

Thank you to our weekend pianist, Amibeth Olderman.  
The flowers on the altar are from Kenton & Donna Langman for their Wedding Anniversary.

**Next Sunday's Bible lesson: Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

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

**Today:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Evening Bible Class 6:30pm

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

**Wed:** Staff Meeting 8:30am / Pastor preaches @ Harborview 10:30am

Bible Class 1:30pm / JLOG PM Parent/Teacher Conf - PM / Catechism 5:30pm

Worship 4:15 & 6:30pm - meal between / Choir rehearsal following each service

**Thu:** JLOG PM Parent/Teacher Conferences - PM / GriefShare 6:45pm

**Fri:** NO Preschool or After Care

**Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

MLHS & Jr Lancer Band Concert 2:00pm / Evening Bible Class 6:30pm

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

**Thank you from Julie Picchiottino, JLOG Director:** A Great Big THANK YOU to everyone for your help Wednesday night. Thanks to the children for singing, to Mrs. Leist for playing the autoharp and to the families that attended church. Thanks to those that provided ham, cheese, buns & desserts - what a fantastic selection! Thanks to the teachers for the delicious salads and other preparations. Thanks also to the JLOG parents & Grace members who helped set up/clean up. Thank you Jesus for the fellowship of Christian friends and family. Thank you dearest Savior for your life that gives us eternal life with you!

**Please check our table displays in the fellowship hall for information on:**

- **Easter Lily Donations** - \$10 per plant - sign up deadline is Monday, April 8th. Payments should go in an envelope with your name on and put into the canister. Don't forget to put your name on the sheet and indicate who it is in memory of if applicable.
- **Cookbooks** - \$16 each - Payment (cash or checks payable to "First German") should be put into the canister. This display will only be up for 2 more weeks.

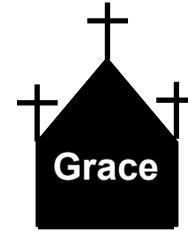
**The MLHS & Jr. Lancer Spring Band Concert is Sunday, Mar 31, 2:00pm at MLHS.**

**"Easter for Kids" will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9:45 - 11:00am in the fellowship hall.** There will be crafts, an Easter Lesson, and an egg hunt. Why not invite an un-churched neighbor or friend to come along with you? An adult must stay with the children. Please register by calling the church office at 682-7377.

**We are looking for bags of individually wrapped candy or snacks for the egg hunt.**

Your donation can be placed in the labeled bin on the floor by the Information Table by Monday, Apr 8th. Thank you!

*Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #78, 10:45 - #67, Monday - #46 = Total - #191*



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



God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14



**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 24 & 25, 2019**

## WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

**Large Print Service Binders & Listening Assist Aids are available.  
Please ask an usher if you are interested in either of these.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD *(page 38 in hymnal)*

### GREETING

### HYMN #339: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

#### STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

#### BE SEATED

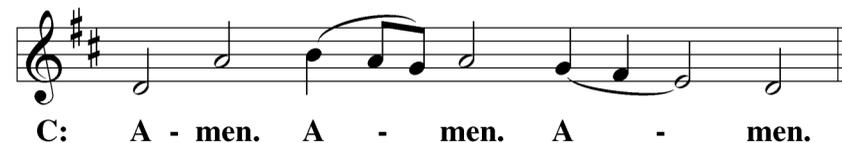
### HYMN #468: "My God, My Father, Make Me Strong"

#### STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



### CLOSING HYMN #470: "Praise to You and Adoration"

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.*

BE SEATED

**OFFERING** - *During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, out of thanks to him.*

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord, God our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** *We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.*

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** *We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.*

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C:** *Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.*

**M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security and well being.

**C:** *Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.*

## OH, TASTE AND SEE



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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.

BE SEATED

**FIRST LESSON: Exodus 3:1-8, 10-15**

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—

<sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."

**Psalm #38 (page 81)**

**SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We

should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**VERSE OF THE DAY: John 3:14, 15 (spoken by Pastor)**

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

**STAND**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

<sup>8</sup>"Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

**After the Gospel, the congregation sings:**



**BE SEATED**

**HYMN #307: "Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God"**

**SERMON THEME (based on Exodus 3:1-8, 10-15)**

**"What to Know When God Says Go!"**

**STAND**