



# Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
8:30AM

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY NANCY MCCLANAHAN TODAY

ADULT USHER: STEVE SCHLENNER

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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. As a called and ordained minister 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: BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY (ELW 326)**

- 1** Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found
- 2** Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way;  
your hope burns through the terrors,  
your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound;  
together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.
- 3** Divine eternal lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for land of promise  
where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

### **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.

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.**

## **FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17**

8God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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. R**

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 compas- | sion 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 good- | ness, O Lord.

**8You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**

9You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

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

**SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22**

18Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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: MARK 1:9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

***GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.***

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

***PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.***

**\*\*\*MESSAGE\*\*\***

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD (ELW 517)**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

## **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

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: 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)**

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER, ☩ SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS  
YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

**AMEN**



## SENDING SONG: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD (ELW 504)

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
through life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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 SCHMEILING FROM THE SCHMEILING RADIO FUND

## 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 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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!**

**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**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR PRAYER REQUEST EMAIL [GRACELC@MIDCONETWORK.COM](mailto:GRACELC@MIDCONETWORK.COM)**