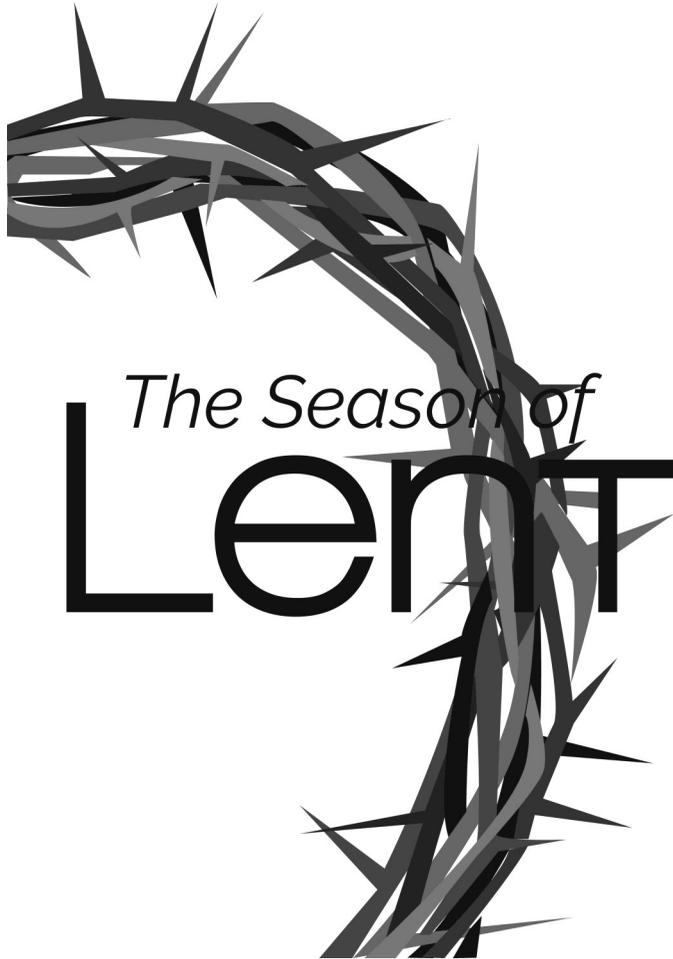


# *Grace Lutheran* *Worship Folder*

*March 7 & 8, 2026*



*The Season of*  
**Lent**

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

*“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### WELCOME/PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

*(The assembly stands as you are comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God:

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, pours God's love into our hearts, and gives us life and peace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

R533



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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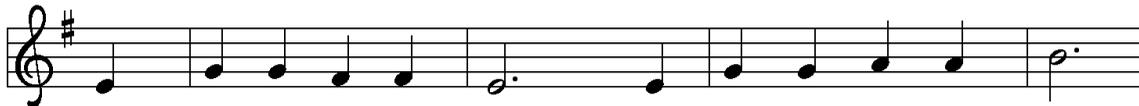
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## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **Exodus 17:1-7**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on

ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95**

*Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!

<sup>8</sup> **“Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

### **Romans 5:1-11**

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

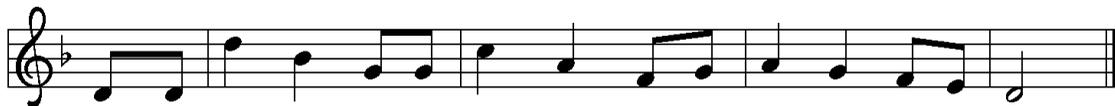
### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### John 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have

entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HOMILY

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “For All The Faithful Women”

**R419**



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

Recall the outcast woman with whom our Lord conversed:  
Christ gave her living water to quench her deepest thirst.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearning; Christ offers us his word.  
Then may our lips be burning to witness to our Lord.

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,  
In whom through all the ages your light of glory shown,  
We offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise  
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

P: Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray...O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C:** Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

R618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932 This selection is in the public domain.

*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray...God of our salvation,

C: **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

**P:** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy spirit, whose breath sustains creation, + bless us now and always.

**C:** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

R658



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



## POSTLUDE



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

### A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats  
in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Myra Cross, Larry Garant, Patti Tucker, Bonnie Cross, Darlene Freel, Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Elfie Jahnke, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Tamyra Rychlinski, Tom Watson, Amy, Chuck, Ho-Ok Nam Lin (Pastor Seok Nam Lin's mother), Maria Shelton, Paul Kroll, Jim Marquardt, Aggie Jakubiak, Jerry McConnell, Lisa Creger, Lysie, Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Joan Vanover, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Daphne Flack, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen. Military: Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Amelia Berles, US Air Force Pilot Training, and Michael Herrmann, US Air Force. We also remember the family of Budd Jobson, who passed away on February 28th.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Sunday School Program at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Lord of Life Lutheran/Portage, Rev. Martha Porter-Reid; and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and Synod Staff.

## **PRAYER LETTERS**

*Please sign* the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - MARCH 8**

With the death of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the publication of “A Call to Christians” witness campaign, what role do you think faith leaders should play in addressing public issues of the day? Rev. Jackson was a long-time worker in civil rights and against racism. A Call to Christians addresses a number of issues in our society today, from White Christian Nationalism to systemic injustice to peaceful governmental policy. Join us as meet at 11 in the Lounge to consider the role faith and faith leaders should play in public issues.

## **PLEASE SIGN CARDS FOR LOVING CARE MEMBERS**

Please stop in the Office Lobby this weekend and sign the St. Patrick’s Day cards for our Loving Care Members.

## **LENTEN SERVICES - MARCH 11 AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST**

This year we will learn more about the Biblical Prophets with a video series during our soup supper and some discussion afterwards until time for service. This year the services will be evening prayer services from each of the traditions that are participating. **SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM** with the video starting after everyone has soup. Our **SERVICES WILL START AT 6:45 PM** and with the shorter format of prayer services for the second through fifth weeks will be done by 7:30 PM.

## **SOUP AND BREAD NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

Grace is hosting the midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Service on March 18. We are in need of several soups and breads to share. If you are able to contribute, please sign up in the Office Lobby. Volunteers are also needed to help with setup and cleanup. Thank you for your willingness to help as we gather in fellowship and worship during this Lenten season.

## **CANNING JARS NEEDED**

The ladies of Grace are collecting canning jars. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church kitchen. Thank you!

## **FOOD DELIVERY FOR LFP - HELP NEEDED**

On Monday March 16, a major shipment of food is coming in for our Little Food Pantry at Saint Vincent de Paul at 11 AM. Help is needed to load 70 some boxes up there on Chisholm Street and then unload and take it all to the basement here. We got a trailer to do the transfer. And can use some more people there and here to get it all stored away. Sign up Office Lobby. Thanks to Untied Way for this support.

## **HERE YE! HERE YE!**

### **The GREAT FACEBOOK CHALLENGE is upon us!**

We want an active presence on Grace's Facebook page and need your help. Your "LIKES" are good, but your "COMMENTS" and "SHARES" are GREAT!!!

Beginning March 1st, Grace Lutheran Church challenges YOU to be one of our TOP FACEBOOK FANS by "liking" "sharing" and "commenting" on all of Grace's Facebook posts until the end of April. The winners will be awarded a gift card to Cabin Creek Coffee.

For more information, text Kat at 989.255.8750 or Donna at 989.590.3327. An informational flyer (with more details) is also included in this week's bulletin.

## **DIGITAL DISCIPLES - YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!**

We will gather for fun meetings, plan a Facebook challenge, take photos of church events and share them online. For more information, contact Donna Morgan at 989.590.3327 or Kat Tomaszewski at 989.255.8750.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Our Little Food Pantry is being used a lot during these cold winter months and things are depleting fast. If you can help, we are in need of nonperishable items such as small boxes of cereal, bread and peanut butter and canned or packaged items that can make a meal. We have existed for over 6 years and we make a difference.

## **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org) or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

## **2025 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST**

2025 Annual Giving Statements are available by calling (989-354-2640) or emailing ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) the church office. Statements can be mailed or emailed to you.

## THANK YOU

Sending out a BIG Thank You to everyone who made a donation of men's, women's and kids warm hats and gloves. When I dropped off our donation to the emergency warming shelter, the director was extremely appreciative and expressed her gratitude.

-- Donna J. Morgan

## SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.



## Lenten Services 2026

The Ash Wednesday service on February 18 will be at Grace Lutheran Church. This year the services will be evening prayer services from each of the traditions that are participating. **SUPPER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM** with the video starting after everyone has soup. Our **SERVICES WILL START AT 6:45 PM** and with the shorter format of prayer services for the second through fifth weeks will be done by 7:30 PM. The Maundy Thursday Service will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal. The Tre Ore Service will be hosted by First Presbyterian from Noon – 3 pm on Good Friday, April 3. All are welcome!

Service	Host Church
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 11</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	First United Methodist
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 18</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	Grace Lutheran
<b>Wednesday Weekly March 25</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	First United Methodist
<b>Maundy Thursday April 2</b> 5:30 PM Soup/6:45 PM Worship	Trinity Episcopal
<b>Good Friday Tre Ore April 3</b> Noon – 3 PM	First Presbyterian





## Birthdays



### Anniversaries of Baptism



**March 3**  
Arnold Jahnke

**March 23**  
Robert Greene

**March 11**  
Hadleigh Suszek

**March 26**  
John Kuligowski

**March 17**  
Patricia Schultz  
Adam Urlaub  
Brody Yuchasz

**March 27**  
Eleanor Coddington

**March 19**  
Joel Suszek

**March 28**  
Allison Urlaub



**March 1**  
Gene Domrase  
Anna Greene

**March 3**  
Brandi Stone

**March 6**  
Patrick McCourt  
Tiffany Oliver

**March 8**  
Dorene Schultz

**March 9**  
Matthew Gillard

**March 11**  
Norm Timm

**March 12**  
Donice Ziberna

**March 14**  
Barbara Mudge

**March 15**  
Janet Bettega  
Kathy Piontkowski

**March 17**  
Patrick Daly

**March 18**  
Kayla Bertrand  
Vicki Cripps

**March 19**  
Bonnie Cross  
Tyler Suszek

**March 21**  
Anna Lewis

**March 22**  
Karen Klee

**March 24**  
Tracie Granata

**March 25**  
Larry Rettell  
Sheri Smith  
Emmett Suszek

**March 29**  
Jeanette Chroninger

**March 31**  
Emma Barber

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

**Sunday – 8th**      **Daylight Saving Time  
Begins Today**  
8:50 am      Choir Practice  
9:00 am      Sunday School  
**9:30 am**      **Worship**  
11:00 am      Adult CE - Lounge

**Monday - 9th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open

**Tuesday - 10th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
9:00 am      Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am      Pastor's Text Study

**Wednesday - 11th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
5:30 pm      Soup Supper &  
**6:45 pm**      **Worship at**  
1st United Methodist

**Thursday - 12th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open  
5:30 pm      Catechism  
6:00 pm      Bell Choir Practice

**Friday - 13th**  
8am-noon      Church Office Open

**Saturday - 14th**  
**5:00 pm**      **Worship**

## SERVING MARCH 7/8

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**.....Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,  
Cindy Domrase

**Lector** ..... Dawn Anderson  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

**Greeters** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom  
**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,  
Stephanie Suszek

**Coffee Hour** ..... .Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone

## SERVING MARCH 14/15

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director**..... Claire Witt  
**Recorded Accompaniment** .....Kat Tomaszewski  
**Comm. Asst.**.....Joe Gentry, Stephanie Suszek,  
Cindy Domrase

**Lector** ..... Ruby Haske  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)

**Greeters** ..... Dawn Anderson, Pat Schultz,  
Bruno Hirzel

**Altar Guild**..... Mary Rowader, Elsa Phillips  
**Livestream Team**.....Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,  
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble

**Counters**..... Cheryl Lang, Cindy Suszek,  
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**Coffee Hour** ..... .Rick & Sharon Engstrom

**Large print worship folders & hearing  
assistance devices are available from ushers**

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