

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



*May 4, 2025
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

Improvisation on "Spanish Hymn"

Jaebon Hwang

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



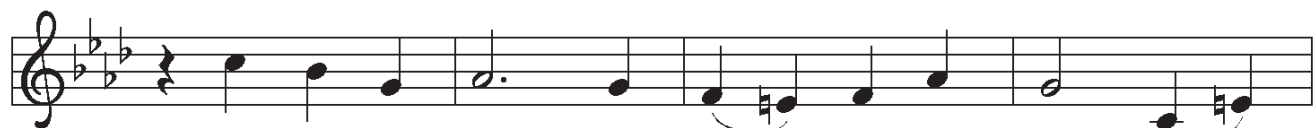
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

The First Reading is from Acts, Chapter 9

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named

Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Revelation, chapter 5

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* *Gabriel Faure*

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, O my soul. Love, such love, that Though shouldst die,
That Thou, for me, shouldst die. Lord of Grace, what matchless love, O my soul.

Son of God, Thou Loving sacrifice for me. Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful man,
guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.

Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.
Can it be the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?
Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

Gospel Acclamation

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 4/4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff with the same melody and accompaniment, and the same lyrics.

The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 21 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and

though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

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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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

MEAL

Offering

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Paul Manz

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

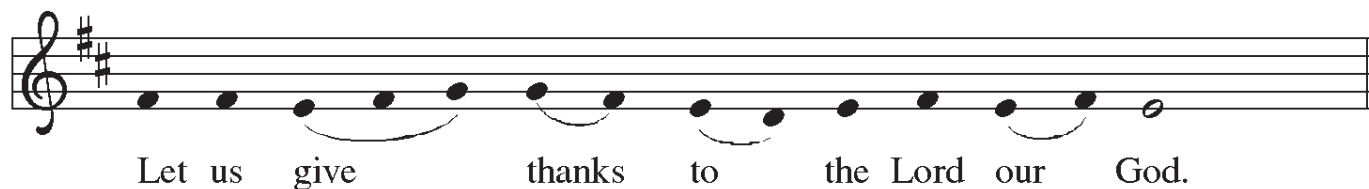
Great Thanksgiving



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



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

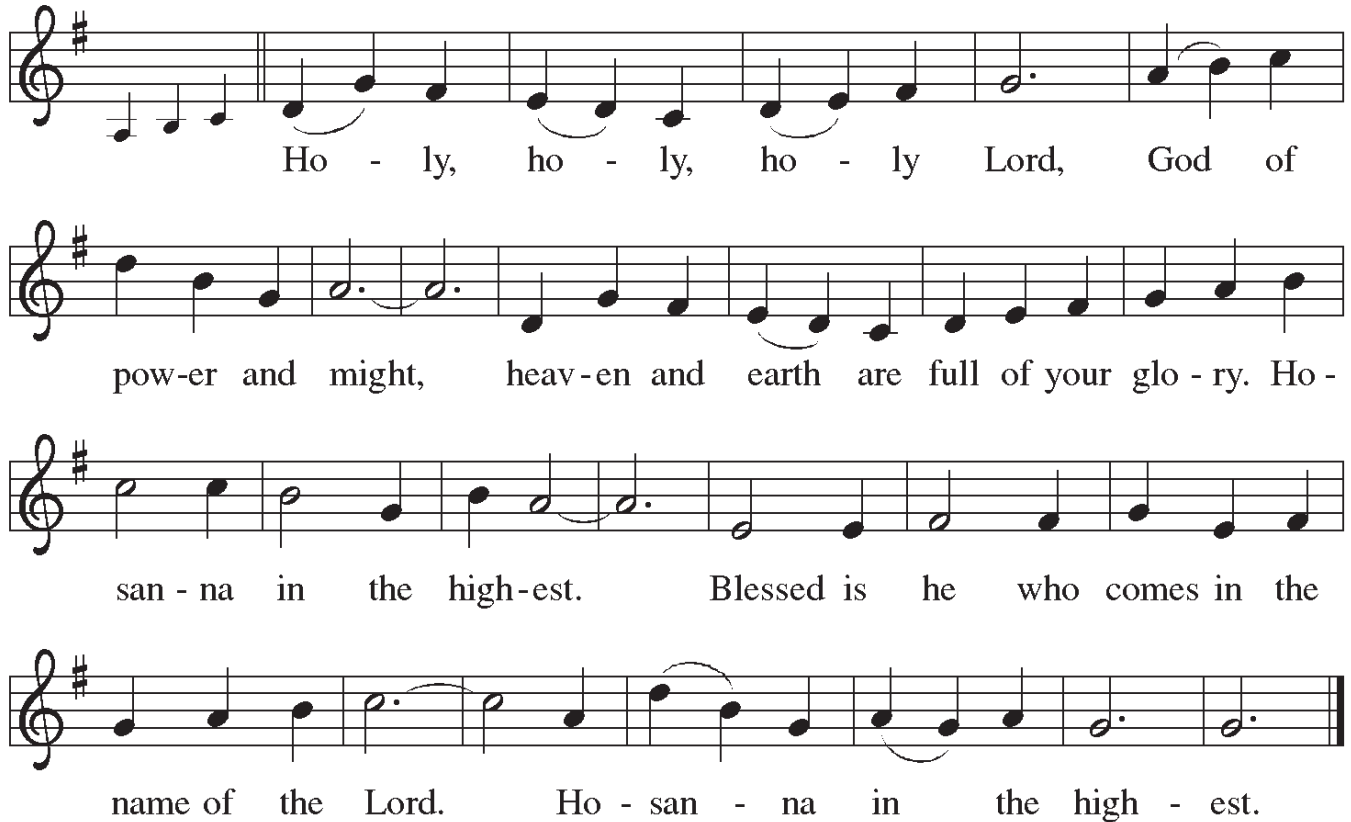


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

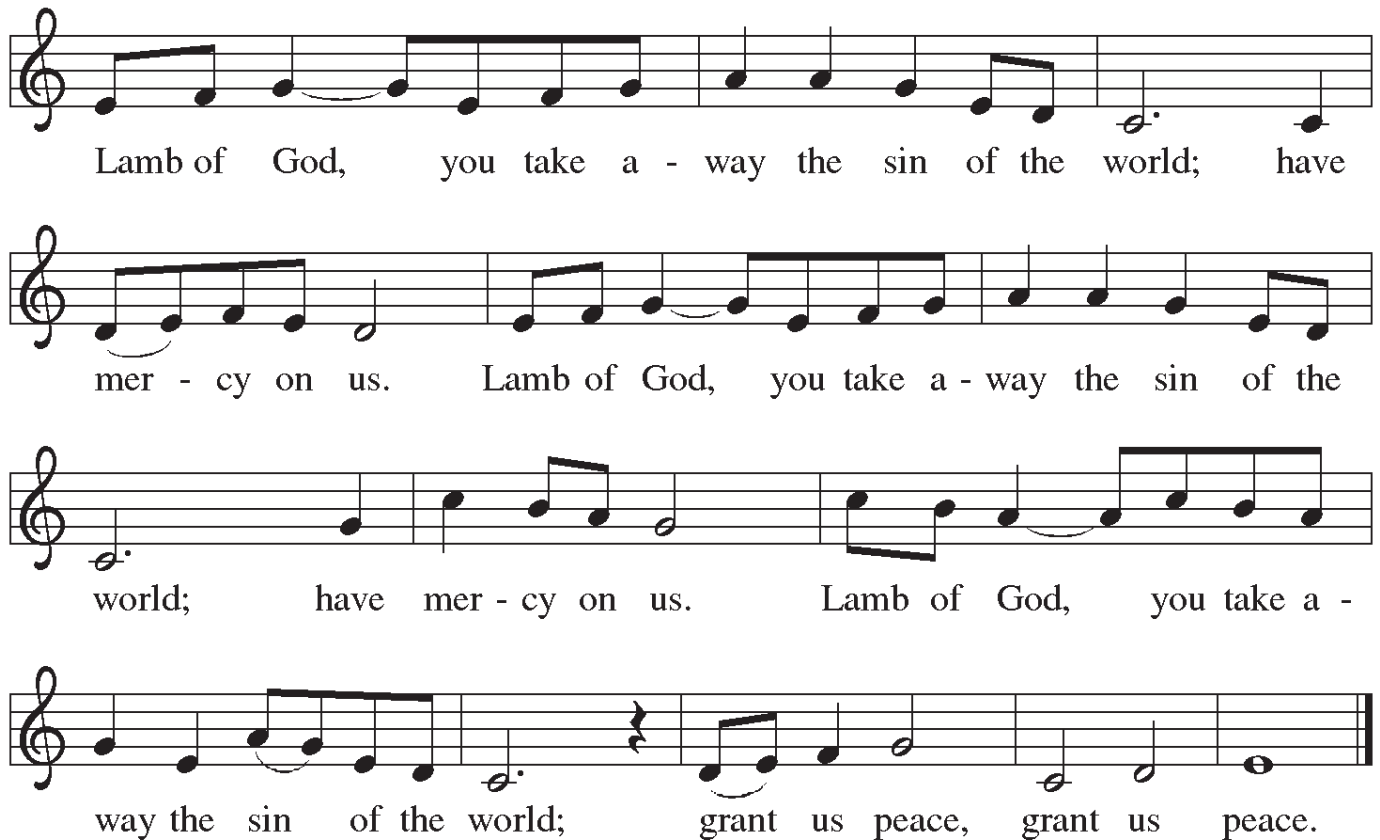
Eucharistic Prayer

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

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Healey Willan



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Assisting Minister: Arthur Grothe **Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi

Reader: Molly Wilson

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (4th)

Star Wars Day

Coffee Hour – 9:00am

Worship – 10am

Grace Foundation Annual

Meeting – 11am

MONDAY

Cinco de Mayo

TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (11th)

Mother's Day

Coffee Hour – 9:00am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: ADRC, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association

Pastor Phil's sabbatical

Next week will be the last Sunday before Pastor Phil's sabbatical begins. He will return in mid-August with renewed energy and vision. He will spend his granddaughter's first birthday with her family in Texas, and then head out for a month in Denmark, retracing his wife's roots. He will also catch his son's concert in Dublin and spend time in the Canary Islands. He will dedicate time to grieving without distraction the family members he has lost. He also will be reading and writing about how institutions and individuals adapt the gifts God has given them when their context changes. This will be helpful for Grace's shared future, for the members of Grace as our individual circumstances change, and for Pastor Phil personally. He will blog periodically so that you know what he is upto. Perhaps some of those entries can be included in Grace at a Glance. He will pray for you and asks you to do the same for him.

Habitat Project Status

This past Tuesday, President Barb Eidahl and Pastor Phil met with the new CEO of the local chapter of Habitat and two board members. We reviewed many of the agreements that had not previously been put in writing about our expectations for modifications the project requires on our side of the building. They welcomed and will review this to-do list. In their next board meeting they will establish a task force that will spend the time Pastor Phil is on sabbatical exploring the viability of the project in light of changes that have taken place on a national level. At the end of this process, they will know if the project is still something they can commit their time and energy to and have a realistic timeline for what needs to happen. I (Pastor Phil) left the meeting knowing that they are still deeply interested in the project; but they also understand that a more concrete plan is very much needed. Please continue to pray for them as they deliberate.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues in the new year. Check out the following schedule for the first half of 2025.

- May 4

Sunday school takes place right after the Children's Time during the service. See you there!

Serving At Beacon House

Grace and Peace Lutheran will be responsible for evening meals at the homeless shelter for families the week of May 4.

Grace will provide food for the following days: Thursday, May 8, Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10. Menus will be posted on the Lighthouse in the Narthex. You can prepare an entree or bring side dishes as listed.

ALSO: A Breakfast Cart has been made available on the weekends for families to prepare morning meals. You may wish to contribute to this new meal option. Suggestions for items for their Cart: Microwave pancakes or waffles, syrup, diced ham, tomatoes, Instant Grits, sausage links. A donor is bringing in 2 dozen eggs each week for their use.

There are currently 4 adults and 8 children ages 10 to 4 years old. One family is from Venezuela and speak very little English so volunteers are helping mother and the children who are eager to learn.

Call Barbara Radke for additional information: 715-835-3440

Thank You for your unflinching support for this local mission.



Noisy Offering

Save your coins and let them Spring into action on May 4. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. (Even though it doesn't make as much noise when dropped into the collection cans, paper money is also greatly appreciated!)

Our special offering will be for providing snacks for our neighborhood (Randall Park) school Lakeshore Elementary. The majority of Lakeshore students are low-income and until this January, the school had a



grant that enabled healthy snacks to be bought and distributed to all students daily. Let's help our friends at Lakeshore!

Crafters' Corner

The Crafters are having a Spring half-price sale. Please stop in the chapel to check out our merchandise.

We wish to thank all who donated picture frames, jewelry, and miscellaneous items. Your donations are getting us off to a good start for our November 1st Unique Boutique & Old Treasures Sale.

Yard Clean-up

Next Tuesday, May 6, the Property Management Ministry will be cleaning up the yard and flowerbeds. They are looking for anyone to help out. If you are free, please drop by. Work will begin at 9:30am. See you there.

Memorials & Honoraria

Penelope Erickson gave in memory of Ed Olson. Thank you.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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- 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.

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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