



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Abram and Sarai were 99 years old when God gave them new names and promised to make an everlasting covenant with them. That surprising pronouncement must have seemed unbelievable. How can this be? Jesus tells the disciples that he, the Messiah, will endure great suffering, be rejected, and then be killed by those in authority, and yet three days later will rise again. That surprising pronouncement no doubt seemed unbelievable. How can this be? Jesus continues to explain that his disciples must take up their cross and lose their life to find it. How can this be? In baptism we are joined to that death, marked with his cross, and given resurrection life. In those waters the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah is fulfilled again and we get a new name. How can this be? It is God "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist" who has done it.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Jeremy Zimmer

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

(green) LBW #168



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
 Ky-ri-e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove,
 You a-bound in gra-cious love, Of all things the mak-er
 and pre-serv-er. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!
 Ky-ri-e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va-tion for
 all you came to bring. O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-
 di-a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne: Hear our cry and grant our sup-
 pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our
 faith, the gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour,
 That we leave his sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le -
 i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Music: "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

KYRIE, GOTT VATER
 PM

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son
 you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.
 Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
 that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22–30

Antiphon by Lorraine Brugh

ANTIPHON: All of the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

- 📖 Praise the Lord, | you that fear him;*
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
- 🙏 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his | face from them;*
but when they cry to | him he hears them.
- 📖 My praise is of him in the | great assembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.
- 🙏 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | Lord shall praise him:*
“May your heart | live forever!”
- 📖 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.
- 🙏 For kingship belongs | to the Lord;*
he rules o- | ver the nations.
- 📖 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;*
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.
- 🙏 My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him;*
they shall be known as the | Lord's forever.
- 📖 They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn*
the saving deeds that | he has done.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:4

Michael D. Costello

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world is crucified to me and I to the world.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:31–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.


CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Life to the Dead


Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart


(green) LBW #325




1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,

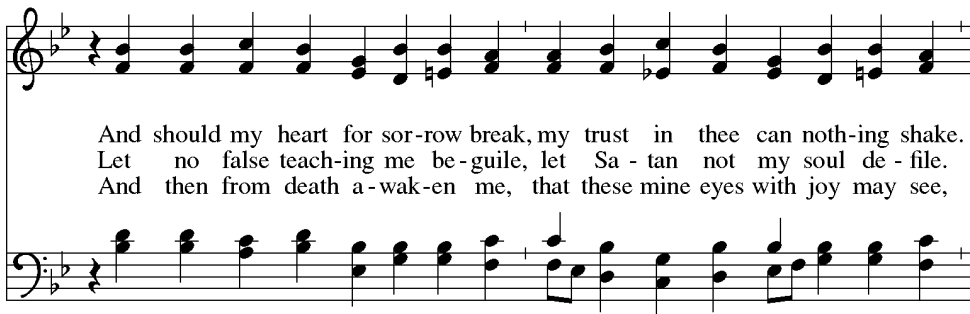


with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
that I may die un-fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

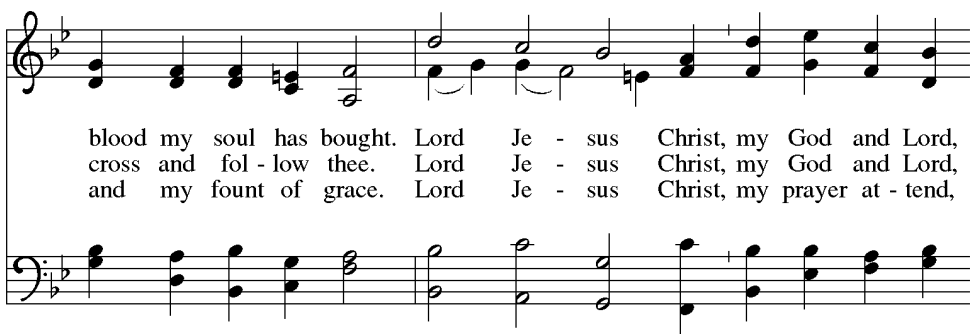




And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
 Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por-tion I have sought; thy pre-cious
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me to bear my
 O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, my Sav-ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je-sus Christ, my God and Lord,
 cross and fol-low thee. Lord Je-sus Christ, my God and Lord,
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, my prayer at-tend,



my God and Lord, for-sake me not! I trust thy word.
 my God and Lord, in death thy com-fort still af-ford.
 my prayer at-tend, and I will praise thee with-out end!

NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM: A Lenten Walk

American Spiritual
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow;
he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him,
he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow;
we must take it by ourselves.
We must take our cross and follow,
follow by ourselves.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- L** 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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

- P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Our Father, We Have Wandered

(blue) WOV #733

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Our Father, We Have Wandered

Johannes Brahms

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister
Jeremy Zimmer, organist
Karen Brunssen, mezzo soprano
Kim Brunssen, baritone
Evelyn Zimmer, bassoon
Eunice Eifert, videographer
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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson
Tina Baird
Annalise Balock
Cathy Barker
Jim Barker
Len Berghaus
Anne-Marie Bogdan
Ed Borg

Rosemary Cheatem
Marilyn Gotsch
Angela Gruendler
Carl & Donna Gruendler
David Gruendler
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Kathy Hayes

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Pat Scala
Rich and Bonnie Stasack
Tom Tyrrell

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
Mardie Anderson (*friend of Christie Nelson*)
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James Beglin (*cousin of Cathy Schnittker*)
Alan Belohlavek (*friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
Tony Beneventi (*friend of Evelyn Grams*)
Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
Stephanie Bogue and Elva (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
Florence Breed (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)
Ken Briggs (*friend of many at Grace*)
Mike and Beth Bullock (*parents of Keith Bullock*)
Family of Jim Cozzi (*friends of Diana Sicuro*)
Linda DeMeyere (*friend of Randy and Ellie Snack*)
Peggy Dickenson (*mother of Paul Eichnedel*)

Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)
David Eastman and family (*brother of Pat Anderson*)
Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
Emily Ford (*daughter-in-law of Cynthia Hill*)
Benjamin Galier (*nephew of Paul May*)
Ray Garmatz (*son of Margaret Garmatz*)
Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
Ann Gesme (*mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen*)
Stacy Gibb and family (*friends of Kristin Vogen*)
Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)
Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)
John Hunt (*friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner*)
Mia Rose Jones (*granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak*)
Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
Ken Kennedy (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)
Andrew Korcek (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
George Kozuchowski (*friend of Timothy Douma*)
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
Alyssa Kutak (*granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel*)

Lily (*friend of Carrie Douma*)
Elsie Locke (*grandmother of Troy Medlin*)
Karen Luebbe (*mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel*)
Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)
Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)
Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
Nancy Molitor (*friend of Kathryn Jandeska*)
Julie Novak (*daughter of Eunice Spurgat*)
Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
Zach & Ellie Radosevich (*grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba*)
Phillip Rice III (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Ronald Riley (*friend of Al Swanson*)
John Rohleder (*friend of Sandy Grams*)
Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
John Schuurman (*friend of Timothy Douma*)
Lindsay Shaner (*brother of Bob Shaner*)
Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
Ken and Lori Shoup (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
Zina and Huxley Shoup (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)
Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)
Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)
Jan Thomson (*sister-in-law of Christine Phillips*)
Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
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Kim Walsh (*niece of Cathy Schnittker*)
Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
Lucy White (*friend of Mary Beth Logas*)
Tim White (*brother of Beverly White*)
Elise Wojack (*niece of Pat Gulik*)
Kathie Wolff (*friend of Tim Duoma*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Disaster Response

For those who mourn

M.J. Brenne (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
Becky Eggert (*cousin of Susan and David Franzone*)
Linda Merrill (*cousin of Sue Foran*)
David Thurn (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
Eve Vana (*aunt of Kathryn Jandeska*)
Brian Walden (*relative of Pat Gulik*)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)
Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)
Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)
David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)
Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)
Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)
Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)
Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)
Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)
Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)
Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes	Carolyn Martin
Christopher Davis	Joanne Nelson
Marie Gierke	Barbara Rinnan
Ronald Gresens	Kathleen Wrobel
Gloria Hillert	

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center
Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- ☐ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace School.
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Sunday Is Coming.
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William Koehne, Principal
Gerald Koenig, Principal Emeritus
Pat Gulik, Parish Nurse
Julie Modrich, Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Gwen Gotsch, Communications Coordinator
Jim McClanahan, Director of Administration & Finance
Rich Brooks, Facilities Manager