



Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY • MARCH 17, 2024
8:30AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY AL VANDERLAAN TODAY

ADULT USHER: GERI MOHROR, STEVE VOGT &
TED FROST

SONG LEADER: LEIGH CARSTENSEN
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RUKSTAD, AND DYLAN JORDAN

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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. As a called servant of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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: ETERNAL LORD OF LOVE, BEHOLD YOUR CHURCH
(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.

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.

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.

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 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 (ELW P. 215)

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

6 Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit it from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of Life

THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P. 216)
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: JOHN 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to Mark.

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

*****MESSAGE*****



HYMN OF THE DAY: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES (ELW 379)

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

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*



SCAN WITH A SMART
PHONE TO GIVE
ELECTRONICALLY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Allen, Denise, Danny, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, Greg, Kristi, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Kaisley, Tori, Robert, Raef, Ron, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Harley & Marilyn, James, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for the family of Mark Mandry. 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.

Hear us, O God.

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.

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

***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: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING (ELW 545)

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

THE RADIO BROADCAST TODAY IS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MIKE & WILLIE WILLIAMS AND IN HONOR OF WILLIE'S HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY BY CONDA WILLIAMS.

ALTER FLOWES ARE SPONSORED BY CHAD & TERRA KOISTINEN IN HONOR OF THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 17TH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Allen Benson, Denise Biller, Danny Brekke, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Harper Evjen, Ted Frost, Greg Gross, Kristi Herting, Sylvia Larson, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Kaisley Schulz, Tori Simon, Robert Steen, Raef Stolp, Ron Urban, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, Hharley & Marilyn Peterson, James Gobel, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for the family of Mark Mandry. 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: MARCH 17-24

TODAY

*****KAT IS AWAY*****

8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH AL VANDERLAAN

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH AL VANDERLAAN

MONDAY 1:00PM DORCAS QUILTERS

5:30 PM BANQUET MEAL

TUESDAY 4:30 PM - TOPS

WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM - TOPS

5:30 PM - WEDNESDAY MEAL

6:00 PM - LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

6:30 PM - CONFIRMATION

7:30 PM - YOUTH GROUP

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY 8:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH JACK HOLMQUEST

9:30 AM - COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:45 AM - **EASTER EGG HUNT**

11:00 AM - ALL KIDS SING &

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH JACK HOLMQUEST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED FOR PALM SUNDAY BETWEEN SERVICES.
KIDS SING ON PALM SUNDAY AT 11:00 SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE AT 8:30AM

PALM SUNDAY PULPIT SUPPLY WILL BE JACK HOLMQUEST.

EASTER MASH UP! - 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.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

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

