

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*March 17, 2024*  
*10:00am*

## Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

## GATHERING

### Prelude

Piano

Pacibells

Lord of the Dance/Were You There  
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Joel Raney  
By Bill Ingram

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Opening Hymn

# My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

## Apostolic Greeting

### Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Breathing

Inhale: Seeds that are planted,

Exhale: bring new life.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

## Children's Message

### The First Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Anthem

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*arr. Larry Shackley*

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colors,. He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them ev'ry one;

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

### **The Second Reading is from Hebrews, chapter 5**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**





**The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 12**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**                      Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Hymn of the Day**    Now the Green Blade Rises

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**Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## Prayers of the Church

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## MEAL

### Offering

**Pacibells**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

*by Douglas E. Wagner*

### Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

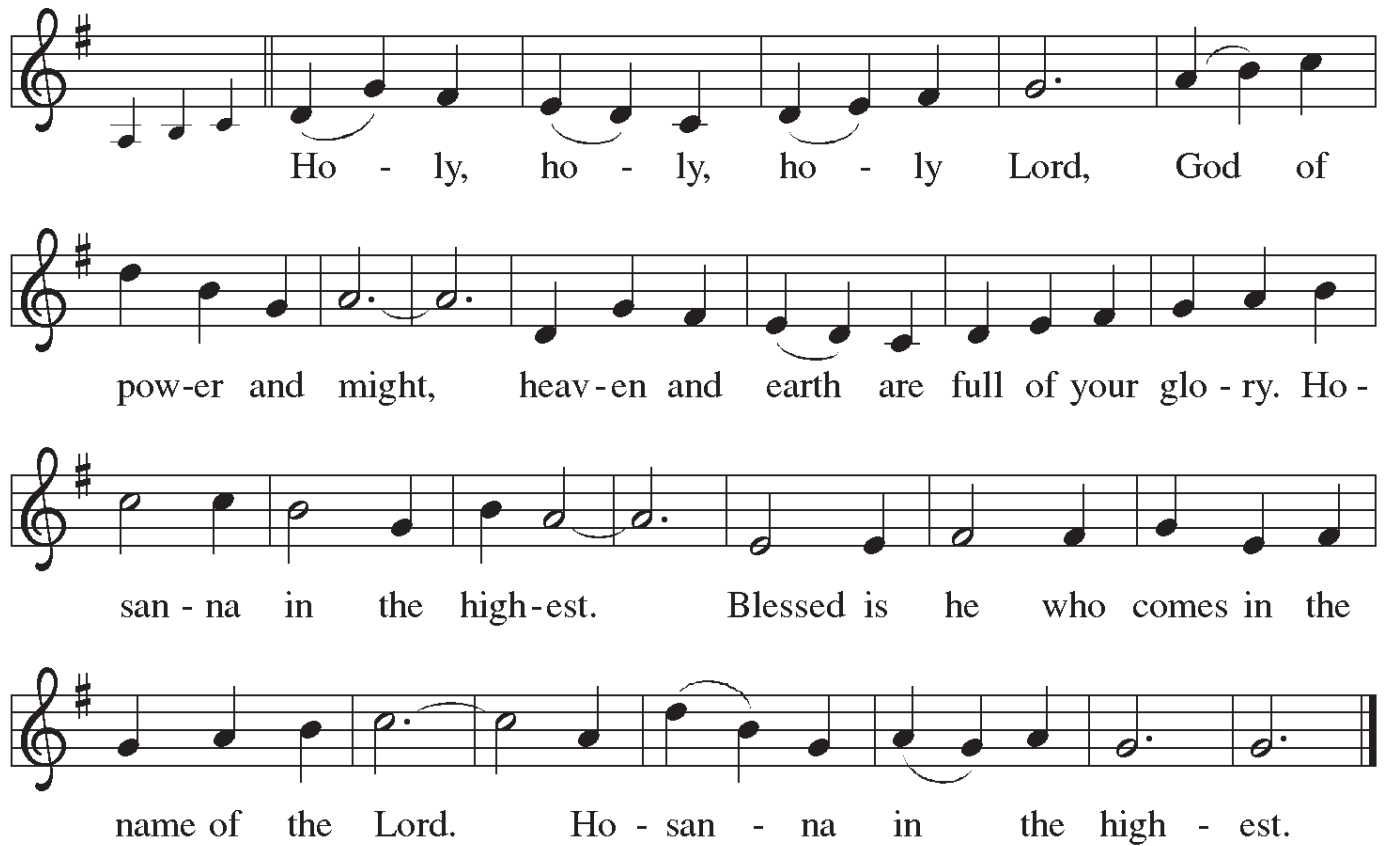
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Eucharistic Prayer

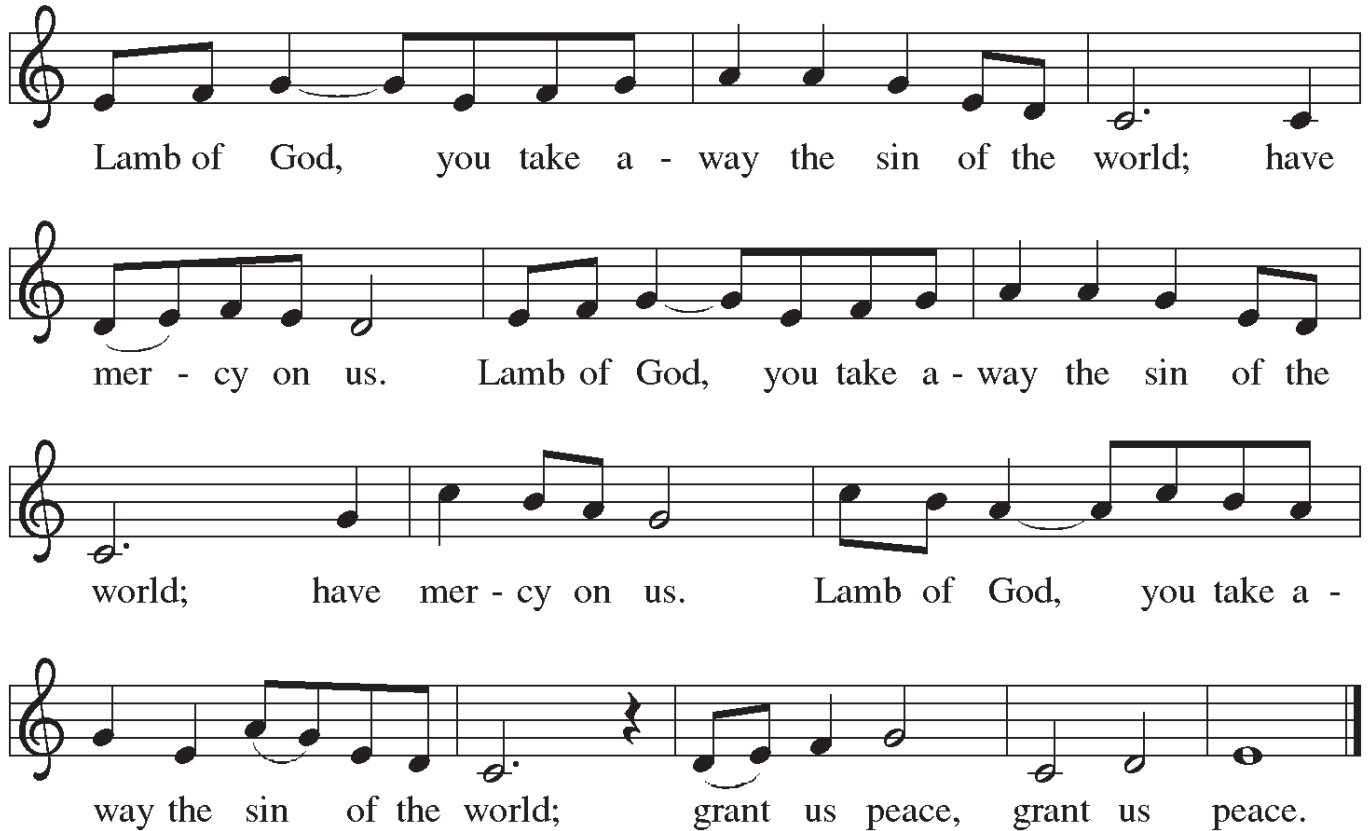
### Lord's Prayer

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.

### Communion

*Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.*





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, grant us peace.

### Prayer After Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn** Christ, the Life of All the Living

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Fugue on "Noel Nouvelet"

Richard Hudson



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**Assisting Minister:** Mitch Piper **Pacibells Director:** Karen

**Reader:** Evan Casto **Lionberger**

**Organist:** Elaine Mann

## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (17<sup>th</sup>)

*St. Patrick's Day*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Before Bach's Birthday

Concert – 3pm

### TUESDAY

*Spring Equinox*

Prayer Group – 11am

Church Council – 7pm

### WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Lenten Service – 6:15pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

### THURSDAY

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

### SUNDAY (24<sup>th</sup>)

*Palm Sunday*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

March 24, 10:00 AM

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

### Maundy Thursday

March 28, 6:15 PM

A new commandment: Love one another

### Good Friday

March 29, 6:15 PM

The crucifixion of Jesus by worldly powers

### Easter Sunday

March 31, 10:00 AM

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## Lenten Services

Grace will have mid-week services in the chapel at 6:15pm on Wednesdays of Lent. We will sing evening prayer and our Lay Preachers will help us understand Jesus' "I am" statements.

- March 20: I am the Resurrection and the Life **John 11:17-27 Jan Adams**

Please join us.

## Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

- March 17
- April 7
- April 21
- May 5
- May 19

## Family Choir

The family choir will be rehearsing and singing during the worship service on the following dates:

- Rehearsal: March 17
- Sing: March 24 (Palm Sunday) & 31 (Easter service)
- Rehearsal: March 31; April 14 & 28
- Sing: May 12 & 19 (Music Sunday)

## Crafters' Corner

Thank you! A big "shout out" to everyone who supported us with interest, compliments, and purchases. We invite and welcome everyone to join us Wednesday mornings for friendship, conversation, coffee, and (even) crafts!

Our sale funds will be combined with those from our fall Unique Boutique and will be used to benefit our new veteran neighbors.

## Computer Monitor Needed

Do you have an extra computer monitor with a USB connection that you no longer need? If so, we would happily accept your donation! We need it for our video/live-stream production.

If you would like to donate your old monitor, please contact Jan Adams ([jadamscf@gmail.com](mailto:jadamscf@gmail.com)) or the church office (715-832-9713).

## Margaret Hunstad's Birthday Party

Friends are invited to celebrate with Margaret Hunstad on her 97th birthday, Saturday, April 6, from 2 to 4 pm. Cake and coffee will be served in the Chapel at Grace. Come and go and greet the birthday girl!



# Before Bach's Birthday Concert

*featuring*  
*Elaine Mann, organ*  
*Donald Patterson, piano*

**Sunday, March 17, 3 pm**  
**organ, piano**  
**with reception to follow!**

Grace Lutheran Church  
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Eau Claire



## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



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