

Grace Lutheran Church Auburn, Michigan Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Welcome to Our Guests

We give thanks to our risen Lord and Savior that you're with us to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord won for us by His suffering, dying, and third-day rising! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, personal spiritual struggles, understanding of our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. Pastor is available to speak with you before the service in the narthex (entrance at the rear of the sanctuary), or you can contact him on his cell phone at 607-972-5792. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. The peace of Christ be with you!

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper

We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who partake of the Lord's Supper. If anyone eats and drinks our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily (that is, not believing what this meal is and the benefits it gives), they eat and drink to their great spiritual harm. Therefore, we kindly ask that any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold to a belief different from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) would not commune today.

Those who confess oneness in doctrine with us and are members of this congregation or a sister congregation of the LCMS are welcome to commune. If you are communing, an usher will invite you from your pew to approach the rail. Pastor will then welcome you to the Lord's Table and you can either kneel or continue standing. You will be offered a cup that holds the Body of Christ. Take the cup and consume the Lord's Body. An elder will follow to pour the Lord's Blood into that same cup. If you are not communing but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms at the rail. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or an elder before the service. Thank you!

Sermon Summary

Throwaway culture is prevalent! It's often cheaper to buy new than get the broken stuff fixed! Sadly, it's easy for humanity to bring such a throwaway culture mentality into our relationships! "You looked at me funny so I'm not going to talk to you!" "You have too many problems which makes you such an inconvenience so I'm just staying away!" "You're just too demanding for me, and I don't want to work this hard at a friendship! Bye!" Human love is often so limited and limiting! Human love leads to a smaller and smaller world as bridges are burned, toes are stepped on, or patience wears thin! Human love so easily deems people "unlovable", and they become throwaway people!

Jesus invites us into His love that expands and enlarges our hearts and worlds! "As the Father has loved *me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."* [John 15:9] "Abide in my love!" In other words, our Lord is inviting us to make our Home in His love which is unlimited and unconditional! There's so much love that there's no room for a throwaway culture! No such thing as throwaway people! After all, He's the One who made Himself the greatest throwaway person so His love can be thrown open to everyone! Let's dwell in the Gospel Reading so that we make our Home in His love which produces fruitful lives of love directed at the very ones that this world so easily throws away!

Divine Service 1 - LSB 151



Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 823

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

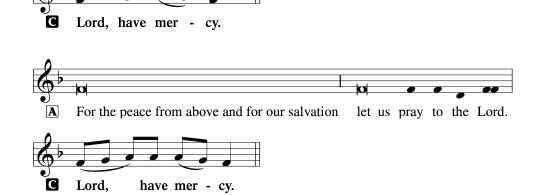
- ${\rm I\!P}~$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

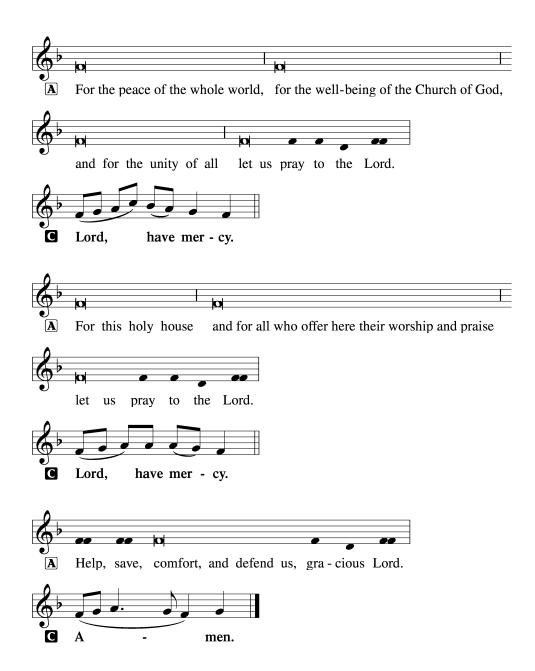
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

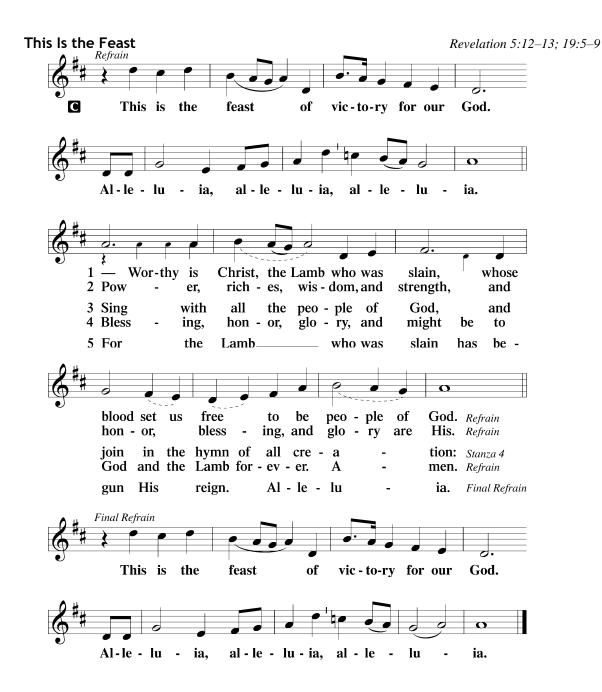
Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16 Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul. Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise! Bless our God, O | peoples;* let the sound of his | praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the | living* and has not let our | feet slip. Blessèd | be God,* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul. **Kyrie** Mark 10:47



peace let us pray to the Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Flute Trio

Victory Through Grace – arr. Judy Barry

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.* [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor. He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;* he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

• Thanks be to God.

Stand



We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;* death no longer has dominion | over him.

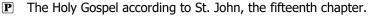




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Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17





[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Service Note: St. 3 - Men, St. 5 - Women

Sermon

Stand



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayer of the Church

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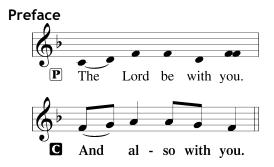
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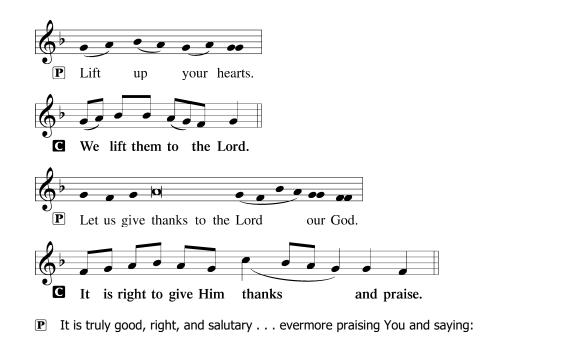
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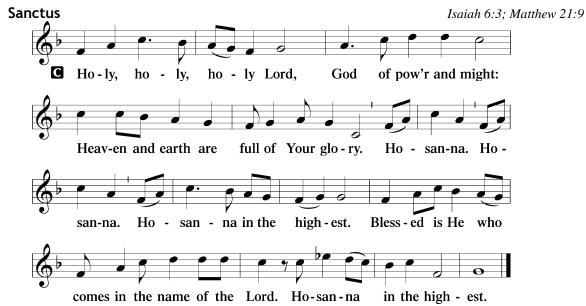


Service of the Sacrament



2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

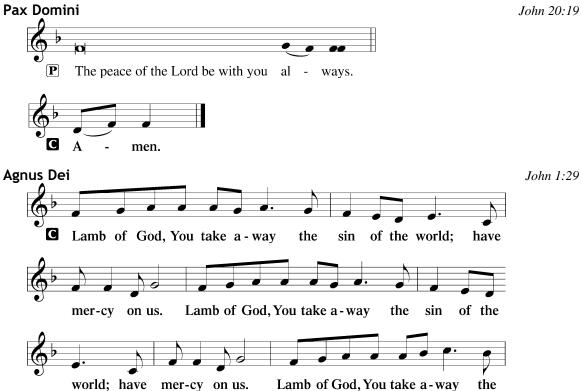
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

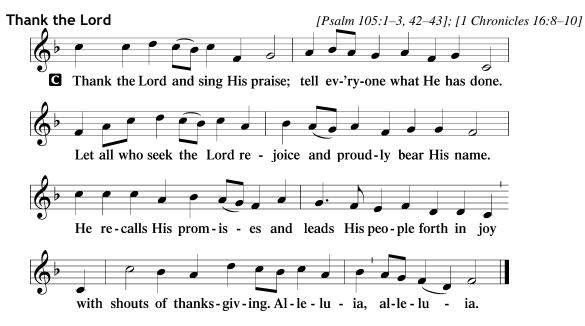
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.





Sit

Distribution Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown	LSB 430
Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	LSB 683
Distribution Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	LSB 655
Stand	



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Numbers 6:24-26





Hymn to Depart: Christ the Eternal Lord

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For The Week of Sunday, Apr 28

Attendance: Sunday 145, Wednesday 27 Week: YTD: Tithes needed: \$9,380 \$159,460 Tithes received: \$9,550 \$159,447

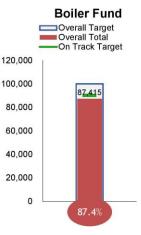
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Donation Tracking Log

Grace Lutheran Church Boiler Fund

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Church Notices

Easter People Encourage(d)

Join us for our walk in 1 John and be encouraged! See you following the Divine Service!

Today in Sunday School...

Today in Sunday School we'll learn about 78. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Jesus for us: Jesus showed us the ultimate mercy by fulfilling the Law in our place and now we get to show mercy to our neighbor. Words to Remember: *We love because He first loved us.* (1 John 4:19)

Chosen to Bear Fruit!

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you" (John 15:16). Chosen! That's you and me! In the waters of Holy Baptism, Jesus chose you and me so that we will go and bear fruit and our fruit will abide forever. And since we are chosen, whatever we ask the Father in Jesus' name will be given to us! White is the color of the church today to remind us that we are chosen and loved by Jesus. He abides in us and we abide in Him! How special you and I are!

Wednesday, May 8 is Ascension Eve!

Join us for our Ascension Eve Service THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, May 8, at 7 p.m.!

Voters Meeting Elections -TODAY

The 2nd Quarter Voters meeting will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in the narthex. Elections of Officers & Boards will be included on the agenda. All adult Grace members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Minutes from the last Voters Meeting, held on February 18, are available on the Ushers' Desk in the narthex. The list of positions open for election and candidates for those positions are shown to the right. (Positions and officers not listed are not open for election this year.)

2024 Office Candidates

- <u>President:</u> Paul Varner (Incumbent)
- <u>Vice-President:</u> Kye Sugden (Incumbent)
- General Accounts Treasurer: Pete Fredrich (Incumbent)
- <u>Board Of Elders:</u> Greg Braman (Incumbent); Bob Krystosek (Incumbent); Phil Frank (Incumbent); Kim Herbolsheimer
- (Incumbent); Ryan Doan; Taylor Dietz
- <u>Board of Evangelism/Stewardship:</u> Jane Volders; Karla Weiss (Incumbent); Mary Williams
- <u>Board of Property:</u> Kye Sugden (Incumbent); Craig Harrison (Incumbent)
- <u>Board of Finance:</u> Steve VanTol (Incumbent); LeRoy Taglauer (Incumbent); Zach Smith (Alternate)
- Board of Christian Life: Chris Earle; Zach Smith; Teresa
- Yaeger (Incumbent); Becca Sugden (Incumbent); Michelle Smith

Encouraging Everyone

In our thoughts and prayers this week is Donna Geneseo. If you would like to send a card or note, the address is: 1039 E Monroe Rd, Midland 48642.

Black and Blue

Check out the latest episode of *Black and Blue!* "No Other Name!"



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2024 Office Personnel Conference

Thank you to the Grace congregation for sending me to the Michigan District's Office Personnel Conference in Frantenmuth earlier this week. I had an enjoyable time meeting others in roles similar to mine and learning about software and skills pertinent to my work here at GLC. -Paul

Lutheran Witness

Copies of the May edition of *The Lutheran Witness* magazine are available in the narthex; please take one! This month's articles include, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray, Let Us Pray, Praying Luther's Small Catechism, It's Time to Pray, Powered by His Promise, and Collect of the Day." Each issue also includes our Michigan District newsletter, Michigan in Touch.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

GriefShare

This coming Tuesday will be the last GriefShare session for our spring cycle. Please save the following dates for our 2024-2025 GriefShare sessions: Fall session: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. September 5 - December 12, Surviving the Holidays (a one-time GriefShare session to prepare you for the holidays): Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m., Spring session: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. February 4 - May 6. More information about GriefShare can be found at https://www.graceauburn.org/griefshare. Please talk to Pastor, Deaconess, or Kantor if you have any questions.

No Matins May 8

There will be no morning service this coming Wednesday, May 8, as Pastor and Kantor will be leading the chapel service for students and staff at Trinity, Monitor. Please join us at 7 p.m on May 8 for our Ascension Eve service at Grace!

Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.

It was a great joy to have Deaconess Tirzah Krey share with us about the work God is doing in Latin America this past Wednesday! Deaconess Tirzah's main role in Latin America is caring for the wellbeing of our Lutheran missionaries and their families who are serving in Latin America. For more information and to sign up for her newsletter go to https://linktr.ee/tirzahkrey. Join us this Wednesday as we look at the Prophetess Deborah and Jael the wife of Heber in Judges 4-5!

Quilting in 2024

We continue our 2024 quilting sessions on May 13 and 20. We will continue to meet at the Gengler home at 1625 Wilder Road, Auburn, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring willing hearts and hands as well as a sack lunch. We continue to strive for another successful year. Quilt top kits that have been completed will now be gathered up for use in quilts. Thank you!

For Graduates And Their Families

Pastor and Deaconess have contacted some families about their children graduating this spring (8th Grade, High School, or College), but despite their best efforts they sometimes miss people. If you have an 8th Grade, High School, or College graduate this spring, please contact them: (Pastor: 607-972-5792 and Deaconess: 316-284-4251). We are putting together a special announcement with photos and brief bios to recognize our graduates and to specifically pray for them on Sunday, May 19. We would love to have this information by May 14. Thank you!

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost Sunday! It's a beautiful day that we can wear red to celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on the Church with tongues of fire! The Holy Spirit is continuing to descend and work in you and me. Let's celebrate!

Fellowship Brunch May 19

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19! Whether you're a long-time member of GLC or just joined, here's an opportunity for you and your family to get to know your Grace Family better! Following Divine Service there will be a brief devotion in the gym followed by brunch. A signup sheet is on the Ushers' Desk in the narthex if you are able to bring a breakfast casserole (egg, french toast, potato, etc.), fruit bowl, or a dessert. Questions? Contact Teresa Yaeger (989-372-1779).

Gift Planning with LCMS Foundation

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Julie Burgess will present a gift planning workshop at Grace in the library on Sunday, May 19, after the fellowship brunch. Questions? Contact Teresa Yaeger (989-372-1779).

Overview of Alzheimer's

Everyone is invited to an Overview of Alzheimer's on Monday, May 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Grace in the library. This presentation is free of charge. "Everyone is affected by Alzheimer's or other Dementias in one way or another. People either have some form of Dementia, know someone who has Dementia, or they are caring for someone with Dementia. Come and join Bonnie Fritz, LPN and learn more about Alzheimer's Disease."

CTSFW Continuing Ed. Open to All at Grace Auburn (August 5-7)

Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne) Continuing Ed. will be offered August 5-7 at Grace Auburn (303 Ruth Street). Rev. Bill Cwirla will lead a discussion titled "The Heard Word"! It will be a preaching workshop with both pastors and laypeople. All are invited! Two major questions will be discussed! *What should pastors expect from their hearers? What should hearers expect from their preachers?* It will be a great three days and we want all to know about it. To register, call 260-452-2204.

Missing a Dish?

Dishes that have been left in the large (gym) kitchen from various meal functions can be claimed on the cart outside the church office.

April Memorials

Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of... Harmon, Lula, & Patty Lou Hart by Terry & Randall Gushow; †Iris Dominowski by John & Rosie Schmidt, Greg & Mary Jo Braman, Judy Lance, Larry & Judy Miller, Pete & Cindy Fredrich, Rob & Kathy Feinauer, Rob & Sue Botko, Charlotte Hakes, Bill & Elaine Schmidt, Rose McNally, Dan & Linda Haven, Gary Muentener, Jan Reisig, Deb & Steve VanTol, LeRoy Taglauer, Shirley & Luanne Wegener, Gordy & Fay Schroeder, Rosie Taglauer, Duane & Lynn Schmidt, Jim & Gloria Kundinger, Phil & Annette Frank, Paul & Linda Varner, Gary & Sue Roth, Cliff & Jan Vennix, Arlene Kernstock, Edie Ousterhout, Bob & Barb Friebe, Janice Feinauer, Don & Karen Rauschenberger, Clara Wirsing, Sharon Hooper, Jim & Rhonda Klann, Craig & Carol Harrison, Craig & Sue Bauer, Jerry & Jan Dominowski, Paul & Gail Kipfmiller, Paul & Millie Wing, Randy & Lori Mobley, Gary & Judy McCray, Ernie & Karla Weiss, Jeff & Cathy Sugden, Vi Koehler, Shirley & Keri Mosher, Jerry & Diane McNally, Roger & Gerianne Schmidt, and Bob & Brenda Krystosek



MICHIGAN LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION Energizing Mission

Psalm 89:1-2

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER Jeff Craig-Meyer LHM President, U.S. Ministries

GUEST SPEAKER Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies Vice President, Ministry Engagement

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Updates from Michigan LWML District
- Updates from Michigan LCMS District

SATURDAY **May 11, 2024**

St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship & Event Center

850 W Genessee St • Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Convention begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or questions, please contact: Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President 989.670.8028 • dennisengelhard59@gmail.com

Registration deadline May 3

Mail completed registration form to: Philip Krauss, 112 Marshall St, PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230

REGISTRATION FORM 2024 MICHIGAN LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

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