



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Third Sunday in Lent

*March 8, 2026*

*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 word “Lent” conjures up a variety of images and feelings and is often understood as no feasting, no parties, no fun, and a requirement to go to confession, fast on certain days, and give up something for the season. Figuring out what to “give up” is often a challenge and many people get stuck here, but the ultimate purpose of Lent is to strengthen our spiritual lives. During this time, we are asked to quiet down our busy lives and pray more to consider the ways we need to repent, or in other words, to turn around and become closer to God. Taking on a spiritual practice, giving alms, and helping those in need during these forty days are ways that we may prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

The liturgical color is **purple**.

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## OPENING HYMN: Be Still My Soul

*Please stand as you are able*



1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



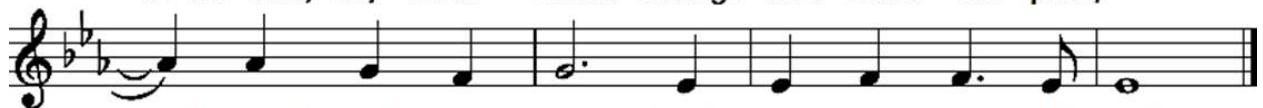
1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

*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.**

## KYRIE

The musical score consists of three staves, each with a 'Cantor' part and an 'Assembly' part. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' and 'Christ, have mer - cy.'

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: Tom Stotz & Selia Tuten*  
*Next Week's Readers: Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**ANTIPHON** *Sung both before and after the psalm during Lent*

If to - day you hear God's voice,  
hard - en not your hearts.

**RESPONSE** Psalm 95 – *Venite, exultemus*

<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 his presence with thanksgiving\*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God,\*

**and a great King above all gods.**

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness,\*  
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.**

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test,\*  
**though they had seen my works.**

<sup>10</sup>Forty years long I detested that generation and said,\*  
**“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”**

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath,\*  
**“They shall not enter into my rest.”**

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

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL HYMN: Jesus, Lover Of My Soul**

*Please stand as you are able*

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

**GOSPEL** John 4:5-42 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 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." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and

to complete his work. 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY** The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik *Please be seated*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Please stand as you are able*

*This is 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**

*Leader* During this Lenten season of self-examination, repentance, fasting, prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving, we offer our prayers to God, saying:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the Christian church of God throughout the world, that all its members may turn to the Lord and keep a holy Lent.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the people of Iran at this time of fear and uncertainty. May God's love be with the most vulnerable Iranians as hardship and retaliation follow in the wake of these ongoing attacks.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for our nation in a time of crisis, and continue to keep in our prayers the families of all those slain by ICE. May all who serve in immigration enforcement honor the dignity of every person they encounter.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the victims of warfare and unrest, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela, and for refugees around the world, that their mourning may be turned into joy.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the nations of the world, that those in authority will hear, see, and feel the love of God in their lives; may they work toward peace and reconciliation with all people and countries.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of racism, fear, or anti-immigrant sentiment, and we pray for an end to this type of violence and behavior.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for all who are in need of a safe place to live, for those who need food on the table, and for those who need protection and companionship.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for all people suffering with physical, emotional, and mental illness, as well as their families and caretakers; we pray too for those who are grieving, and for those who have died.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the special needs and concerns of our Grace family, and for those on our prayer list. Are there others?

Bless, comfort, and protect all those for whom we pray.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* 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.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* Grant us for the love of you to make no peace with oppression, to fear no adversity, and to have no tolerance for those who would use their power to abuse or exploit.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant says:*

God our creator, you are constantly and unconditionally loving us even when we stray from you. Hear our prayers and guide us into the way of your peace. **AMEN.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*



## OFFERTORY HYMN: Many And Great

1. Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of  
 2. Grant us com - mu - nion with you, our God, Though you tran -

1. earth and sky; Your hands have set the  
 2. scend the stars. Come close to us and

1. heav - ens with stars; Your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and  
 2. stay by our side: With you are found the true gifts that

1. plains. You mere - ly spoke and wa - ters were  
 2. last. Bless us with life which nev - er shall

1. formed; Deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 2. end, E - ter - nal life with you.

## DOXOLOGY

*Please stand as you are able*

1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*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:*

It is truly right to glorify you, God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant continues:*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

For you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. He lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

On the night before he died, while he was at supper with his friends, he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

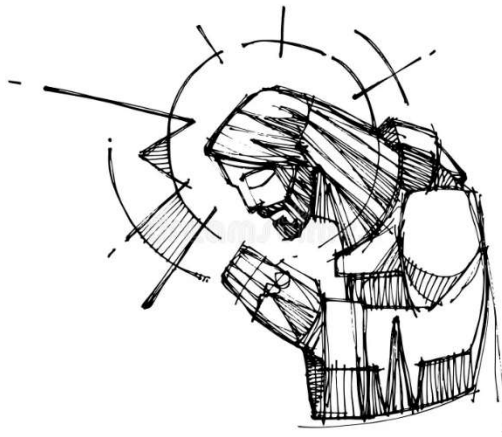
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.**

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

For it is through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, that all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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.**

## FRACTION: Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break  
bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

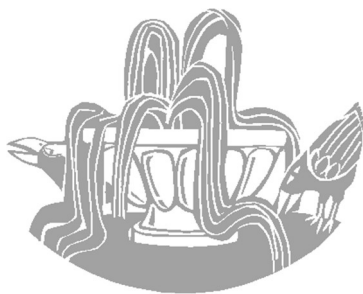
## COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

### Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

*Whoever you are, wherever 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: Fill My Cup, Lord



1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek - ing for
2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav - ing the
3. So, my neigh-bor, if the things this world gave you leave



things that could not sat - is - fy; and then I heard my Sav - ior  
pleas - ure earth - ly things af - ford; but none can match the won-drous  
hun - gers that won't pass a - way, my bless - ed Lord will come and



speak-ing: "Draw from my well that nev - er shall run dry."  
treas - ure that I find in Je - sus Christ my Lord.  
save you, if you kneel to him and hum-bly pray:



Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and



quench this thirst-ing of my soul; bread of heav-en, feed me 'til I



want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

*Celebrant and People say together:*

**During Lent we ask you, O God, to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts as well, to be ready at Easter for your risen life in us. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

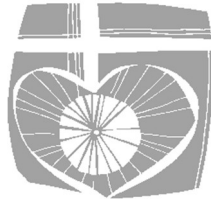


there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth renewed for the Lenten journey with our eyes fixed upon Jesus and his walk to Jerusalem, where he will be crucified and raised from the dead!

**People Thanks be to God.**



### **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 our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Jasmine Gardner; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Basse; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gheresi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Vickie Rose; Kristi Frangedakis; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Tom Burns; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Marilee Racine; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch.

***Do you know someone who can use our prayers?***

***Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.***

## The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

### 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 250-500 people every month*

### Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4

35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

**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

***Please send all bulletin submissions to [bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org](mailto:bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org)***

### OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. If you visit outside of these hours, you are welcome to leave a written message on the desk. Kindly include your name and contact number so that we may follow up with you promptly.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

### COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is 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!

### CHOIR

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

## **LENTEN STUDY SERIES**

The first part of our Lenten Study Series is watching and discussing Season 5 of "The Chosen." We're watching the eight episodes on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the Guild Room. This season focuses on the triumphal Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem and goes through all of the Holy Week events.

The second component focuses on a discussion of white Christian nationalism which will meet **Sundays** at **noon** through Palm Sunday. We'll watch a video documentary the first week and explore readings from *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism* by Carter Heyward. Participate in one or both activities for lively discussion as we prepare for Easter.

## **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

A local Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies in the hall **today** between services and after the 10:30 service. They're \$5 a box for the eight regular varieties and \$6 for the gluten-free variety. Cash, credit, or debit card preferred. If you don't want cookies (or have given up sweets for Lent!) but still want to support the troop, you can buy a box for donation to our food pantry. Thank you!

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Meet in ALC's Fellowship Hall at **5:30 PM** on Wednesdays in Lent to share homemade soups, crackers, bread, and cookies, followed by a Lenten service at **6:30 PM**. This year's theme for Lenten services is "Prayer Around the World."

If you'd like to contribute a favorite soup or a batch of cookies, plan on making between 20-25 servings of soup and/or about 2 dozen cookies. Please bring them to ALC by 5 PM that Wednesday. Contact Nancy Boeck at 248-703-0861 or Donna Pretzer at 586-549-2908 with any questions.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The next book club meeting will be at **6 PM** this Thursday, **March 12**, at Grace Church. The book to be discussed is *The Feather Detective* by Chris Sweeney. We look forward to meeting newcomers as well as regular members for a fun evening. Call Ann Strevel with any questions or concerns.

## **ASPIRE WITH ALC**

This Christian women's event was created out of the desire and need for women to enjoy a night out with fellowship and spiritual growth. One night of three hours full of laughter, learning, stories, and music with three women taking the stage. ALC women attended last year, and it was so fabulous, we're going again!

This year's *Aspire* is on **Friday, April 17** at **7 PM** (doors open at 6) at the Frankenmuth Bible Church, 210 S. Main Street in Frankenmuth. VIP tickets are \$45.85. The speakers are Bible teacher Barb Roose, comedian Christy Conder, and musician Jaime Jamgochian. We'll carpool from the ALC parking lot and leave early to have an early dinner at Bavarian Inn before the event. If interested in attending, contact Donna Pretzer at 586-549-2908. The deadline for registration is **Monday, March 23**. See <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

## **SAVE THE DATE: MUSICAL BINGO**

Get ready for a fun night at church on Saturday, April 25! We're planning a Musical Bingo event and would love your help. If you're interested in volunteering or have ideas to share, please see or contact Margaret Morgan. Stay tuned for more details—and don't forget to mark your calendar!