

The Holy Communion

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott
Second Counter: Tracey Lidlow
Lector: Jackie Lenhart
Intercessor: Kathe Harris
Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart
Chalice 2: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Howard Tallent
Eucharist Visitor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Those with birthdays this week

Gill Powell
 Kenneth Inskeep
 Besty Beard
 Dole Baker
 Nita Colman
 Emerson Cox

Baptismal Newbirth Day

01 May
 06 May
 02 November

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Pam Herold 15 March
 Ed Sokol 16 March
 Jodi Shaw 16 March
 Jeri Sellers 21 March

Expectant Parents

Brent and Kirri Kinley
 Donovan and Erin Colman


Stewardship Report

As of 1/31/2026
 YTD 2026 Revenue \$40,681
 YTD 2026 Expenses \$40,762
 YTD 2026 Deficit \$81

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 31st
 Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Thursday April 2nd at 6 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 3rd at 11 a.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy: Friday, April 3rd at Noon
Easter Moring Sunday, April 5th
 Rite I Liturgy 8 a.m.
 Festive Breakfast 9-10 a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.
 Rite II Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Grace Notes

- The **Music Ministry** at Grace Church is growing. Our choirs meet **Wednesdays** with Children's Choir at **5:15 p.m.** and Adult Choir at **6:15 p.m.**
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- **WWW** invites you to join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we discuss *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet* by Shauna Niequist. Together, we'll explore themes of growth, faith, and learning to live differently when the old ways no longer fit. All are welcome! Come as you are and join the Conversation.
- **EYC IS CURRENTLY COLLECTING** individually wrapped candy or small toys (erasers, stickers, etc.) for the Easter Egg Hunt on **April 5th at 9:30a.m.** Please drop off any donations in the marked bin outside the parish hall.
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- **THE GRACE CODE**
 Scan or tap to visit:

 - New to Grace
 - Outreach giving
 - Facebook page
 - Family Promise
- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 4** is today **Sunday, March 15th.**
- **Lenten study Honest to Goodness** by Furman Buchanan, continues today **March 15th at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **Evensong service at Grace Church, tonight March 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.**
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 10 a.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, March 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will be **Saturday, March 21st** at Fig's Café from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 31st.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**
- Our **Easter Breakfast** is on **April 5th from 9-10 a.m.** We need sweet and savory dishes. We also need people for set-up and clean up. Thank you. If interested please contact Cyndi Dougherty at (613) 766-3619. I look forward to seeing you there.
- **Garden Day** to ready the garden for planting is **Saturday, March 21st.**
- Lilly forms are available in cloister and outside office door.
- **Passion play performers** are needed for the 8 a.m. service **Palm Sunday, March 29th.** Please email Kathe Harris at **kbeach4@charter.net** or see her in the Cloister prior to or after the 8 a.m. service in the coming Sundays to sign up!



Ethiopian Icon

LORD, I BELIEVE

GRACE CHURCH

15 March 2026
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lent Madness is happening now! Vote for your favorite saints to see who will win the Golden Halo here: <https://www.lentmadness.org/#Bracket>

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 319 - A Penitential Order: Rite One

The Word of God

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Psalm

Psalm 23 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
**for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.**

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them
that trouble me; *
**thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.**

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some

of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements (We will be fasting from spoken announcements during the season of Lent, unless in Haiku or similar format. We call your attention to the announcements printed in the bulletin.) 😊