Diana Anderson (former Grace member recovering from surgery), Patrick Fallin (friend of Hiroko Akima), Richard Raedeke (former Grace member), Coral Fay Mosbø (sister of Karen O'Loughlin), Paul Herzegh (friend of the Zabels), Elizabeth Farr, Deena Steward (daughter-in-law of the Stewards), Jan Adams (friend of the Stahls), Cheryl Fenske Prudic (niece of the Stewards), Mary Dorsett (former member of Grace); **hope and healing**: the family of Olghita Tafoya (mourning her death on Thursday, March 12), the family of Elizabeth Izant (mourning her death on Wednesday, March 11), Cathy Edwards (friend of Anne Peterson recovering from surgery), Barry Miller (friend of the Gambles now in Hospice Care), Arline Fernandez (friend of the Gambles now in Hospice Care); Rodney McLenon (friend of the Zabels), Beaudin Larabee (friend of the Zabels), Ray Haux (former Grace member now in Hospice care), Mieko Akima, Myrna Montgomery (grandmother of LCM student Arin Moriarty), Mark Woods (friend of Deb Valerio), Ruth VanderMinden, Pamela Kast (sister-in-law of Patty's sister), Rick Beckman (brother of Kim).

**The designated offering for March is: Himalayan Development Foundation.**

The Himalayan Development Foundation takes on projects that have meaningful impact, measurable results, and (as much as possible) no administrative costs. In November 2018, Marci Roschke participated in the Medical Mission in Taksindu. She continues to work as a volunteer and seeks to advance the scope of the Foundation. Marci planned to lead the Adult Forum on March 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to reschedule this, or make available her presentation remotely.

Thanks to the **Grace Foundation**, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2020, up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to “Grace Lutheran Church” and add “PiM: Himalayan Development Foundation” to the memo line.

## **Worship in the Time of the Novel Corona Virus**

Please note that due to public health concerns, Grace Lutheran Church has temporarily suspended our Worship services at the Church building itself. However, [audio recordings of sermons](#) are available. We will be making available recordings of full worship services in the very near future.

Remember that, while church is a practice of community, faith is the practice of individuals. The mark of our Baptism is with us wherever we are, in community or alone.

## **Rooted in Grace**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Tafoya Family** as they mourn the death of Olghita. Olghita died on Thursday, March 12. A Celebration of Life Service will be held today at 2:00 pm in Lafayette.

The **Tuesday Book Group** meets each week from 11:45 am-12:45 pm and is reading "*The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*" by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. They have completed the chapters on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Please read the chapter entitled "Wednesday" for the upcoming meeting on March 17. Everyone is welcome! (Remote participation will be made available.)

**Lectionary Bible Study** with Pastor Stephanie continues on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 am. The study focuses on the lectionary texts for the next Sunday's worship, taking a deeper dive than is possible within the constraints of the service. Join us for spirited discussion and fellowship time! (Remote participation will be made available.)

Adult Forum continues with Pastor Stephanie at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings March 22 and 29, when she will present *Brueggemann's Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today*, another Living the Questions series. (Remote participation will be made available.)

## **Reaching Out in Christ's Love**

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

## Lent at Grace



On the five Wednesdays in **Lent**, we will gather (remotely) for Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. The Evening Prayer services will focus on the Signs of Life in the Church: Light, Water, Food, Shelter, and Community.

This coming Wednesday, the third **Evening Prayer Service** in the series, we will reflect on **Food**. When we remember that food is life, we gain a better understanding of what it means to ask God to give us our daily bread...But most importantly, when we remember that food is life, we discover what it means when Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life." Jesus is the food that will feed us.

## This Week at Grace

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### Sunday, March 15

~~8:45 am Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall~~

~~10 am Worship followed by Fellowship, Sanctuary/Narthex~~

~~11:30 am Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall~~

2:00 pm Celebration of Life Service for Olghita Tafoya (Lafayette)

### Monday, March 16

10 am-3 pm Office Administrator Hours, Office

~~10-11:30 am Music Lesson, Sanctuary~~

~~7-8 pm NAR Anon Meeting, Music Room (Mark)~~

~~7-8 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall~~

~~7-9 pm Harmonia Practice, Sanctuary~~

### Tuesday, March 17

**11:45 am-12:45 pm Grace Book Group, Remote participation will be made available**

~~5:00-7:00 pm CU Student Rehearsal, Sanctuary~~

~~6:00-7:45 pm Bread & Belonging @ St. Aidan's~~

~~7-8 pm HA Meeting, Music Room (Mark)~~

### Wednesday, March 18

10 am-3 pm Office Administrator Hours, Office

**10:30-11:30 am Bible Study, Remote participation will be made available**

~~3-4 pm Music Lesson, Music Room (Mark)~~

3:00-5:00 pm Financial Administrator Hours, Office

~~6:00 pm Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall~~

**6:45 pm Lenten Devotions, Remote participation will be made available**

~~7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary~~

### Thursday, March 19

~~9 am-12 pm LWR Quilting Group, Sewing Rooms (Luke+John)~~

10 am-3 pm Office Administrator Hours, Office

~~1-5 pm CU Student Rehearsal, Sanctuary~~

### Friday, March 20

~~5:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall~~

~~9:30-11:30 pm HA Meeting, Fellowship Hall~~

### Saturday, March 21

9 am-12 pm Organ Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 22

**8:45 am Adult Forum, Remote participation will be made available**

**10 am Worship, Remote participation will be made available**

