

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(*Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
April 6, 2014

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the Resurrection and the Life so that all who believe in You will live even though they die. Through the Gospel I am given to see Your glory and by Your Holy Spirit I am led to confess You as my Lord and my salvation. Your life, death and resurrection free me from the chains of sin and its death and give me life everlasting where I will behold Your glory face to face forever. Keep me steadfast in this faith and its confession. I am bold to pray in Your name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! On this The Fifth Sunday in Lent, nearly all the Propers assigned for the day point to the contrast of death and life. Death is of the flesh and life comes through the Spirit who uses the Gospel to grant us forgiveness and eternal salvation. We hear Jesus' words about Himself, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" and we see how that applies to our lives lived in faith which receives freedom from sin and death. The grave will not hold us! Thanks be to God!! **We are glad you are here with us this morning!** If you are visiting it is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened through God's Word read, sung and preached. If you would like to know more about this family of believers in Christ, please speak with our Pastor. We invite you to come and worship with us again.

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

Throughout these forty days of Lent we have seen how our Lord Jesus revealed Himself and His purpose through Word and sign. Today we see the greatest sign so far as Jesus called the dead to life, prefiguring His own and our resurrection. The Old Testament reading for today tells us how long ago our Lord spoke to the prophet Ezekiel of the day when the dry bones of death would give way to the powers of life and resurrection. It is to God's glory that this is revealed to us. As that hope once sustained God's people, so it sustains us in hope and renews us for life's journey and our resurrection.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Mason Andrews
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeter:	(8:15)	Janet Killough
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Lori Bloom and Angie Proud
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Kaylee Hammond
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Cantor:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Ushers:	(10:45)	Gervais LeBlanc, Jeff Ralston Jacob Ralston, Paul Krueger
Greeter:	(10:45)	Ann Stoker
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Clarinet:		Randy Middaugh
Coffee Hosts:		Paul, Ron and Russlynn Krueger
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, are: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11, and Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:1-27:66.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This - Matthew Corl

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: **My Song Is Love Unknown**

LSB 430

Service Note: Stanza 4 - Women, Stanza 5 - Men

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what

we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Declaration of Grace (8:15)


John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen

Absolution (10:45)

John 20:19–23

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalms 130 (antiphon: v. 7)

P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

C and with him is plentiful redemption.

P Out of the depths

C I cry to you, O LORD!

P O Lord, hear my voice!

C Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

C O Lord, who could stand?

P But with you there is forgiveness,

C that you may be feared.

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,


C and in his word I hope;

- P** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
C more than watchmen for the morning.
- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
C and with him is plentiful redemption.
- P** And he will redeem Israel
C from all his iniquities.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen
- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
C and with him is plentiful redemption.

Canticle: Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

LSB 945

Cantor




1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.


Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
 child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Anthem

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed - Brian Henkelmann

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Heb. 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

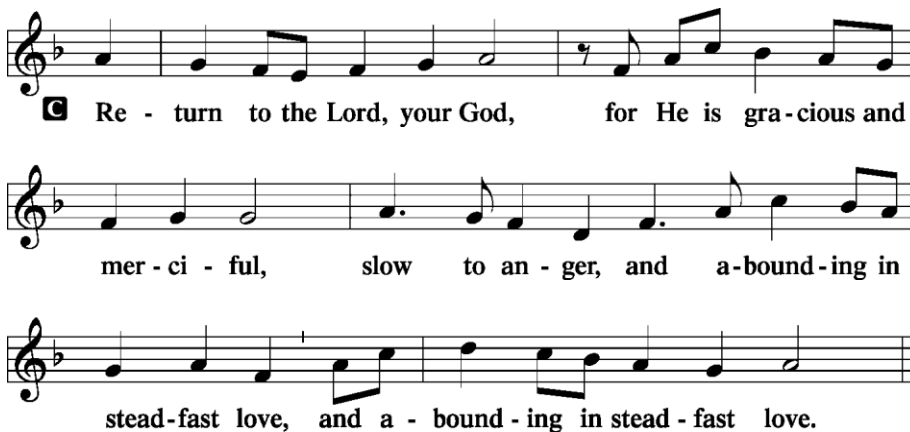
Verse of the Day

John 11:25

P I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Verse for Lent

Joel 2:13



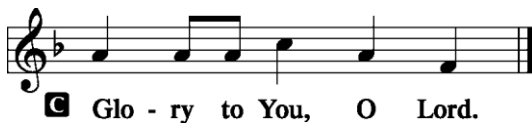
C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27, 38–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life

LSB 552 sts. 1, 9-10, 4



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And
3 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You
4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And



end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their
an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and
bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We know our years on
broth - er lay With - in a rock-sealed tomb. When, Lord, You met them
trust My Word Shall live, al-though they die!" You walked the path to
like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But You have bro - ken



earth are few, That death is al - ways near. Come
as they mourned, You wept com - pas - sion's tear; But
Laz - 'rus' tomb, You called him forth by name, And
death's em - brace And torn a - way its sting. Re -



now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!
Mar - tha, sore with sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"
liv - ing, lov - ing once a - gain, From death to life he came!
store to life our mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

“Glory Unbound”

Stand

Apostles' Creed (8:15)

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Nicene Creed (10:45)

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Sit

Offering

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (Psalm 130) - Samuel Scheidt

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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Service Concludes (8:15)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:


C **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
forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433

Postlude

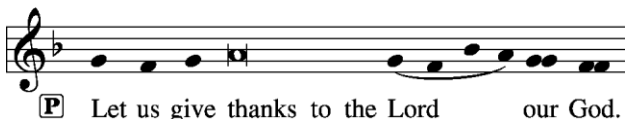
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Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

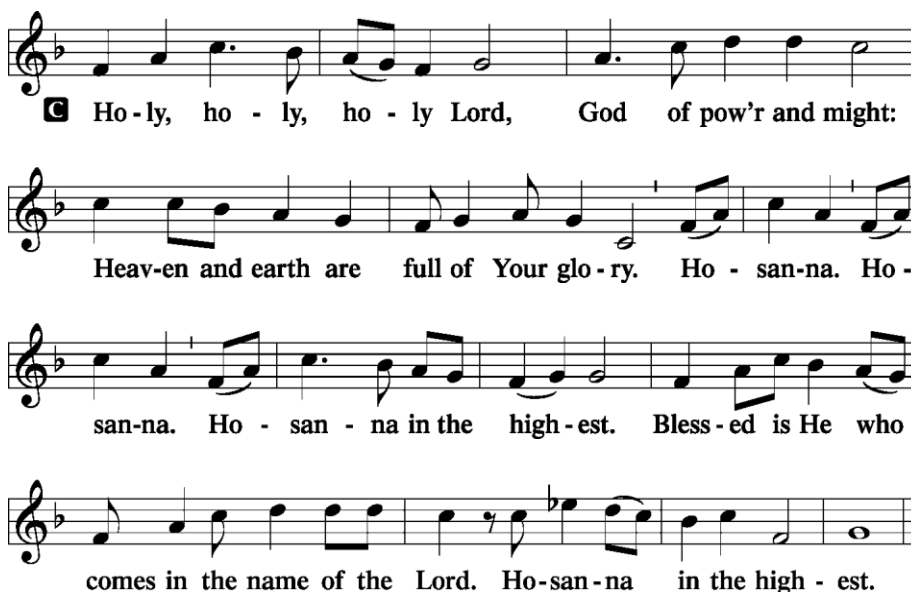


Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- C** 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
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



☐ 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.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

Hymn: Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple; A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

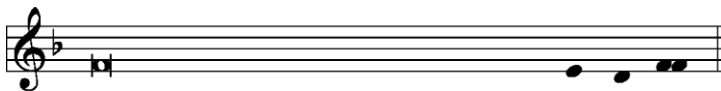
- P** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus

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Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor following 8:15 Service
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Baby Girl Shower for Jennifer Hammond in Parlor
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 6:00 p.m. – Board of Evangelism
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study at St. Vincent’s
5:30 p.m. – Lenten Dinner served in Parker Hall
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service
- THURSDAY:** 12:00 noon – Noon Devotions with Pastor
4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
- NEXT SAT:** 8:30 a.m. – Church Spring Cleaning Day

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the lesson is the raising of Jesus good friend, Lazarus. In resurrecting Lazarus (John 11:1–45), Jesus demonstrated that He can indeed raise all who believe in Him for salvation. True life is eternal life with Jesus. Talk with your children about how in this life we see and experience the effects of sin—sickness, injury, and death. Assure them that Jesus, our savior from sin and death, has guaranteed that in heaven our lives will be free of sin and its effects eternally.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has begun the study of the Letter to the Hebrews, and today he will continue with the next section – chapter three of Hebrews.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

LENTEN SERVICE - The mid-week Lenten Services continue this Wednesday, **April 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** The theme for this Lenten series is **CROSSWORDS**, and the focus this week is **“It is Finished!” – John 19:30**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Parker Hall. The Grace Youth will serve Baked Potatoes with all the fixins!.

WELCOME - Mrs. Heidi Jerry, principal of Christ Lutheran School is with us to share information about Lutheran elementary education at Christ. Please welcome Heidi this morning.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Larry Jones who died Friday evening, March 28th, at Briarwood Nursing Center. The Funeral Service for Larry was here at Grace on Thursday with Pastor Walter officiating. Larry is survived by his daughter Dawn Cline, his sons Mark and David Jones and his grandchildren Jonathan, Brandt and Erich Cline. Please keep the Jones and Cline families in your prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

April 6 – Edward Allen, Nancy Hickey

April 7 – Edwina Atkinson, Rick Camacho, Joel Junkans, Carmen Stewart

April 9 – Brandt Cline, Dana Herman, Kestin Schulz

April 10 – Suzanne Lindemann Hardman

April 11 – Grover 'Bud' Evans, Angie Proud

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gary Goldsby has been hospitalized.

Grant Geuther continues his rehab at Fort Roots Veterans Rehab.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 3/30: 175 (8:15 – 96 and 10:45 – 79). Lenten Service 4/2: 86. **Offerings:** Sunday 3/30 \$7,786.00. Lenten Service 3/26 \$901.00. Building Fund: \$75.00 Memorials: \$1,320.00. Missions: \$25.00. Scholarship Fund: \$25.00.

BABY GIRL SHOWER - You're invited to a *Baby Girl Shower* for Jennifer Hammond this afternoon, **Sunday, April 6th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. Jennifer and Jeremy are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Baby Girl Hammond's big sisters are Kaylee, Claire and Hope. The shower hostesses are Dawn Cline, Gina Junkans, Janet Killough, Sharon LeBlanc, Diane Roberts, Emily Stein and Kim Woodyard.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH – Ribs & Pork Loins are BACK! Their youth are selling smoked ribs and pork loins. Ribs are \$25.00. Pork Loins are \$20.00. Call First Lutheran Church's office 372-1023 or e-mail Frances Bacic at francesbacic@yahoo.com to reserve yours today. They will be delivered on April 25th. Proceeds will go to help send their youth to "Higher Things" in July.

GRACE ANNUAL FLOAT TRIP – Start making your plans now for the **Grace Annual Float Trip**, on **Saturday, June 14th**. Meet at the Highway 14 Bridge at 8:45 a.m. for departure at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$40.00 per canoe plus \$3 per person for transport. Limited number of canoes/kayaks. Camping sites at Buffalo Point Campground can now be reserved by calling 1-877-444-6777. No lunch will be served on the river, but plans are being made to stop at Spring Creek. Contact Tim Loyd at 851-6457 or 352-4908 or email him at timpaul59@att.net. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Parlor.

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE - The *Grace Women in Mission* (also known as Grace Evening Guild) is sponsoring the **Grace Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale** next **Sunday, April 13th**, in Parker Hall following the 8:15 Service and before and after Bible Class. We will graciously accept baked goods from everyone within our congregation. The proceeds from the Bake Sale will be given for Seminary Scholarships. This is a great opportunity to purchase baked items for Easter. There will be matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Sheila Wilimzig at nursezig@swbell.net if you have questions.

WALK FOR THE WAITING is **Saturday, April 26th**, at **War Memorial Stadium** with the opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. and the walk beginning at 9:15 a.m. To sign up to be a Sponsored Walker, go to **WalkfortheWaiting.org** to register. Did you know there are over 4,000 kids in Arkansas' foster care system on any given day? There are about 1,200 of these kids waiting for a foster family, including 500 that are waiting to find an adoptive family. Because of the shortage of families, nearly 250 kids will "age out" of the system this year and enter into adulthood without having found a family. The CALL, Immerse Arkansas and Project Zero are joining forces to support waiting children and the families that care for them. Show your support for these kids and families by registering and becoming a sponsored walker. Contact Shaun or Justine Baker or any of our Board of Evangelism members here at Grace for more information. There is also information on a table in the breezeway. We're going to walk; will you walk with us?

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN - EPIC! Exploring Purpose in Creation - Summer camp at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean will be **EPIC** fun – lots of outdoor activities, crafts and singing, and more along with devotions and prayer. Each day will explore God's Word to discover what it means to be created in God's image. Registration forms are on the table by the ramp door or on their website www.lutherancamp.org. There is a full payment discount of \$15 per camper if paid in full and postmarked by May 15th. For more information call the camp director David Cox at 501-727-5656.

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE! TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

Grace Lutheran Church will hold a spring clean-up here at Grace on the morning of **Saturday, April 12th**, to prepare the church property for Easter. The clean-up fun will begin at 8:30 a.m. **Many volunteers are needed** to divide the work, and this is a great opportunity to share in service and fellowship.

There will be **four major areas** of clean-up – landscaping, playground, family life center, and church sanctuary.

Please contact Charles Stein at cstein30@comcast.net or 920-3371 to volunteer. Please let him know in which of the four areas that you would like to participate.



Gangway for Galilee!

Vacation Bible School is set for June 15-19.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to 'dive in' and prepare for another great VBS. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the breezeway. For questions or more information, please contact Catherine Manchester at 821-4140.

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