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## **At Peace with His Wounds**

Do you know that you are a peace breather? At your baptism, God breathed the Holy Spirit onto you, meaning that right now you have the peace of God in your lungs. Is that how you experience yourself? Your congregation? When you walk out the doors on Sunday morning after worship, do you breathe peace into the places you go?

Jesus shows up unannounced at the home where the disciples have barricaded themselves. He offers them peace. He reveals his scars to them. Then he breathes the peace of the Holy Spirit onto them.

It is astounding that after the agony and the trauma Christ endured on the cross he can show up with any peace at all, let alone enough peace to share with precisely the people who left him high and dry on the night before the crucifixion. Christ can breathe peace onto others because he has made peace with his own woundedness. He is at peace with his scars. He finds power in telling their story.

When Jesus meets the disciples they too are bearing the marks of that night. Fear has lodged like a splinter under their skin. The marks of isolation and terror are all over them, and these marks send them running for cover. Even if they had the courage to begin to speak, they would not find power in telling the story of their wounds.

The peace that God breathes into our lungs is a peace that begins with the revelation that our wounds and our woundedness, like Christ's, are not to be feared. At the revelation of Christ's wounds, our own lose their power. They no longer ruin us.

Breathe in that peace. Breathe it out into the places you go.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

*We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.*

***Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.***

### Gathering Music

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Stand as you are able*

### Easter Proclamation and Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Holy people of God, given new life through the gospel of Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### Gathering Hymn

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**ELW 369** (red book)

### Responsive Litany of Easter Praise

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**A** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**P** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C** **The Lord has become my salvation.**

**A** Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**C** **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

**P** I shall not die, but live,

**C** **and declare the works of the Lord.**

**A** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

### Prayer of the Day

**A** Let us pray . . . Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.

**C** By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### First Reading

**Acts 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

**L** A reading from **Acts**:

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.


**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.


## Psalm 133

How good and how pleas-ant it is to  
live to-geth-er in u - ni - ty.

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. **

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. 

## Second Reading

## 1 John 1:1-2:2

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

### A reading from **1 John:**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

☐ The word of the Lord.

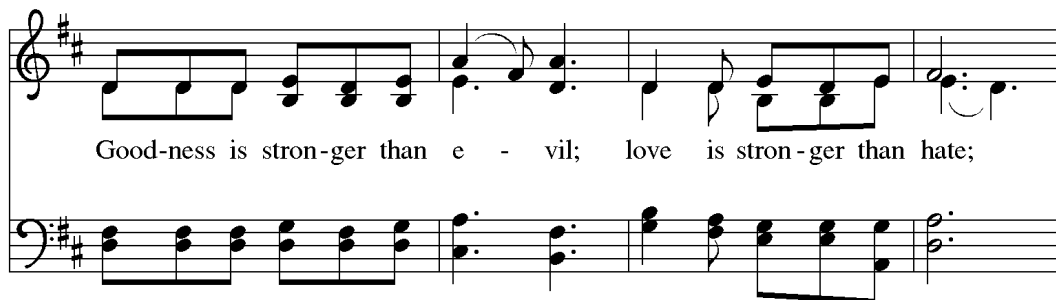
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Goodness is Stronger than Evil**

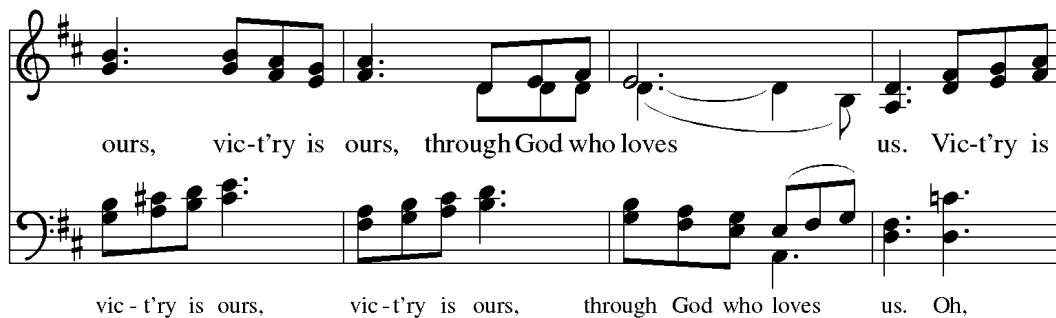
**ELW 721**



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
Oh,



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

## Gospel Reading

**John 20:19-31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☐ The Resurrection Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message/Children's Church

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*

### Message

*Silence for reflection*

### Song of the Day

*We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635 (red book)

### Nicene Creed

**A** We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Kneel or sit as able.*

### Prayers

**A** Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear. Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak your truth. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Bethany Lutheran Church in Northport, Cedar Creek Bible Church in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Lord, in your mercy,

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** Holy God, you create peace in the midst of chaos. Where storms rage and winds howl, bring calm. Protect people and animals from the dangers of weather. Restore damaged lands and homes. Lord, in your mercy,



**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ Holy God, you are peace in a violent world. Heal neighborhoods ravaged by crime. Reconcile political factions at war. Build relationships where suspicion keeps us apart, and bring us to the day of unity. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten*. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ Holy God, you bring peace to a hurting world. Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Bind up the shattered. Give rest to the weary and hope to the disillusioned. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including *Walter Brown, Kaylee, Cecilia, Mary Stouten, Mary Golnek, Betty Raber, Steve Kaiser, Wendy Eifler, Caleb, Jamie and Kira, Newell, Sara and Suzanne*. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ Holy God, you breathe your Spirit of peace into us. Enlivened by the Spirit, equip us to bring new life to all we meet in our work and in our play. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ⓐ Hear us, O God.

**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ Holy God, you are our peace in this world and the next. Comfort all who mourn. Hold them in your tender care. Bring us all around the table as we share the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓟ We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

Ⓟ The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**☞ And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

*Sit*

### **Offering of Gifts and Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*After the usher passes your pew, you are invited to drop your coins in the metal bowl at the front of the nave. These gifts are sent to Barry County Cares.*

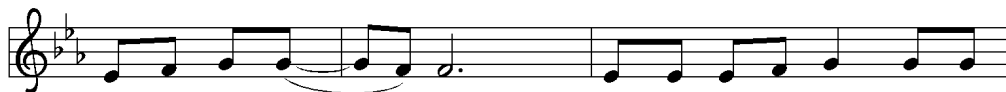
*Stand as you are able.*

**Offering Song***Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 185 (red book)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



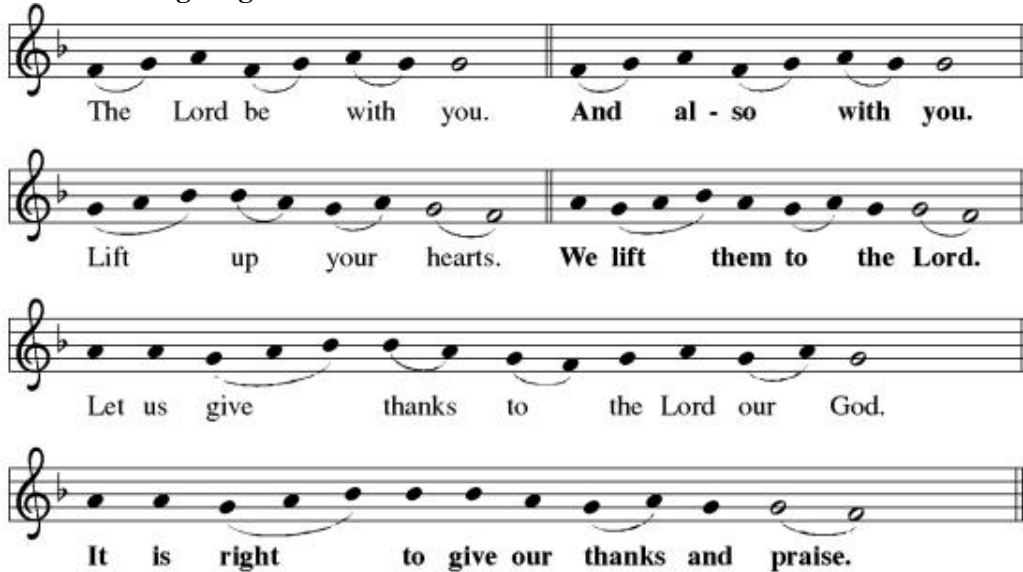
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**Offering Prayer**

**A** Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

**C** Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

☞ **We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery.**

☞ We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer.

☞ **We praise you for Christ, who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.**

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☞ **Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.**

☞ Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

☞ **To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

☐ Holy things for holy people.

☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**

☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

### *Lamb of God*



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 379 (red book)

*The Peace of the Lord*

ELW 646

*I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 485

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

**C** Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

### **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.*

### **Sending Song**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715 (red book)

### **Dismissal**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 183

Weekly Giving: **\$4,644.00**

Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of beef and chicken based soups (not chicken noodle or vegetable beef); chowders; butter beans; dried beans; juice in 64 oz bottles; canned salmon; julienne boxed potatoes; pie filling; shortening; flour; and sugar.

**Fifth Sunday – April 29** Remember, on 5th Sundays Grace only celebrates one service at 10:00 am, and the Adult Forum moves up to 8:45 am. April 29 is a 5th Sunday. Come and celebrate our unity together through this one worship opportunity.

**Hastings Food Pantry** wants to get the word out reminding people that **May 12th** is the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. If you would like to participate, place a sealed, moisture proof bag of non-perishable groceries out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12 and your postal carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the Hastings Food Pantry.

**Vacation Bible School** - We have chosen the curriculum for our Vacation Bible School program this year. We are using Group's Shipwrecked. Through this program we will witness how we are rescued by Jesus. Grace Church is thankful to the generous spirit of a member who paid for the initial materials that were ordered. Our Vacation Bible School at Grace will be during the evenings of the **week of July 22, 2018**. Please pray for this ministry we share in Jesus' name with children, youth and adults as an outreach to our community. We hope that you are willing to help in making VBS a time of learning and growing in God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please talk to Pastor Ken.

**Renovation Update** The original debt amount for the purchase of new carpet was \$16,258.38. To date we have received \$7,225 in generous donations from our members. The remaining debt for the carpet is **\$9,033.38**. **We would be blessed if you would be willing to help pay down this debt we owe to ourselves.** Thanks for your consideration. If you would like to write a check, please remember to write 'carpet fund' in the memo line.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>Today, April 8</b>	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45 am Youth groups 6:30 – 8:00 pm
<b>Monday, April 9</b>	Communication Team 2:30 pm Outreach Committee 4:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	Women of Faith 1:30 pm @ Mary R's Brothers of Grace 7:00 pm Budget requests due
<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	Worship Committee 6:30 pm
<b>Thursday, April 12</b>	Clapper Kids 3:45 – 5:00 pm Grace Notes 5:45 – 7:00 pm

### Today's Worship Leaders

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Randy Teegardin	Phil Poholski
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Vos	Sandy Mosteller
<b>Communion Server</b>	Brenda Teegardin	Phyllis Lietz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Mark Anton	Clyde Watson
<b>Usher</b>	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Mark Anton, Joe Longcor Sandy Mosteller, Gwen Hansen
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr. Children's Church</b>	Jack/Carol Vos	Kristi Winick, Ingrid Morgan Eve Wright
<b>Chancel Team</b>	<b>Jeanette Ulrich &amp; Lisa Golnek</b>	

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, April 15, 2018

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Bush	Carla Neil
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jan Schreiner	Diane Neeb
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Grayson Patton	Emma Peck
<b>Usher</b>	Dan & Gavin Patton	Gary/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr. Children's Church</b>	Melissa Patton	John/Mary Kleinbrink Shayna Gibbons
<b>Chancel Team</b>	<b>Jeanette Ulrich &amp; Lisa Golnek</b>	