

# Created for Community: Lent Mid-Week Series

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Virtual Bulletin

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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## Theme of the Week – Community with Each Other

Each week we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer during our mid-week Lent services. Also included is the Reading of the Day along with a hymn we will be using.

### READING: Acts 2:43-47

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### SERMON HYMN

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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Join us this Wednesday at 7 pm for our Virtual Worship via Zoom!  
You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshipping together!

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpvcU5RUT09>

Meeting ID: 950 0759 0439

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Mark Your 2022 Calendar	
Wednesdays in March & April 6	Mid-Week Lent Service Virtual & In-Person
April 10th	Palm Sunday
April 14th	Maundy Thursday
April 15th	Good Friday
April 17th	Easter Sunday

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This year we are challenging the congregation and friends to participate in our **Chapter a Day Bible Challenge**. We are reading the New Testament 6 days a week for a few months, then will transition to 5 days a week, in order to be done this year. The gospel will be spread throughout the year. We encourage you to get together with a small group to talk about what you've read for the week. Share your progress and get others involved! Check out the separate links for an Introduction page and informational pages about the books of James and Mark. Share the link with family and friends!! Also be sure to watch Pastor Zach's videos on Facebook each week with details about the reading for the week. This week we are continuing the book of James and starting the book of Mark on Friday the 25th.

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a new **spiritual practice**! At 5 PM in the Chapel we will be exploring 2 different spiritual practices, Lectio Davina and Centering Prayer. Come and find out about either or both by joining us in the Chapel!

Our Community Ministries team is asking for **oranges** to be donated for the Food Shelf for this month's service project. The oranges can be from your own tree or purchased. We'd love everyone to donate at least 1 bag of oranges this month so everyone can enjoy some fresh oranges! Contact the office to drop them off during the week or bring them on Saturday morning directly to the Food Shelf between 9:30 & 11:30 AM.

If you are looking to help the folks in **Ukraine**, **Lutheran World Relief** ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org)) and **Lutheran Disaster Response** (through [elca.org](http://elca.org)) are collecting donations for relief efforts. You can donate directly to them on their websites or put a check in the offering plate or send to the church office and put 'Lutheran World Relief' on the memo line, and we'll make sure the monies get sent along.



As we have resumed services in the sanctuary, we ask that you follow these guidelines to ensure safety for everyone.

1. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the sanctuary, including during worshipping and singing.
2. We will enter the church through the glass doors on Hill Avenue.
3. There will be a 1-way flow in the church: we enter through the center doors of the narthex and exit the church down the side aisles. If you need to leave during the service, exit down the side aisles and return down the center aisle.
4. Upon entering the narthex, you will receive hand sanitizer and a smile from the volunteer at the door.
5. You may leave your offering in the plate inside the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see one of our happy volunteers on the front patio, in the narthex, or in the sanctuary. As we transition from virtual to in person worship, we appreciate your help in continuing to wear masks for the time being, with the health and safety of all in mind. As Pastor Zach said, this isn't forever!

The service will still be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for those who prefer to remain at home. If you have questions, please let our church office know. We look forward to actually seeing you at church!