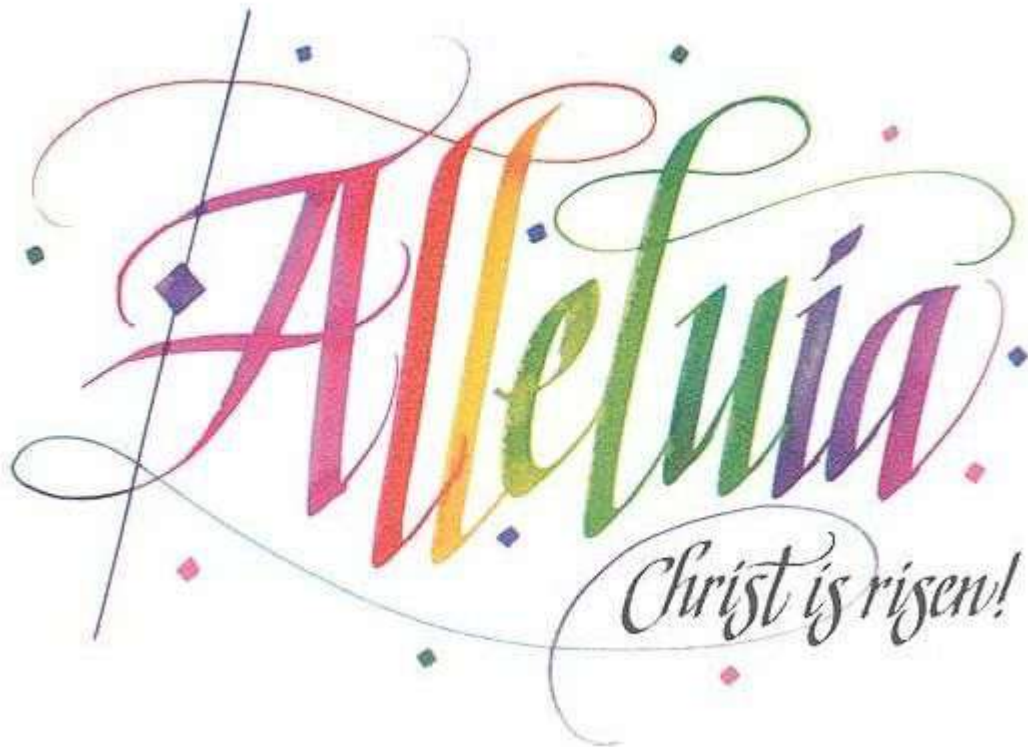


GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 – 8:30 Service



EASTER DEFINED

Easter is the bedrock of the Christian faith as everything is built on Jesus rising from the dead! If he would have remained in the tomb, the movement would have died with him. The Easter Resurrection is the most important feast of the year, even though Christmas has eclipsed it in popularity. The word "Easter" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *Eostre*, believed to be a pagan goddess associated with spring, fertility, and renewal in pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon traditions.

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PRELUDE: Brooke Lau, Instrumental

OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Please stand as you are able



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le -



1-3. lu - ia! 4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



ACCLAMATION *BCP p. 355*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant continues:

Risen Christ, your agony on the cross was the birth pangs of a new creation: Give us the courage of the women who first discovered your empty tomb, that we may marvel with them at the wonder and glory of your resurrection and proclaim that glory to others. We ask this, Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

FLOWER PROCESSIONAL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*Today's Reader: **Karen Davenport** † Next Sunday: Combined Service at 10 AM † In Two Weeks: **Karen Davenport***



FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Please be seated

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*Verses read alternately by the reader and the people, breaking at the **

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*
his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim,*
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,*
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory*
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!*" **the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,*
and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord has punished me sorely,*
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord;*
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me*
and have become my salvation.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected*
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing,*
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the Lord has acted;*
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of

God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

Please stand as you are able

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been

lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

Please be seated

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

AMEN.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

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.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has given us a new birth by water
and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the
forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his
grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***People* Amen.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand as you are able*

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,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that
we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O
Church, rise from death,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all
might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World,
rise from death,

And Christ will give you life!

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,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the poor of the earth, O God, for the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and for refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela.

Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,

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,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

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

And Christ will give you life!

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

And Christ will give you life!

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

And Christ will give you life!

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!
Alleluia, amen!

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hear our prayers, O God, on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EASTER DAY

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing this hymn of your unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus the Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues:

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, and the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your heavenly home.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor is yours, most glorious God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP p. 364*

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ rose from the dead 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 INTERLUDE: Brooke Lau, "Jesus, Messiah"

The congregation is invited to join in during the chorus

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah; Name a - bove all names;
Bless - ed Re - deem - er; Em - man - u - el.
The Res - cue for sin - ners, the Ran - som from heav - en;
Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP p. 366*

Please stand as you are able

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant continues:

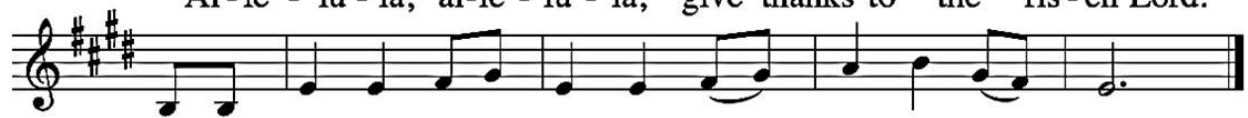
May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**



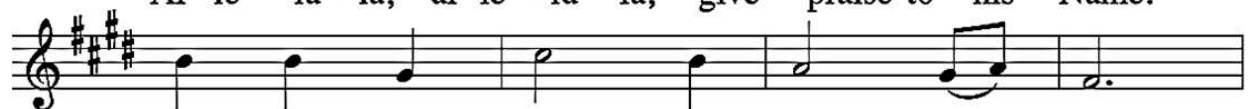
CLOSING HYMN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion. (verse 2.)
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. (Chorus)
 Now we shall live for ev - er. (verse 4.)
 Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve. (Chorus)
 Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior. (Chorus)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good 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!

***People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



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; Bonaio, 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; 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 Coffey; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner; Shelly Volpe.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?

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



Easter Flowers

*Ann Strelvel in honor of friends and family
Donna Chapman in memory of loved ones
Fran Merlo in memory of loved ones
Gerry and Jill Cottrell in memory of loved ones
Judy Ciccoritti in memory of loved ones*

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please send all bulletin submissions to
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org*

COMBINED SERVICE WITH ALC

Next **Sunday, April 12**, Grace will be hosting one combined service at **10 AM**, celebrated with our friends from American Lutheran Church.

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!

TV THEME SONG BINGO

Get ready for a fun night of TV Theme Song Bingo at church on **Saturday, April 25!** Doors open at **6 PM** and the fun begins at **7**. \$20 per person includes one bingo card and a Sloppy Joe dinner, with additional cards available for purchase. There'll be basket and 50/50 raffles, too. Contact Margaret Morgan at 313-657-9313 or Kristi Carpenter at 586-663-6246 to reserve a space or if you're interested in volunteering.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on **Thursday, May 14**, at Grace Church. At the last meeting we couldn't decide which book was next, so we ended up choosing two books! They are: *Hold Strong* by Robert Dugoni and *twice* by Mitch Albom. We hope to see you at the next meeting! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Ann Strelvel.

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!

For Stability and Justice for Farmers

God of the land and **source of our life**, who entrusted the Earth to humankind to till and keep, **we pray for farmers** who face increased financial uncertainty, extreme weather conditions, and reduced harvests. God, **we give you thanks** for **all farmers** and ask that the **governing authorities** might be granted wisdom to enact laws that **protect wise stewardship of the land** and economic justice for all of them. As farm incomes tighten and debt burdens grow, **guard** those whose **livelihoods** are at risk. You sustain our common life through the work of those who grow our food. **Grant strength** and courage **to all advocates** of a responsible and sustainable agricultural system. **Keep us mindful** that all we receive comes from **your gracious provision**, and let us never fail to give thanks. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.