

EASTER SUNDAY



March 31, 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

Organ Improvisation on Spanish Hymn
Organ & Brass The Strife Is O'er

Jaebon Hwang
Wolff

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #365
Verse 1: Family Choir Solo; Verse 2–4: All

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 10

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus
Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the
Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were
chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by
God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone
who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to
you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being
saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come
to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ
died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he
was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared
to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers
and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he
appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he
appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and
his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of
them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or
they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Instrumental Acclamation Brass & Organ Fanfare

The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 16

Glory to you, O Lord.

And when the Sabbath passed, Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome brought aromatic oils so they might go and anoint him. And very early in the morning, on the first day after the Sabbath, they go toward the grave, just as the sun came up. And they were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the door of the grave for us?" And looking up, they see that the stone had been rolled away, and it was huge. And entering into the grave, they saw a young lad sitting on the right, wearing a white robe, and they completely panicked. He says to them, "Don't panick. You're seeking Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He's raised! He's not here! Look, the spot where they placed him! But go tell his disciples, even Rock, 'He's going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him just as he told you.'" And coming out, they fled from the grave, 'cause they were trembling and stunned, and they said nothing to anyone at all, they were afraid 'cause...because.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day Glory Be to God in Heaven



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Daniel Eric Schoenrock, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

I do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, say "I renounce them."

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so, say "I renounce them."

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, say "I renounce them."

I renounce them.

The congregation now joins in:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Daniel Eric, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Daniel Eric with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Daniel Eric, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Daniel, the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the Church

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Anthem He Is Not Here, He Has Arisen

Allen Pote

Early in the morning came women bringing spices and perfume,
to anoint the body of Jesus, lying in the tomb.

But the stone was rolled away, and the body was not there.

Then two men in dazz'ling clothes spoke to them:

"Why do you seek the living among the dead?

He is not here, he is not here, for he has risen."

Jesus is alive!

Go and tell all the apostles, go and tell Peter and John.

Go and tell those who will listen, Jesus is risen, He is alive!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!

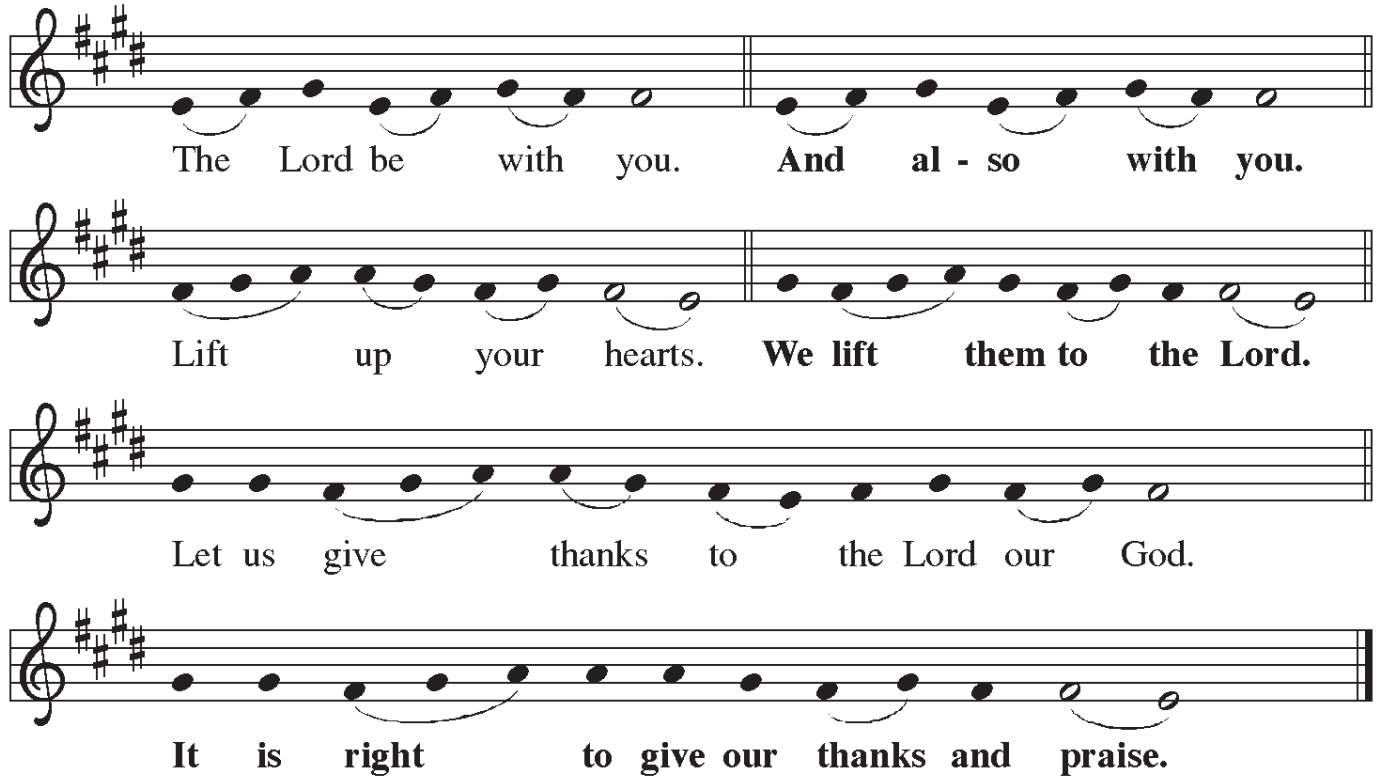
He is not here, he has risen. Alleluia!

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



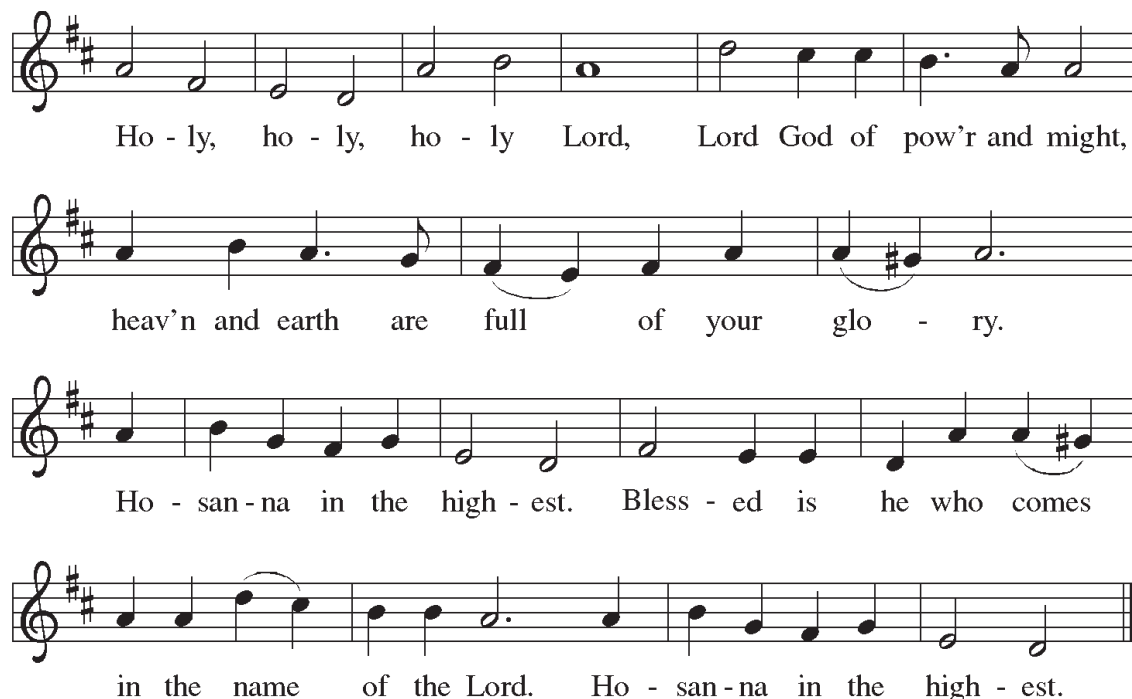
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

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

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah
Hallelujah!

Handel

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever

King of kings (Forever and ever Hallelujah!)
And Lord of lords (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And He shall reign forever and ever

King of kings! and Lord of lords! And He shall reign forever and ever

Hallelujah!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge—Jones

Assisting Minister: Molly Wilson

Reader: Suzette Peltier

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Brass Players Olivia Lafler, trumpet;

Griffin Loudermilk, trumpet; Brianna

Leibslle, French Horn; Trey Wisner,

trombone

Timpani: Andrew Reid



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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (31st)

Easter Sunday
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

Primary Election Day
Prayer Group – 11am
Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Eau Claire County
Employee Appreciation
Breakfast – 6am
Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SATURDAY

Margaret Hunstad's Birthday
Party – 2pm

SUNDAY (7th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Eau Claire County, Randall Park Neighborhood Association

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3.

Sunday School

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

- 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:

- Sing: 31 (Easter service)
- Rehearsal: April 14 & 28
- Sing: May 12 & 19 (Music Sunday)

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!

Noisy Offering

SPRING INTO A JOYFUL NOISE

Time to Spring into action by bringing your coins for the Noisy Offering on April 14. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward Food For The Poor.

Food For The Poor is grounded deeply in faith and aided by the generosity of donors and friends like you. Food for the Poor is able to feed millions of hungry children and families in primarily 17 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Easter Flowers given in 2024

- ☛ Jan Adams in memory of Mark & Viola Adams and Gilmore & Betty Murphy
- ☛ Elizabeth Baribeau in memory of Jim Baribeau, Jane Panzer Syverson, and Judy Kernan
- ☛ Buzz & Rose Curtis in memory of loved ones
- ☛ Connie Felton in memory of Ray Felton, Mary Felton, and Larry Felton
- ☛ Joni Franson in memory of Ronny Franson
- ☛ David & Roxanne Gehring in honor of children & grandchildren and in memory of parents & grandparents
- ☛ Jeff & Deb Heath in memory of mother Angie Hearth and parents Joe & Judy Girard
- ☛ Wilma Hovland in honor of children & grandchildren: Lance, Rachel, Anika, & Henry Hovland and Sara Hovland and in memory of David Hovland
- ☛ Mark & Tamra Hurlburt in memory of Robert Mattison, and Harold & Jane Hurlburt
- ☛ Karen Lionberger in honor of Norma Lionberger
- ☛ Elaine Mann in memory of Gerry Mann
 - ☛ Karen & Steve Moen & family and Jan Tar in memory of Norma & Duce Telford
 - ☛ Eileen Ogren and family in memory of Rev & Mrs EA Anderson, Henry & Ruth Ogren, Lily True West, and Joyce Morris
 - ☛ Bev & Jim Page in memory of our dear parents
 - ☛ Mitch & Barb Piper in memory of their parents and Lester & Ethel Thompson.
 - ☛ Roger & Diane Pomplun in honor of Roger's Dad: Arden Pomplun and all of our grandchildren
 - ☛ Mel Rau in memory of Leonard & Lorraine Rau
 - ☛ Greg Sather & Vickie Morse in memory of Joan Larson, mother and step-mother
 - ☛ Dorie & Tom Schwellenbach in memory of our parents Doris & Arne Schwellenbach and Bob & Diane Brinkman and our beloved dear friends: Randy Smeltzer & Gary Lierman
- ☛ Roger Shepler
- ☛ Tammy Tannler in memory of her parents, John & LaVonne Tannler
- ☛ Thomas Tealey in memory of Earl & Evelyn Tealey
- ☛ Jon Thorpe & Suzette Peltier in honor of Gordon Thorpe and in memory of Gloria Thorpe, Joe Peltier and Norma Peltier
- ☛ Lynne & Ken Ziehr



HANDBELL CONCERT

Eau Claire/Baldwin handbell ringers will present a concert featuring massed choir and solo choir pieces on April 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Lutheran church parlors

As always, this concert is FREE and open to the public.

Come and enjoy a variety of musical styles by our talented musicians. They appreciate your support.

Saturday, April 13 – 2:00 pm

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

202 W Grand Ave ■ Eau Claire



Endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America

Join Us

30th Anniversary Concert

CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONCERT BAND

GRAINGER - DE MEIJ - SOUSA - LEROY ANDERSON, AND MORE

APRIL 7, 2:00 PM
DELONG MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2000 VINE ST, EAU CLAIRE



**2ND ANNUAL
SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY
AT
LUTHERAN CEMETERY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 PM
OMAHA STREET**

In February 1880 the city of Eau Claire deeded land on Omaha St in Eau Claire to the Norwegian, Scandinavian, and German Church Societies. Since then the Norwegian and Scandinavian Churches have joined together to form the Lutheran Cemetery. Currently, the cemetery is owned by Spirit, Grace, and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the cemetery on April 21. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, wire cutters, a wheel barrow and any other outdoor cleaning items you can think of. We will meet at the shed in the back of the cemetery, down at the west end.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. What a wonderful way to honor our past members and a great way to keep our cemetery clean. Hope to see you there!

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>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713