

Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 13, 2022 Grace Lutheran Church 8:30 am Service

Welcomes You to Worship

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Congregation responses in Bold Print

PRELUDE

"Interlude" by Kevin McChesney
Welcome and Announcements

Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen. Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In \pm Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Eternal Lord of Love"

ELW 321

- 1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent: far off yet here—the goal of all desire.
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.
- 3 If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r, so into life and glory shall we wake.

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 ELW p 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18 Pew Bible p 10

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses. Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of

the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord! SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1 Pew Bible p 955

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"

ELW p 151

Return to the Lord, you God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 31-35 Pew Bible p 849

The Holy gospel according to St Luke the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** ³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ. MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Thy Holy Wings"

ELW 613

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh,

close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

APOSTLE'S 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray... Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SONG of OFFERING: "Create in Me" ELW 185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

PRAYER PETITIONS:

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to pray for peace, to care for the vulnerable, to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to the earth's resources, to our economy, and our basic freedoms. We pray especially for those in Ukraine and war-torn lands and volatile areas of the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern wisdom to act with diplomacy, patience to receive new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. We pray for our military personal who have committed themselves to give their all, protect them as they perform their duties. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage or loss of children. Comfort those who face end of life decision, give solace to those who endure treatments and answers to those struggling with illness. Uphold all who are ill or grieving, especially Rhys, Roy, Jim, Rose, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Kendal, Rich, Carla, Sharon, Bev, Doug, Judy, Elvira, Jessica, Rick, Daryl, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for first communion, baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents and grandparents who share their faith with younger generations. Move your spirit within those who are contemplating ministry and give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p 152

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.

PREFACE: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

ELW p 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"God of Abraham Praise"

ELW 831 vs 1-4

1 The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love-- "I Am the One I Am"-- by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2 The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake-- its wisdom, fame, and pow'r-- and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3 The God of Abr'ham praise! Your allsufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

4 Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us Pray... Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

BLESSING: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG: "Oh How He Loves You and Me"

- 1. Oh, how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me. He gave His life what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.
- 2. Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for this world to show. What He did there brought hope from despair.

DISMISSAL

Monday

Go in peace... remember your citizenship is in heaven! **Thanks be to God. We Will!**Announcements for March 13th

Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Esther Bakeberg, Jim Bakeberg, Rose Beck, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Kendal Ceroll, Rich Dunn, Carla Frost, Sharon Goble, Bev Goeman, Doug Koutz, Sylvia Larson, Judy Lien, Rick Raml, Daryl Stowell, Caden Thompson, Carol Wagner, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). The RADIO BROADCAST today is given by Janie Stianson, for Neil Stianson. The ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Family of Irene Anderson, in loving memory of Irene Anderson Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to *Grace Lutheran. 202 Second Street SE. Watertown. South Dakota 57201*

On the CALENDAR - For the week of February 13th thru 20th

Today 8:30 am AND 11 am - Worship service w/communion

9:30 am Sunday school AND Coffee Fellowship

10 am Bible Study in the on Lent a time of listening & learning 9 am - GLCW Executive Board meeting in the conference room.

1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters

6 pm Choir Practice (Musicians are always welcome)

7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday 9:30 am Prairie Coteau conference pastors meet at Rosholt

Wednesday 10 am Service at Town View

10:30 am Service at Jenkins5 pm First Communion Class6 pm Wednesday School7 pm Lenten Worship Service

7:30 pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room

Saturday Setup for Jamboree and Silent Auction Sunday 8:30 am AND 11 am Worship service

9:30 am Sunday school AND Coffee Fellowship

10 am Bible Study in the on Lent a time of listening & learning Noon to 1:30 pm Fund Raiser Dinner in Fellowship Hall Noon to 3:30 pm Silent Auction 2 – 4 pm Jamboree in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events:

April 2 Spring Craft and Vendor Fair

April 10 Easter Bake Sale

April 24th Affirmation of Baptism service

May $13^{th} - 7:30 - 9:30$ Mollie B and the Squeezebox band at Cloud 9

May 15th Senior Recognition Sunday

"SEEING GOD IN THE MOVIES" - JOIN US FOR A MOVIE, on Sunday, March 27 "Jesus Christ Superstar" Looking for God at the movies continues on Sunday, March 27 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Room. This 1973 American rock opera was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Yes - this is the old movie that portrays Jesus' humanity so fully and completely through all of those great tunes like "Jesus Christ, Superstar" and "Take this cup" along with the well known "I don't know how to love him". Come ready to sing along and then discuss how this movie portrays Jesus, Judas, the disciples and how Jesus did not fulfill the hopes and expectations of many of his supporters.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Grief support group will meet again on Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm at Grace Lutheran. The work of the group is designed to help people understand and adjust to a recent loss of a friend or family member. If you missed the first session, you can still come to the second. There are no specific requirements. Contact Pastor Cheryl or Intern Brenda for more information.

THE SEASON OF LENT WORSHIP SERVICES WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM "Open My Life, Lord" is the theme of the Lenten services for 2022. During the weeks of Lent, as we open our lives to Christ teachings, we will open our eyes to view the world through the eyes of Christ; open our hands in ways to serve God by serving others; open our ears to really listen to Jesus teaching and not just hear words; open our hearts to trust as we respond in openness to God's calling; and open our lives to Christ who lives in us. Lenten services continue at 7 pm each Wednesday evening until Holy Week, March 9 through April 6. All are welcome.

Sign-up for Bible Study Retreat "Anxious" - Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God is Tuesday, March 15th We live in a broken, sad, scary place. We don't need to watch the natural disasters, political unrest and threats of war in the news to know what our bodies already know. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties. A Bible Study Retreat on "Anxiety" will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. There is no cost for the retreat. Registration is due by March 15th to ensure getting a book. Lunch will be served at no cost. Because of the longer book with 8 sessions, participants are asked to cover the first session prior to the retreat. Contact Pastor Cheryl to Register.

FUND RAISER DINNER – NEXT SUNDAY - March 20th Prior to the jamboree, a noon meal of beef or turkey combo OR a chef salad will be available from noon to 1:30 pm. The meal can be togo or to stay and is by free will offering.

DONATIONS FOR THE JAMBOREE DINNER/LUNCH: for any who can donate contact Denise at 605-377-5106. Items are: lettuce, Roman lettuce, red onions, hard boiled eggs, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, shredded carrots, shredded cheese, deli turkey, deli ham, ranch dressing, French dressing, Blue Cheese dressing, thousand island dressing, Italian dressing, 4 cooked turkeys, 10 loaves of sandwich bread, BARS AND COOKIES. Some items may have been donated already so please check with Denise. Volunteers are needed to take admission into the Jamboree, prepare

food on Saturday, serve the meal, clean up after the lunch, and tear down after the jamboree. Your help is very much appreciated.

CRAFTERS TAKE NOTICE: Wanna have fun? Come to craft night! Craft night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th at 6 pm. The craft is "oh hello" for crafters to paint a 4 ft board as a door greeting. Cost is \$20. Register by March 23rd in the office.

DROP OFF Items by Thursday, March 17th for the **SILENT AUCTION March 20**th A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Jamboree open for bids from noon to 3:30 pm. Items are still needed for the auction if you have craft items to offer or would like to donate a theme basket of items, you can drop them off prior to March 17th to prepare them.

COUNTRY GOSPEL JAMBOREE NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 20TH The Country Gospel Jamboree to be held from 2 to 4 pm this Sunday, March 20th in Fellowship Hall will feature Brian B and the Company Cowgirls. Featured singer Brian Bergeleen of Wessington Springs was a former member of his cousin Kyle Evans and the Company Cowboys, playing at over 1000 Professional Rodeos around the country through the years. In 2002, Brian went to Nashville to cut a gospel CD including four of his own songs and a 10-song country CD of all his originals. He was inducted into the Legends of SD Country Music Association and the Dakota Musicians Association Hall of Fame in 2006. Singing with Brian will be the Company Cowgirls which includes his daughter and sisters (one is our own Kayla Mohling) to sing many favorites along with a little storytelling from Brian during the show. Also performing at the jamboree will be Justin and Codi Hanson, Judy Everson, Isaak Montemayor, Becky and Riley Sprouse, the Grant County Friends of Bluegrass, and the Norwegian singing Cowboy. Cost of the jamboree is \$10. The Country Gospel Jamboree, noon meal and silent auction, are fund-raising events of the Raise the Roof project at Grace Lutheran Church, 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD.

Spring Vendor Fair/Craft Show will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, April 2nd. To sign up for a booth contact Janice Lindner at 868-1805. There will be concessions for lunch. On the menu is turkey sandwich, mac salad, chips & drink for \$8. Caramel rolls are available in the morning. Mark the date on your calendars.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:

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Limited tickets available for May 13th Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band. Mollie B, a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, songwriter, television star/director/producer, and Hall of Famer will perform for a Raise the Roof fund raising event on May 13th in Watertown. Just 300 tickets will be sold for the 7:30 pm performance and are now available at the office. Cost of the tickets are \$30. Sponsorships for the event are available which includes an evening meal for two with Mollie B and the band prior to the show with advertising opportunities. For more information call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 or check out the web and Facebook.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE

3/2/22 & 3/6/22 Worshipers: 289

ROOF FUND

Current: \$159,000 Cost of materials: \$57,741 Goal: \$171,000 LAST WEEK DEPOSIT

Deposits: \$8,101 Weekly Budget: \$8,299

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022 ELCA.org/disaster

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea, and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits.

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