



**March 11 & 12, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

To our friends, welcome again. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. **We begin the service with the “Gathering Rite on the Word of God” beginning on page 11 of Christian Worship Supplement.**

***We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.***

**Today’s Hymns (all in Supplement): #715, #746, #748**

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

**Psalm 116 (page 56 in the Supplement)**

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**Today’s Message (based on Ephesians 2:4-10)**

**God says “You are a piece of work!”**



*(Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33)*

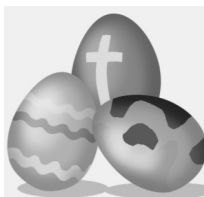
*We thank our pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman and Monday - Darci Matzke.*

**This week - God willing.....**

- TODAY:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am  
 Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am  
 Adult BC 9:20am & 6:30pm “Stewardship”  
 Pastor preaches @ Shady Lane 1:40 & MNCC 2:30pm  
 MLHS Play 2:00pm
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm
- Tue:** OWLS Meeting @ St Peter’s, Mishicot 12:00 noon  
 Catechism 5:30pm  
 JLOG Staff Meeting 6:00pm  
 Council 6:00pm
- Wed:** Pastor preaches @ Harborview 10:30am  
 Bible Class 1:30 - “Family”  
 Lent Worship 4:15 & 6:30 with meal between services - JLOG kids sing @ 4:15
- Sat:** Men’s Conference @ St John’s, Two Rivers 9:00 am
- Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am  
 Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am  
 Adult Bible Class at 9:20am & 6:30pm - “Family”
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

*Last Weekend’s Attendance: Sunday: 8:00am: #61, 10:45am: #81, Monday #71 Total: #213*

**THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKEND to sign up to donate an Easter Lily:** Each plant is \$10. Sign-up sheets are on the Information Table - please indicate if this is in honor of a loved one. There are envelopes and a canister to place your donation in – checks should be made payable to “Grace Circle”. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Mar 12.



**“Easter for Kids” Saturday, March 24, from 9:45 - 11:00 in the fellowship hall:** There will be crafts, an Easter Lesson, and the popular egg hunt. To register for this event, please call the church office at 682-7377. You are encouraged to bring an un-churched neighbor or friend with you! Parents also must stay with their children for the entire event. *See insert for additional information.*

**CANDY NEEDED!** We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy or small bags of snacks for the egg hunt. Please drop off your donations by Monday, Mar 19 and place them in the labeled container by the Information Table.

**Lancer “Spring Showcase Tasting Event” fundraiser is Sat, Mar 24 from 6-9pm at Twin Fountains.** See the insert for more information.

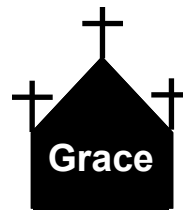
**Member Information slips** - If you have not yet picked up your slip from your member box, please do so today. We are asking members to verify that the information listed is accurate. If not, please write down any updates including an email if we don't already have one for you. Once verified/completed, please put the slip into the labeled Drop Box located on the Information Table. Thank you for helping us in this effort!

**Grace Church is presently in need of drivers to bring members and friends of Grace to church and Sunday Bible class.** If you have been blessed with a car and five extra minutes of time on Sundays, please consider volunteering. Two people live on Clark Street near the downtown post office. Two people live near the Piggly Wiggly on Reed Avenue. If you can bring them for the 8:00 worship service, but cannot stay for Bible class, we can find someone who can take them home after Bible class. If you come for the 9:20 Bible class and stay for the 10:45 worship service, this will work for them also.



**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** 6:30pm - with Communion  
**Good Friday, March 30:** 1:30 & 6:30pm - Communion at 6:30pm ONLY  
**Easter Sunday, April 1:** 8:00 & 10:45am - with Communion

*Easter breakfast & egg hunt between services - please join us!*



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Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am, Mondays 6:30pm

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Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)

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**Saturday, March 24th**  
**9:45am - 11:00am**  
**in the fellowship hall**

**Easter Crafts for all ages.**

**Egg Hunt at approximately 10:45am**

*A Parent/Adult must stay with children.*

**Register by calling 682-7377**

**Consider inviting an un-churched neighbor  
 or friend!**

**Hope to see you there!**

***Bernette Seiler went to her heavenly home this past Thursday.*** Please keep the Seiler family in your prayers.

Visitation will be here at Grace on Friday, March 16 from **4:00 - 8:00pm** and again on Saturday morning up to the time of service at **11:00am**. All are welcome to join the family for a luncheon following the service.

We would like to have a small choir sing at the funeral on Saturday morning. If you would like to be a part of this choir, please call Ann or Heidi in the office at 682-7377.



**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Tasting: 6:00-9:00pm**  
**@ Twin Fountains Banquet Hall**

**Silent & Live Auction Event.**  
**Proceeds this year to benefit**  
**MLHS Fine Arts Dept.**  
**non-budgeted items.**

***Tickets \$35 in advance,***  
***or \$40 at the door.***