

Habits **NOT** Heroics

Growing Faith

on Purpose

Take the Gospel Perspective

Seeing is believing.

March 15

Grace Lutheran Church

Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude & Confession & Affirmation of Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

C: We diminish our respect and awe of You by not putting our relationship with you on the top of our priority list. We relegate You to being our god of convenience and comfort rather than the Creator of the Cosmos, and, in this way, we limit the power you have in our lives. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We let other voices speak to us of fulfillment, hope and peace.

C: We have been tempted to turn away from the truth you offer us. We have doubted your presence, your power and your promise. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We have shut our ears to your call to love and serve others with the same compassionate love and service Christ offers us.

C: We have not been diligent in staying keenly aware of how we can be a source of comfort, hope and sustenance to those who suffer, or are in despair, or deprived of what they need to live. We have not shown hospitality to the sojourner. Instead, we find security in protecting and preserving our abundant blessings for ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We misuse and abuse the role you have given us in and over creation.

C: We exploit and squander the earth's resources without inconveniencing ourselves with consideration for the sustainability of life in the future. We assume the power of gods, but fail to seek the wisdom of God in the use of our power, focusing too much on our satisfaction in this moment rather than comprehending the full scope of our actions. We privilege our lives over the lives of other creatures without respect for the depth of the interconnectedness of all life. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We do not always own our own problems, nor do we take enough responsibility for working to solve them.

C: We scapegoat, we make excuses, we get distracted. We do not bring them to you and open ourselves to the Spirit's guidance through unexpected voices and resources. We become discontented because we resign to empty contentment. We default to following the norm rather than clinging to the distinction of being a Child of God. Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus, the Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us into eternal life.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **843**

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

The image shows the musical notation for the Entrance Hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text. The first verse is "1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;", the second is "2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;", and the third is "3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;".

praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Greeting & Kyrie

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During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

A Kyrie may be sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



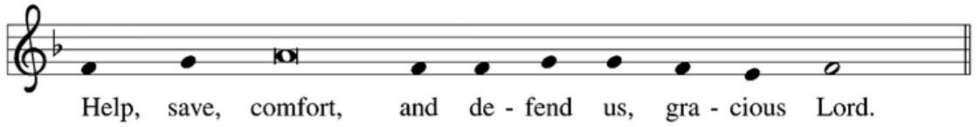
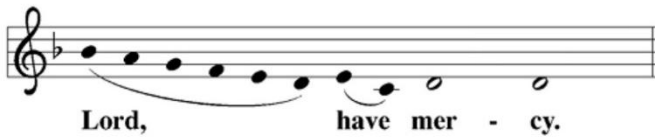
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

C: your wisdom is not our wisdom, your ways are not our ways, and so you call us to listen to your word and follow your ways. Send us the Spirit, that we will seek to align our minds with your mind and our wills with your will. Give us eyes to see what others see, but not as others see it. Open us to a view of life focused through the lens of the sacrifice of the cross; a living from the evaluative point of view of unbounded compassion, grace and love. We pray this in the name of the one whose vision of all people was informed by his unwavering hope of the liberation promised by the coming of God's Kingdom, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Philippians 2

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy . . . have the same evaluative point of view, the same love, be of one mind by sharing a singular evaluative point of view. Do not be motivated by selfish ambition or conceit, but, after a humble reflection on who you are, see that there is no reason you cannot lift up others in your eyes. Do not become so self-absorbed that you are not considering others! This is the evaluative point of view that was in Christ - so it should be your evaluative point of view, too. Our Christ was God, but he did not count being God of real value for his mission and goal, so he stepped away from the benefits of being God and undertook the life of a servant leader,

like you and I, humbling himself as a human being and being obedient to the Father's will, going so far as to die a death on a cross. But, because Christ did all of this, God raised him up and gave him a name that is above all other names. Now, at the name of Jesus everything will bow down; everything heavenly, earthly and hellish. And every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, giving glory to God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

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Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. R**

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress,
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. R**

*You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.*

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

*Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.*

**Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. R*

Second

Colossians 3

Paul writes . . . If, therefore, you *are* raised in Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is - sitting in the right hand of God – the higher evaluative point of view, *not* the one from earth. For, *you* die, and your “life” is being held privately with Christ - in God! When Christ - who is your life - may be revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory! Put to death, therefore, the parts of you that are “earthly”: the illicit sexuality, the uncleanness, the anxiety, the longings that are evil, and the greediness that is idolatry! Through these comes the wrath of God. You walked-about in these ways previously, when you *were* living as “earthly people,” but now you must have put these all away: the vengefulness, the heated anger, the evil, the lies about God (that is, blasphemy), the shameful word that comes from your mouth. Do not be deceitful with one another – stripping off the old self with those old practices and clothing yourselves anew - being renewed into the knowledge fitting of the identity which is created for you. . . . Clothe yourself, therefore, as God’s “Chosen Ones,” holy and wholistically loved, with the tender mercies of compassion, pity, and kindness - having a humble evaluative point of view of yourself, and being gentle and long-suffering - bearing with one another and being gracious even if you may have a reason to accuse another of doing something wrong to you - just as the Lord has been gracious to you, so you *must* be gracious to one another. Then, to all these things, add wholistic love - which is a bond of completeness. And let the peace of Christ be how you make judgments in your hearts – Christ, to which you were called in one body. And be thankful! Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly - teaching with Wisdom, and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs - with grace - singing in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Verse

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 16

But coming into the district of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus questioned his disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "They say on the one hand, John the Baptist, but others, Elijah, and on the other hand, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. . ."

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah. From then, Jesus began showing his disciples that it is God plan that he go down into Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter pulling Jesus toward himself and beginning to rebuke him, says, "Mercy on you, Lord! No, never will this happen to you."

But turning, Jesus says to Peter, "Step back behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, for, your evaluative point of view is not that of God, but that of humanity."

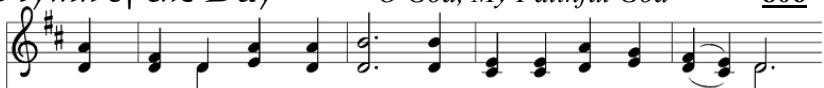
P: The Gospel of our Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

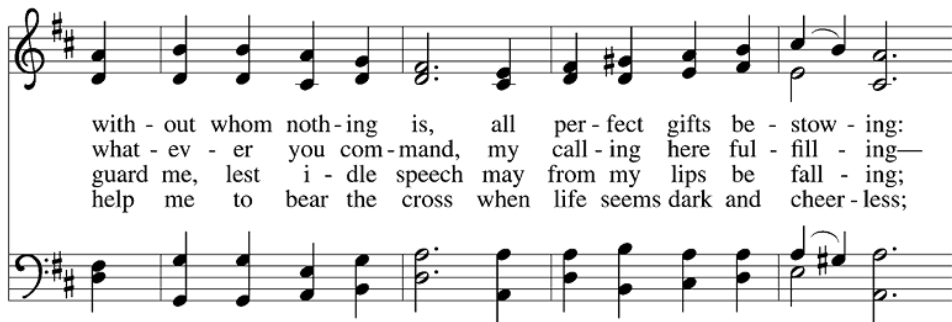
O God, My Faithful God

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- 1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
- 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
- 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
- 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

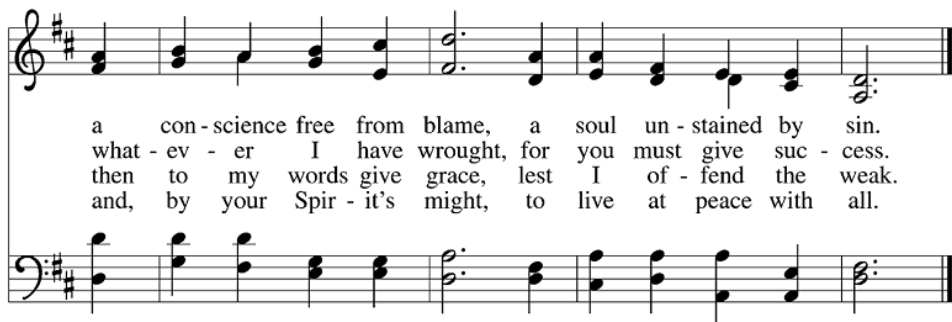




with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Apostles Creed

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived of 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 into hell.
 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

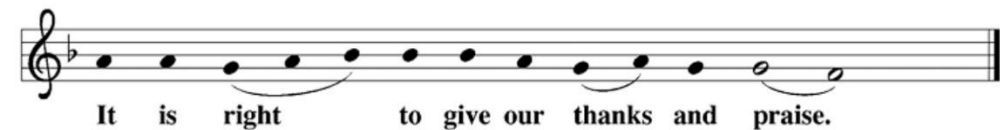
Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



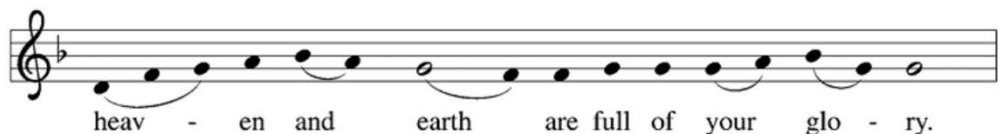
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

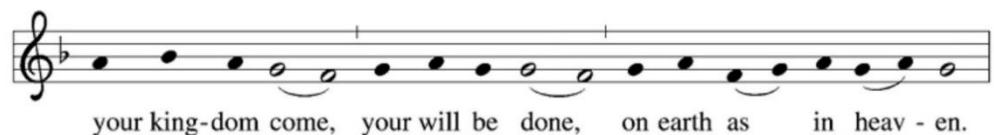
P: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise, for even in the midst of our turning away from you, you call to us . . .

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

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your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

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1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Let us Ever Walk With Jesus

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where you guide.
 Je-sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je-sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je-sus, let me faith-ful be; life e-ter-nal grant to me.

Dismissal



Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Deadline to RSVP for March Dining
 Out @ Somers Prime Pub*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study Lite - 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

6:00 p.m. Bring-your-own dinner to the narthex

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lenten prayer service

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Thursday March 19

6:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Somers Prime Pub

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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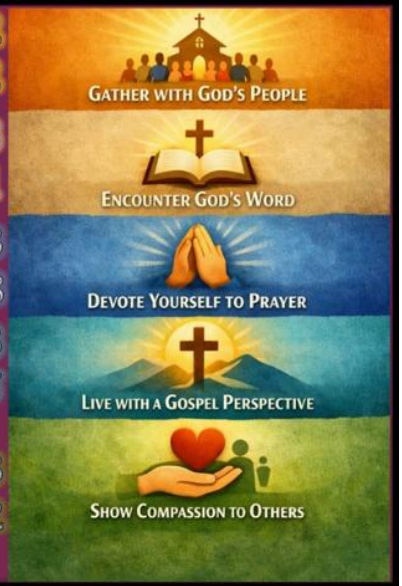
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The Sundays
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1st Communion Class

Who??

3rd Grade +

When??

March 18,

25, &

April 1st

4:30 p.m.

Interested??

Contact Pastor Chris Today!!

Email or Call Grace to Register

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Have a child interested in receiving their First Communion? Contact the church office today to register! 914-245-5737 or OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com



Palm Sunday

PARADE

Kids! Grab a palm and lead the parade from Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary!

 GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 29 8:30 or 11:00

Easter Sunday

8:30
11:00



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