

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The Third Sunday of Easter *May 4, 2025*

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God During the Service — Let God speak to you After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The season after Easter Day until Pentecost is called the **Easter Season** or **Eastertide** and lasts 50 days. The central theme of Eastertide is the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life, hope and redemption. This is the most joyful season in the Christian calendar, the mood is bright and triumphant. The scripture readings focus on the appearances of the risen Christ and the beginnings of the Christian community with the missionary work of the apostles. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing joy and purity.

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

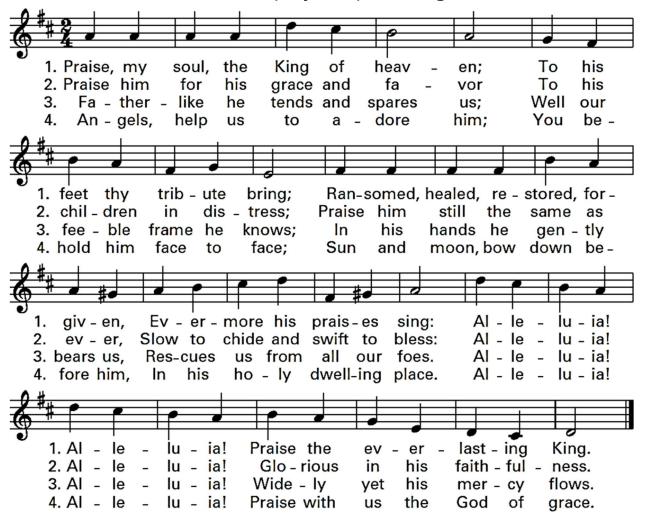
To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799
8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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OPENING HYMN #410: Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven



ACCLAMATION

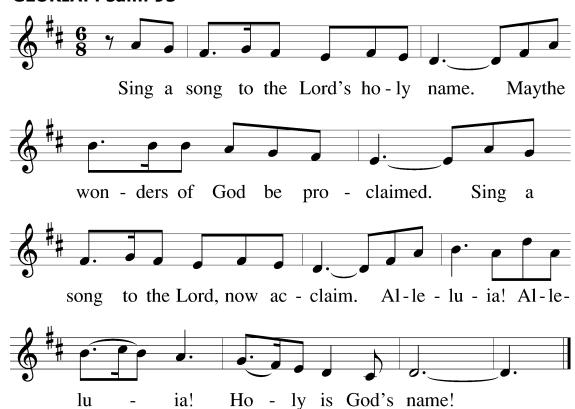
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

GLORIA: Psalm 95



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eyer. **AMEN.**

This Week's Readers: **8:30** Karen Davenport **10:30** Nora & Dash Heath Next Sunday's Readers: **8:30** Cheryle Kahl **10:30** Ann & Dave Farrell

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 30 - *Exaltabo te, Domine*Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the *

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up* and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried out to you,* and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;*
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;*
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,* his favor for a lifetime.

⁶Weeping may spend the night,*

but joy comes in the morning.

⁷While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.*

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

⁸Then you hid your face,*

and I was filled with fear.

⁹I cried to you, O Lord;*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?" will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;*
O Lord, be my helper."

12You have turned my wailing into dancing;*

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;*
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: He Will Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd



GOSPEL John 21:1-19 The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will

go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to 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, and 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 give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand or kneel

- Leader Christ is risen—alleluia! In the confidence of the Resurrection, we now pray in our Savior's name for all of God's people throughout the world, saying: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Leader Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Leader Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Leader Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share with and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Bring newness and change to the poor of the earth, O God, to the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and to refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Haiti, and Sudan. Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Bring newness and change to our community, O God, as we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Awake, O Family, rise from death,
- People And Christ will give you life!
- Leader Bring newness and change to the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list which is located near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

People Alleluia, amen!

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hear our prayers O God, for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, in your risen Son, Jesus, our exalted one. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

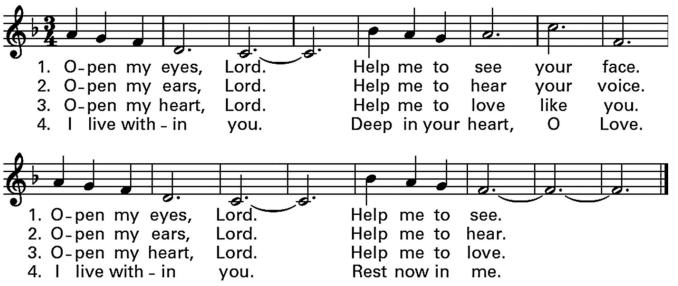
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: Open My Eyes, Lord



DOXOLOGY: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed!

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to our God.

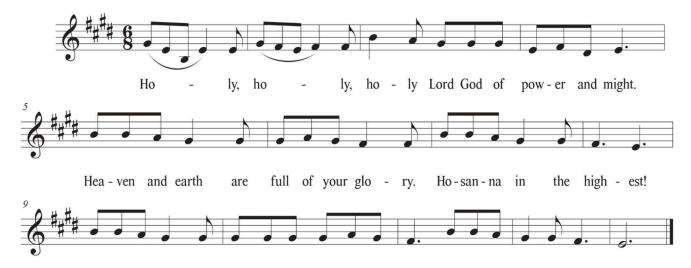
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues:

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for at his resurrection, Christ burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death and to shine forth the divine love once again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

All loving and embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry and healed the oppressed; then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

People Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine as well as our lives, in thanks and praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth that we may proclaim good news to the entire world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven, O God, where death and pain are no more and where you will dwell with us forever.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, and by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor are yours all loving God, now and forever.

AMEN.

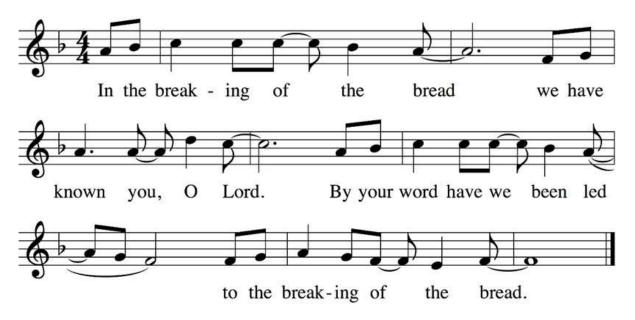
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

FRACTIO: Emmaus



Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, where you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: Worthy Is the Lamb



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

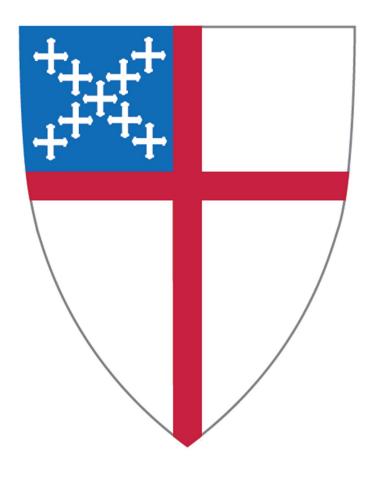
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**



CLOSING HYMN: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



DISMISSAL

Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good Celebrant courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor

everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy

Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia! People

The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry, Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop, Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod, Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members, Steven Steinberger-Domienik. Grace Church Mt. Clemens, Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Nina DiGaetano, Donna Hanes, Katherine Domienik, Karen Blackburn, Jasmine Gardner, Tom & Sandy Krell, Frankie Dion, Sue Schlanbusch, Elliott Belair, Charlotte Kalligeros, Tom Stotz, Jennifer Holland, Joan Walsh, Elizabeth Gage, Teresa Davidson, Jeanne Nowak, Donna Powell, Pamela Sherry, Linda Fields, Michael Woodard, Kent Schwandt, Pat Greenwood, Sara Mattocks, Gene Skladnowski, Sherie Borsa, Joan Donald, Rob Haynes, Andy Jaeger, Tom O'Rourke, Scott Kadets, Brenda Steinberger-Domienik, Laurisa, Jason Zadorski, Pat Ruditis, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Laura MaryLake, Allen Clay, Mary Anne Jackson, Beth Smith, Charlie Carol, Bill Sobkowicz, Martha Wehba, Carolyn Siewert, Holly Quintero, Ged Youngman, Jody Gorney, Tammy Murphy, Eka & Kiana Bassey, Lee Dillon, Marilee Racine, Tommy Gun, Joshua R., Suzanne LaMontagne, Diane George, Gay Gillespie, John Schober, Dan Fox, Carlo Zoppi.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office. Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information. Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers: Wednesdays at 4:00 Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4 35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035 Last packing day for 2024-2025 is June 3, 2025

All outreach ministries welcome volunteers, financial donations, or food and clothing donations.

Call the office to learn about helping or giving: 586-465-4573

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

GARDEN UPDATE

The garden project is underway! B&G are working on burying the downspouts, then the grass seed will go down. We've also put down Preen to help reduce weeding. Many daffodils have been newly relocated this year out by Gratiot. This will really look nice next spring! The Master Gardener is working on moving other plants as well.

We're looking for anyone interested in hostas. Contact Lori Simon and she'll show you what you can dig up and rehome. Once we're downsized, we should still have a lot of color, just much less to maintain.

Gardening can be done at any time by anyone. If you have any questions, just ask Lori.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will be as needed from **April 1** through **May 5**; if you have any questions or want to schedule a meeting, please call the office at 586-465-4573.

BOOK CLUB AT GRACE

The next meeting of the book club will be on **May 8, 2025**, at **6 PM** in the Guild Room at Grace Church. The book we will discuss is *Whistling Past the Graveyard* by Susan Crandall. Please plan to join us for a pleasant evening of discussion of the book and general conversation to get to know each other better.

MCREST

We will be sheltering 30 men from **May 18-25** and are looking for volunteers. Currently we are in need of people who can make dinners as well as some men who would be able to help with the night shifts. If you are interested in helping, there will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway between the church and the social hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers were given by Sue Sargent in memory of her husband Dale. Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway.

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsals on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

Every third Friday from **7 to 9 PM**! Bring your family and friends.

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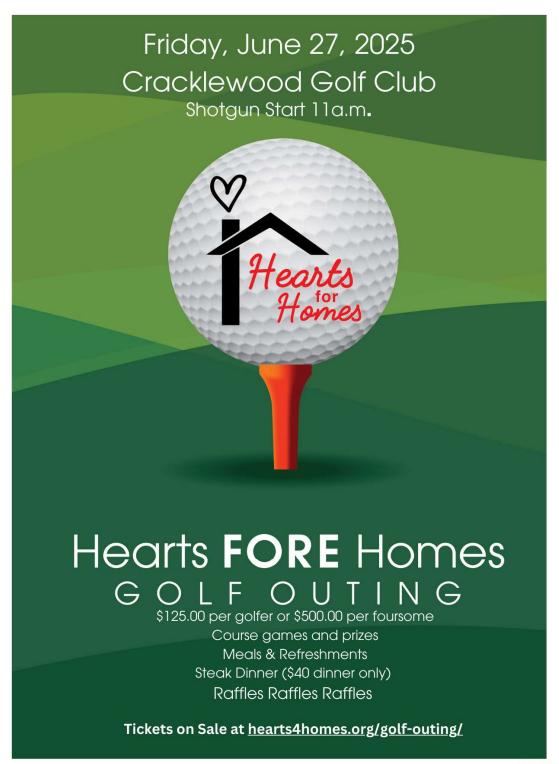
Proceeds to benefit the Wednesday Community Supper

SATURDAY MAY 17th

Doors open 5:30pm Trivia starts 6:15pm

\$20 per person includes sloppy Joe, chips, dessert, coffee, lemonade 50/50 drawing

Contact Pam Schafer 586-292-1629 Or Kirsten Blackburn 810-278-0029



Scan to purchase tickets, explore sponsorship opportunities, and learn more about the Hearts FORE Homes Golf Outing.

