

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 – **LARGE-PRINT EDITION**

*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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## PRELUDE: Sharon Potter, "Gabriel's Message"

### OPENING HYMN: Out Of The Depths

*Please stand as you are able*



1 Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord,  
2 My soul with pa - tience waits for thee, the liv - ing Lord, my  
3 My long - ing eyes look out for thy en - liv - ening ray, more  
4 Let Is - rael trust in God; no bounds his mer - cy knows; the



hear my sup - pli - cat - ing voice and gra - cious - ly re - ply.  
hopes are on thy prom - ise built, thy nev - er - fail - ing word.  
du - ly than the morn - ing watch to spy the dawn - ing day.  
plen - teous source and spring from whence re - demp - tion ev - er flows.

### 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

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, 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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: **Nora Heath***  
*Next Week's Readers: **Ann & Dave Farrell***



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING** Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader* A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I

will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**RESPONSE** *Psalm 130 – De profundis*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;\*

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>2</sup>If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,\*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you;\*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**

<sup>4</sup>I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;\*  
**in his word is my hope.**

<sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,\*  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord,\*  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

<sup>7</sup>With him there is plenteous redemption,\*  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**



# GOSPEL HYMN: And I Will Raise You Up

*Please stand as you are able*

I am the Res - ur - rec - tion,  
I am the life. If you be -  
lieve in me, e - ven though you  
die, you shall live for ev - er.  
And I will raise you up, and I will  
raise you up, and I will raise you  
up on the last day.

**GOSPEL** John 11:1-45

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I

am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*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 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 attacked because of racism, fear, or anti-immigrant sentiment, especially the congregation of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, 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:*

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.**

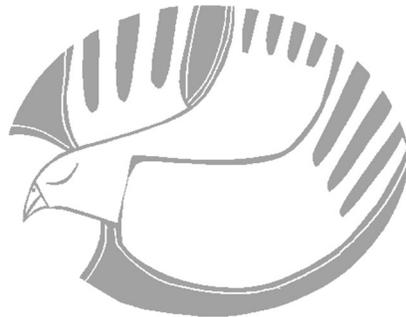
*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated*

## OFFERTORY HYMN: Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is

Where the Spir - it of the Lord is, there is peace. Where the  
 Spir - it of the Lord is, there is love. There is com - fort in life's  
 dark - est hour, there is light and life, there is help and  
 pow - er in the Spir - it, in the Spir - it of the Lord.



## 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.**

*Celebrant continues:*

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.*

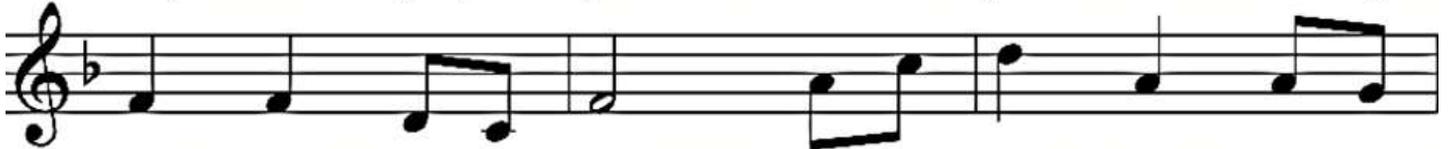
## COMMUNION HYMN: Here We Find Thee



1. In a place of sweet con - tent - ment At the cen - ter of the  
 2. In the whis - p' rings of the for - est, In the call - ings of the  
 3. In the cheer - ful love of fam - 'ly, In the joy - ful love of  
 4. In the feast of earth and heav - en, At each ho - ly sac - ri -



1. heart Is a gar - den gent - ly tend - ed, Is a  
 2. sea, In the hope of dis - tant star - light, Loft - y  
 3. friends, In the kind - ness of good peo - ple, In the  
 4. fice, An - gels, saints, with mor - tals gath - er In thy



1. tem - ple set a - part. Here my spir - it sings thy  
 2. moun - tain maj - es - ty, All cre - a - tion sings thy  
 3. prayers for en - e - mies, In the giv - ing and re -  
 4. pres - ence, Lord of life. In this world of death and



1. prais - es As my life re - flects the song: Here I  
 2. prais - es, Ev - 'ry sea - son joins the song: Here we  
 3. ceiv - ing, Treas - ured gifts from gen - tle hearts: Here we  
 4. dark - ness, Still a shin - ing hope is sent: Here we



1. find thee, here I find thee, Dear - est King and Lord of all.  
 2. find thee, here we find thee, Dear - est King and Lord of all.  
 3. find thee, here we find thee, Dear - est King and Lord of all.  
 4. find thee, here we find thee in the Bless - ed Sac - ra - ment.

## 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: Breathe On Me, Breath Of God



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

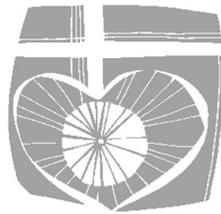


that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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; 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; 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 Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Ghersi; 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; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffer; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner.

*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 11:30 AM 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***

### **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.

## **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** presided over by Pastor Julie. 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.

## **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 tomorrow, **Monday, March 23**. See <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

## **MORE ALC EVENTS**

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for more info on upcoming and ongoing events at American Lutheran. There's a lot to choose from!

## **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!

## For Those Who Suffer from Gambling Addiction

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**God** of life, who **rescues us** from those things that separate us from you and from one another, **we pray** for those who **suffer** from gambling addiction. **We lament** the rise of online gambling and **the harm** that comes from its easy accessibility. As the month of March brings a surge in sports betting, **comfort** those who feel **trapped** in cycles they cannot break and grant them communities of support that might **lead them** out of habits that breed disconnection and pain. **Break the bonds** of addiction that we might return to our true life—a life of freedom, joy, and love. **We need your help** as you help us confront systems that bring suffering, and we need your help as we repair **our own failures**. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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