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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” # 666 vs. 1,2,4

Responsive Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,

For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, **You promise the kingdom of heaven to those who are poor in spirit. Our conscience bears witness with your Word that we are spiritually and morally bankrupt. By faith in your merits alone we claim our place in your kingdom. Thank you that it is ours as a blessing of your grace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

-We Hear God's Word-

Reading

Exodus 20:1-19

1Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. 18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HELP US O LORD (TO HEAR YOUR WORD)
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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

SERMON

"REFLECT THE LIGHT"

JACK HOLMQUEST

HYMN

"LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME"

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OFFERING

Scan the QR code or use the offering plate to support the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, Mission of the Month is Hope In God/Divine Providence of South Dakota



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

You call us to return to you, steadfast God. Renew a right spirit within the church and cleanse the hearts of your people. Strengthen those who proclaim your gospel in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You seek justice and peace, Lord. Rebuild places devastated by war. Provide welcome, help, and safety to refugees. Bless the negotiations that lead to lasting peace among the nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for caregivers and those who need care, especially 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., Ron, 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,

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life 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.**

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord,

For the poor in spirit are blessed with the promise of God's kingdom.

Since you are baptized into Christ, He is with you always to the end of the age. Go in his promise of life, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY JACK HOLMQUEST TODAY

ADULT USHER: KAT ANDERSON
READER: BROOKE HENRICHS

PIANIST: ISAAK MONTEMAYOR
COMMUNION ASSIST:

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

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, 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.

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!

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

FOUNDATION GRANT REQUESTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15TH

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

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**

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