

The Holy Communion

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Henry Todd
Second Counter: JoCarol Titmas
Lector: Kathe Harris
Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 1: Kathe Harris
Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Church Opener: Drew Lavan

Expectant Parents

Brent and Kirri Kinley
 Donovan and Erin Colman

Those with birthdays this week

Kelly Peebles
 Donna LeBrun
 Masters Campbell
 Christopher Wilford
 Michelle King
 Ella Erlenkeuser
 Beth Lollis
 Hannah Erlenkeuser

Baptismal Newbirth Day

20 April
 29 March
 22 May
 05 April
 29 July
 12 June

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Susan Whatley 22 March
 Sandra Souther 24 March
 Tom Pearce 25 March
 George Burgess 27 March
 Beatrice Clark 27 March
 Mary-Harris Edwards 28 March

Lent Madness is happening now! Vote for your favorite saints to see who will win the Golden Halo here:

<https://www.lentmadness.org/#Bracket>

Stewardship Report

As of 2/28/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$81,478
 YTD 2026 Expenses \$78,214
 YTD 2026 Surplus \$3,264

Holy Week Schedule

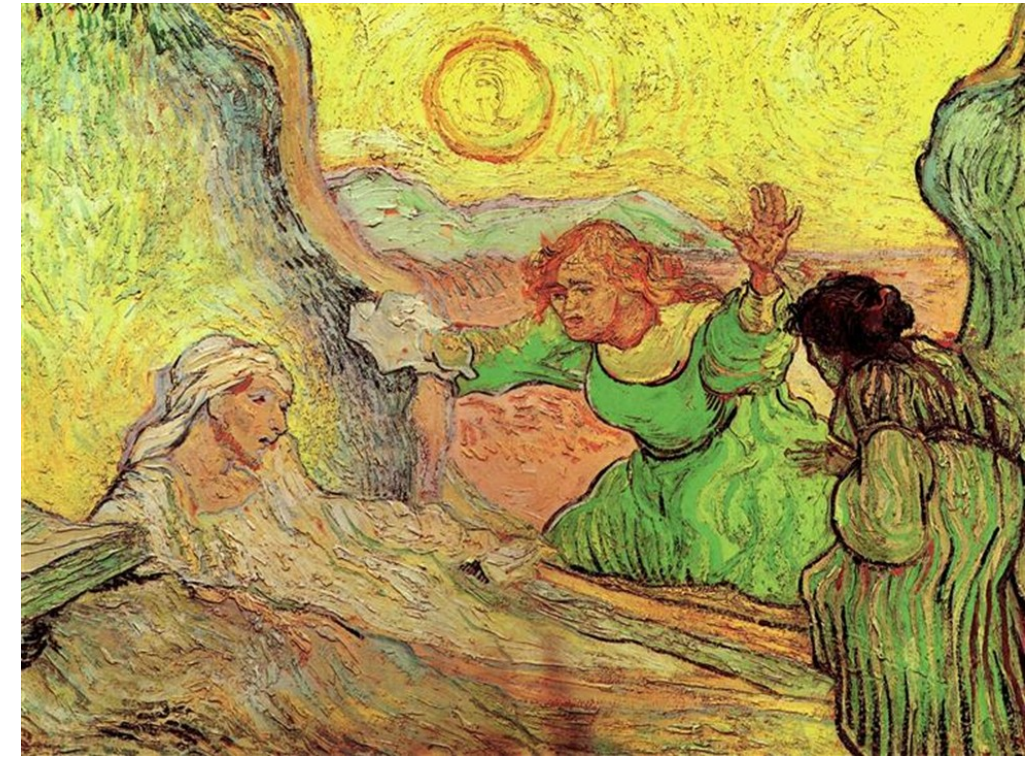
Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 29th
 Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Thursday April 2nd at 6 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 3rd at 11 a.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy: Friday, April 3rd at Noon

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

- **Fourth Sunday Loose Offering** goes to Family Promise.
- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- 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 9:30 a.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.
- Easter Lilly forms are available in cloister and outside office door.
- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 5** is today **Sunday, March 22nd**.
- **Lenten study Honest to Goodness** by Furman Buchanan, continues today **March 22nd at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 29th**.
- **Save THE Date:** Grace will have a Whitsunday Festival **Sunday, May 24th**
- **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. There are sign up sheets in the cloister and on the bulletin board by the office.
- **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 this Sunday to sign up! If you are interested in reading a role at the 10:30 a.m. service please reach out to Sharon Dorsey.
- **Newcomers Meet & Mingle:** **April 11th from 9 - 11 a.m.** Enjoy light refreshments, meet members of our church family, and learn more about Grace Church. We look forward to welcoming you.
- **AV System Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of someone to run the AV system and streaming on Sunday mornings. If you are interested contact the Church office or Bill Scott at scottwn2003@yahoo.com or (864) 314-9712.



Van Gogh 1890

TO AWAKEN

GRACE CHURCH

22 March 2026
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Grace!

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

The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

The Psalm

Psalm 130 (*read responsively by half verse*)

De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples,

"Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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.) 😊