



Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 11, 2024
11:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY NANCY MCCLANAHAN TODAY

ADULT USHER:

SONG LEADER: BECKY SPROUSE

READER: ED MORRISON

PIANIST: ISAAK MONTEMAYOR

SOUND & VIDEO TEAM: PAUL HENRICHS, WYATT SPROUSE, LARRY PICT, GARY RUKSTAD, AND DYLAN JORDAN

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (INSPIRED BY PSALM 91)

EVEN AS WE ENTER THE WILDERNESS OF LENT,

WE REST IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH;

WE ABIDE IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY;

WE FIND REFUGE UNDER THE WINGS OF OUR HOLY PARENT.

WE TURST THAT THE ANGELS OF GOD,

THE WORDS OF GOD,

THE PEOPLE OF GOD,

THE HANDS OF GOD

WILL SOMEHOW BEAR US UP.

AND SO WE COME TO CALL ON GOD WHO HAS PROMISED TO ANSWER.

OPENING SONG:

KYRIE ELEISON

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.**

PRAYER & CONFESSION

Seek the Savior while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. For he will have mercy and abundantly pardon. Let us pray: Since when we give our best and strongest love to your service, we still fall short of the glory you intended for us;

Lord have mercy.

Since even in our moments of the sharpest clarity and wisdom we are yet creatures of profound ignorance and foolishness;

Christ have mercy.

Since you know how hard it is for us to see your truth clearly, to follow it fully, and to love you completely.

Lord have mercy.

Gracious God, the magnitude of our sins is far outreached by the magnitude of your mercies. We gratefully turn to you in trust, asking our sins may be forgiven. Through Jesus Christ, **Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*The scriptures says: "No one who believes in God shall be put to shame. For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, I assure all who repent of their sins, that your guilt is annulled and your freedom is granted! **Thanks be to God!***

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW P. 150)

Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you always
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

SONG OF OFFERING

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Let us Pray... *Merciful God,*

LORD JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE, WE ASK FOR THE GRACE TO BE VESSELS OF YOUR LOVE, COMPASSION AND TRUTH. IMPART A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY, COMPASSION AND LOVE TO THOSE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE. MAY OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS BE A REFLECTION OF YOUR GRACE, INSPIRING THOSE GATHERED HERE TO EXPERIENCE THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF YOUR LOVE. AMEN

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

Word of God, Word of Life

THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 25: 1-10

1To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

4Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

5Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

6Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

7Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

8You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

9You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

10All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

PRAISE SONG: CLING TO THE CROSS

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

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THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HELP US O LORD TO HEAR YOUR WORD.

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO FEEL YOUR WORD.

GIVE US THE STRENGTH

TO LIVE YOUR WORK EACH DAY. (REPEAT)

GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to Mark.

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

MARK 1:9-15

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

*****MESSAGE*****

HYMN OF THE DAY: COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG: "LORD LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING"

Renewed in the promises of Baptism, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Almighty God,

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Unite your church in faith and uphold us in the promises of Baptism. Hear us, O God,

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. You remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We pray for this assembly. For good health and safety. For the musicians, song leaders, artists, ushers, deacons, acolytes, technicians and all the members who serve to facilitate and gather us together for worship. We pray for Grace Lutheran during this time of transition in leadership. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

We give thanks, Almighty God, for voices that challenge and awaken your people to the truth, especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God.

YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

Trusting in your baptismal promises, O God, we lift up these prayers of our hearts to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

AMEN.

PRAYER SONG: "LORD LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING"

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 154)

BLESSING (ELW P. 155)

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: WE ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE OF GOD

GO IN PEACE. CHRIST IS WITH YOU.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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



ADDITIONAL TEXT STUDY

CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

Water. Wilderness. Good news. That's the narrative flow of both Jesus' calling into ministry and Noah's deliverance from the flood. After an experience with water, each character enters a wilderness (one of desert, another of ocean) for forty days, then emerges into a gospel future. For Noah, it's the rainbow, the covenantal sign with all creation that God intends life, not death. For Jesus, it's the annunciation of heaven's reign come near. Waters can bring both birth and death. The wilderness can be both gorgeous and vicious. Yet through encounters with both, God brings new life and new promise. Consider the waters and wildernesses of your community, and investigate how God might be bringing good news to all through those who journey through them.

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 18-25

TODAY 8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH NANCY MCCLANAHAN

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

11:00 AM- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH NANCY MCCLANAHAN

MONDAY **OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY**
NO BANQUET

TUESDAY 4:30 PM - TOPS MEETS IN BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY 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

FRIDAY **BLOOD DRIVE 10AM-4PM**

YOUTH LOCK-IN 6PM-12AM GRADES 3-12

SUNDAY 8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



CALL COMMITTEE - WE NEED MEMBERS OF ALL DEMOGRAPHICS TO JOIN THE CALL COMMITTEE. IF YOU'RE THINKING TO YOURSELF I SHOULDN'T BE THERE OR THEY DON'T WANT ME - CHANCES ARE YOU ARE THE EXACT PERSON WE NEED. PLEASE CONTACT KAT OR A COUNCIL MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER.

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!

LAST DAY TO ORDER FRUIT IS FEB 18TH! CONTACT DARLENE TO ORDER FRESH FRUIT. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GLC!

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 23RD - SIGN UP ONLINE WITH THE RED CROSS - SEARCH BY ZIP CODE THEN SELECT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH FUN NIGHT FEBRUARY 23RD GRADES 3-12

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 OR BOBBI BROWN HOW YOU CAN HELP! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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

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