



Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY • MARCH 10, 2024

8:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU TO OUR PULPIT SUPPLY JACK HOLMQUEST

ADULT USHER: **TED FROST & STEVE VOGT**
READER: **ED WILLIAMS**

SONG LEADER: **BECKY SPROUSE**
PIANIST: **ISAAK MONTEMOYER**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

WE GATHER TODAY TO WORSHIP GOD, THE SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS. THE ONE WHO HAS CREATED US, WHO SUSTAINS US, WHO REDEEMS US, WHO WALKS BESIDE US IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD, AND WHO CALLS US TO FOLLOW. THIS IS OUR GOD. LET US WORSHIP HIM TOGETHER!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

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: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA (ELW 592)

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.

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

FESTIVAL HYMN

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY FOR OUR GOD (ELW 149)

PRAYER OF THE DAY ELW 150

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

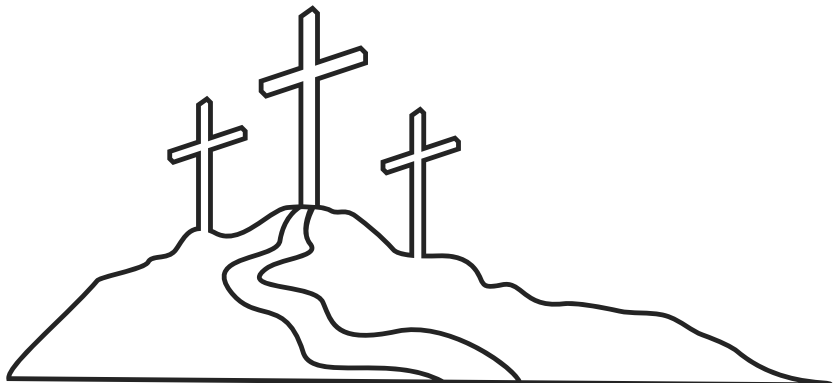
FIRST READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 22: 23-31

23 You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

24 For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

30 Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

*****CHILDRENS MESSAGE*****

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 8:31-38

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

*****MESSAGE*****

"STAY" BY JACK HOLMQUEST

HYMN OF THE DAY: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (ELW 723)



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.*

**DRAWN CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD, WE OFFER THESE PRAYERS FOR
THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED.**

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.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church
and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious
understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a
sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us,
O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's
fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and
wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the
earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain, especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Allen, Danny, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, Greg, Kristi, Sylvia, Lavern, Elvira, Jada, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Kaisley, Raef, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Denise, Harley & Marilyn, Robert S., and Tori. We pray for any who are sick. Please pray for the families of Jason Morris and Avis DeBerg. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. 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.

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION & MINISTRY
OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SONG OF OFFERING: WE ARE AN OFFERING ELW 692

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**SCAN WITH A
SMART PHONE TO
GIVE
ELECTRONICALLY**

DIALOGUE (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 (ELW P. 153)

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 P. 153)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 154)

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW P. 154)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (ELW P. 154)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW P. 154)

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS (ELW 666)

COMMUNION PRAYER (ELW P. 155)

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

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, LaVerne McPeek, Elvira Moen, Jada Mohror, Rick Raml, Roger Rust, Lynn Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Kaisley Schulz, Tori Simon, Robert Steen, Raef Stolp, Ashlea West, Robert Wittrock, Sandra Wittrock, Harley & Marilyn Peterson 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. Pray for the family of Jason Morris and the family of Avis DeBerg.

THIS WEEK: MARCH 10-17

TODAY	8:30 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
	9:30 AM	COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:00 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
MONDAY	1-4 PM	DORCUS QUILTERS
	5:30 PM	BANQUET MEAL SERVED
TUESDAY	4:30 PM	TOPS
	5:00 PM	FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING
	6:00 PM	GRACE COUNCIL
	6:30 PM	CUB SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	TOPS MEETS
	5:30 PM	WEDNESDAY MEAL
	6:00 PM	LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES
	6:30 PM	CONFIRMATION & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL
THURSDAY	1:00 PM	GLCW MEETING
	5:30PM	STAFF SUPPORT MEETING

****KAT WILL BE OUT****

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH AL VANDERLAAN
	9:30 AM	COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:00 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH AL VANDERLAAN

Thrivent Choice Dollars - It's 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! The designated period ends
March 31st.

Thank you for all of your help and support at the craft fair!

RADIO BROADCAST

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF HUSBAND NEIL STAINSON & OF HER
MOTHER AMANDA BAUMAN BY JULAINE STAINSON

**ALTER FLOWERS GIVEN BY CONDA WILLIAMS TO HONOR EMILY
WILLIAMS, SCARLETT & RUBY**

Thanks to all who helped with the Lenten luncheon on Wednesday.
those who helped make soup on Tuesday, those who helped serve
on Wednesday, and those who made the delicious bars!
the luncheon went very well, and we received a lot of compliments!
We needed all who helped so a big hug and thank you!

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

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 FLOWERS FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE BY
SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024.

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