

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

#### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

#### <u>GOD GATHERS US</u>

Announcements are found on our website

#### **PRELUDE**

# My Life is in You, Lord

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,

and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

All: Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. All: Amen.





- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis dom you have spo ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin ner's death en dur ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as cend-ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin i ty, to your pure name be giv en



but those who heard for us you wore your burn - ing love all glo - ry now your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken. a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing. is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed. and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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#### **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God,

**C:** the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

## Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

He Is My Peace



Children's Message

# (Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

**MESSAGE FOR ALL** 

Pastor David Mercurio



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Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

#### **OFFERING IS WELCOMED**

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

**Offertory Music** 

The Gift of Love

#### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

P: Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

# C: receive our prayer.

P: Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and blight. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,

# C: receive our prayer.

P: Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

# Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

All: Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

#### P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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

**P**: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

#### TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

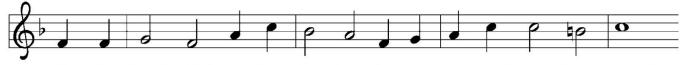
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

**ELW 494** 

**ELW 631** 

**LBW 381** 

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW 494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom-ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re-stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631

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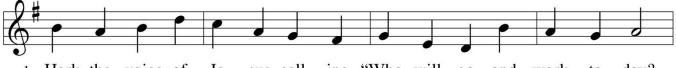
# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

# Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling LBW 381



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call ing, "Who will go and work to day?
  2 If you can not speak like an a gels if you can not preach like Paul
- 2 If you can not speak like an gels, if you can not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can not be a watch-man, stand-ing high on Zi on's wall, 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?" the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all. can tell of-f'ring life and point - ing out the path to heav-en, peace to all, while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re-ward he of - fers free. If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg-ment's dread a - larms, with your prayers and with your boun-ties you can do what God de-mands; Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea-sure be.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me"? you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms. you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands. An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.

Music: GALILEAN, Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P**: Holy One,

C: we thank you for the healing

that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,

love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

All: Amen.

**CLOSING SONG** 

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**ELW 834** 

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

# **GOD SENDS US**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Sirach 15:15-20 (alternate)

Choose between life and death

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
God gives the growth

# 2/12/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> donated by Nancy Corbige in loving memory of her mom on her birthday.

REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE-every week. See display in the Narthex.

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

**SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Grace, **TODAY** from 8am – 11am.

"ASHES TO GO" at Elburn Train Station, Feb. 22nd 6am

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP Wed., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

<u>POOL TABLE</u> (in Youth room) give away for \$50 donation - you haul away. Please see Tricia Painter if interested. **STILL AVAILABLE!** 

<u>CHANGING CHILDREN'S WORLDS</u> foundation in Geneva is looking for a volunteer to work in their office from now through April on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:30pm to 5pm. Light office work and phones. The foundation offers domestic violence classes for families. They are located at 411 Stevens St. in Geneva. Website is www.changingchildrensworlds.org and their phone number is 630-909-9411.

**LINE DANCING** continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

CHILI BINGO NIGHT on Sat., March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm

<u>BOWLING LEAGUE</u> The Lutheran Fellowship Bowling League, a joint league among area ELCA Churches, is looking for adults 18 or older to join us every other Sunday for an evening of adult Christian fellowship. Bowling skill or experience not required. Contact Nick Rex for more info: 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or <a href="mailto:lutheranbowling@gmail.com">lutheranbowling@gmail.com</a>.

**NOISY OFFERING** We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor is for special light bulbs & lift rental necessary for the sanctuary & parking lot. Thank you for your support!

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside. *Thank you for your generous donations!* 

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for February 2023 – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

# OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Donations collected for the past week = \$6,631.

Weekly donations needed to meet 2022 expenses = \$3,750.

(2023 weekly donation goal will be available in mid-February.)

Blessings upon Grace as we embark on a new year~

Grace Lutheran(GLC) is again partnering with Dennis Finney from Bethlehem Lutheran Church(BLC) supporting the <u>2023 FEED THE NEED / FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN</u> event. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex as we've had in previous years. There is also a signup sheet for <u>taking M&M tubes</u>, <u>take 1 or more</u>, enjoy the candy <u>then fill the tubes with Quarters or just cash and return to George Theros before Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.</u>

# The following has been provided to us:

The 2023 FTN Event Leadership Team has decided it is time to bring this event back to prior years' successes. The goal this year is to once again pack well over 1,000,000 meals to feed the hungry children/people; the stretch goal is to match or exceed previous results (Pre-Covid). 5,000 plus volunteers are needed, as well as voluntary financial donations, to fund these meals, which are 25 cents each. The funding total goal for FTN 2023 is to raise \$240,000 to pay for these meals and associated costs that go with that. **See above Grace Lutheran has M&M Tubes.** 

As I am sure you can imagine, an event of this size and scope, takes many people working together collaboratively, to make it a success. It requires prayer, trust, and faith as we move forward in full faith in accomplishing these goals of feeding kids, who are in desperate need.

Again for FTN 2023 Dennis Finney will be the coordinator/organizer at BLC working with a team in helping to put this event together & get a group of volunteers together, to help at Feed the Need, FTN, in Naperville, held at North Central College. Additionally, Dennis is on the FTN 2023 Leadership Team at NCC. As an FTN 2023 Leadership Team, we are moving forward in full faith in accomplishing these goals of feeding children, who are in desperate need. We know that all of you are well aware of the far reaching impact FTN/FMSC has had on children and people in need. BLC's and GLC's past support and involvement with FTN has been wonderful and impactful. WE NEED YOUR HELP and support for these goals to become a reality.

IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT FEED THE NEED 2023:

MOBILEPACK DATES: Saturday & Sunday, February 18-19 2023

LOCATION: North Central College ResRec Center, 440 S Brainard St, Naperville, IL 60540

#### PACKING SESSIONS:

- \* SATURDAY: 3:30-5:30PM; 7:00-9:00PM
- \* SUNDAY: 9:00AM-11:00PM; 12:30-2:30PM; 4:00-6:00 PM.

The sooner we know your shift preferences, the better, as we can then try to reserve a certain number of spots for BLC and **GLC**, prior to them filling up.

With everyone working together, we can all contribute to helping to reduce this number, with the ultimate goal, of eradicating World Hunger at some point in the future. WE NEED YOUR HELP and support for these goals to become a reality.

After all is said and done - The bottom line here is:

Helping to feed the hungry/starving kids/people. Saving their lives. It is estimated that 6,200 children in the world die each day, due to starvation/malnutrition. Annually this would equate to 2,263,000 children. This is a sobering statistic. (that's just the ones they know about) Imagine how many adults there might be?

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Feeding God's Starving Children Hungry in Body and Spirit. Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands.

ZOOM FELLOWHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY <u>AT 10:30 AM</u> on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

#### FOR THE WORLD

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

# FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- \* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

# **FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

# FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

For those ill in body, mind or spirit...Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney, the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Jay Ellingsen, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), **Pat and Chili Lindgren**, Sherry Manke, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Joan Rugula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

Our prayers to Karen Patterson, her family and friends on the death her husband Ken. He will be missed by all of us.

A Celebration of Ken's Life will be held at Grace on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am, followed by an luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.

Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.