



Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 25, 2024
8:30AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY AL VANDERLAAN TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER: DENISE BILLER

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE CAPTIVE TO SIN AND CANNOT FREE OURSELVES. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.

AMEN.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN: O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE ELW514

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

GREETING:

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

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always
AND ALSO WITH YOU

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW P. 150)

Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."
15God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God, Word of Life

THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 25: 1-10

23You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

24For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

25From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**26The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

28For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

30Their descendants shall | serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

31They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, Word of Life

THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P. 151)

RETURN TO THE LORD, YOUR GOD, RETURN TO THE LORD, YOUR GOD,

WHO IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,

SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

31[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

*****MESSAGE*****

**HYMN OF THE DAY: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID
(ELW 667)**

- 1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me."
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown.

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 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 FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SONG OF OFFERING: WE ARE AN OFFERING (ELW 692)

*WE LIFT OUR VOICES, WE LIFT OUR HANDS,
WE LIFT OUR LIVES UP TO YOU; WE ARE AN OFFERING.*

*LORD, USE OUR VOICES, LORD, USE OUR HANDS,
LORD, USE OUR LIVES, THEY ARE YOURS;*

WE ARE AN OFFERING.

*ALL THAT WE HAVE, ALL THAT WE ARE,
ALL THAT WE HOPE TO BE WE GIVE TO YOU,
WE GIVE TO YOU.*

*WE LIFT OUR VOICES, WE LIFT OUR HANDS,
WE LIFT OUR LIVES UP TO YOU;*

WE ARE AN OFFERING, WE ARE AN OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil.

Preserve rain forests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. We pray especially for: Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Allen, Janice, Danny, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, Greg, Kristi, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Jada, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Deb, Kaisley, Raef, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Denise, Harley & Marilyn, Robert S., those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or are homebound...and any whose health is compromised. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

HEAR US, O GOD.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

AMEN.

PRAYER SONG: HEAR OUR PRAYER (ELW 178)

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 154)

**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.**

BLESSING (ELW P. 221)

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.
THE LORD'S FACE SHINE ON YOU WITH GRACE AND MERCY.
THE LORD LOOK UPON YOU WITH FAVOR AND ☩ GIVE YOU
PEACE.
AMEN



SENDING SONG: LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS (ELW 802)

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE GOD WITH GLADNESS; BE OF
GOOD COURAGE; HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD; RENDER TO
NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL; STRENGTHEN THE FAINTHEARTED; SUPPORT
THE WEAK; HELP THE AFFLICTED; HONOR ALL PEOPLE; LOVE AND
SERVE GOD, REJOICING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE RADIO BROADCAST TODAY IS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROY AND DORIS SCHEMEILING FROM THE SCHEMEILING RADIO FUND

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY DARCY RAETHZ & DENISE BILLER
IN MEMORY OF THEIR DAD, DAVE JOHNSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Allen Benson, Denise Biller, Janice Brandriet, Danny Brekke, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Ted Frost, Greg Gross, Kristi Herting, Sylvia Larson, LaVern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Jada Mohror, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Deb Schlenner, Kaisley Schulz, Robert Steen, Raef Stolp, Ron Urban, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, transportation personnel, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters EMTs and all First Responders. Pray for our Church during this transition period.

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3

TODAY 8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

MONDAY 1-4 PM DORCAS QUILTERS

4:00 - BANQUET

TUESDAY 4:30 PM - TOPS MEETS IN BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - MEET FOR LENT LUNCH PREP

12:00 PM - ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

11:00 AM - TOPS MEETS IN BASEMENT

5:30-6:00 PM - WEDNESDAY MEAL

6:00 PM - LARGE GROUP

6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

7:30 PM - YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY 8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM -SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - ITS TIME AGAIN TO DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO GLC. IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT CUSTOMER CONTACT YOUR AGENT TO SEE HOW YOU CAN DO THIS!

GRACE SERVES LENTEN LUNCH AT ECUMENICAL SERVICE FEBRUARY 28 - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COOK AND SERVE THE LENT LUNCH AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST AFTER THE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE. **MEET AT THE CHURCH @ 9AM. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A PAN OF BARS - DROP THEM OFF ON OR BEFORE 2/27**

SPRING "GOT IT AT GRACE" NEEDS VOLUNTEERS ON MARCH 9TH - THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH. ASK KAT HOW YOU CAN HELP! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

THE CRAFT FAIR LUNCH IS ALSO REQUESTING DONATIONS OF PANS OF BARS FOR MARCH 9TH. THANK YOU!

**EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED FOR PALM SUNDAY
KIDS SING ON PALM SUNDAY AT 11:00 SERVICE**

EASTER MASHUP! - A 4 WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL SERIES THAT MAKES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE EASTER MESSAGE AND THE CHRISTMAS STORY. LEARNERS WILL GAIN NEW INSIGHT INTO THE TRUTH THAT JESUS CAME AS A BABY, BUT GREW INTO A MAN WHO LAID DOWN HIS LIFE TO SAVE US.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR PRAYER REQUEST EMAIL GRACELC@MIDCONETWORK.COM