

February 25th, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Divine Service 10 AM

Pastor Timothy Appel



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: *In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “the father of a multitude of nations.” It is “an everlasting covenant” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “throughout their generations” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “on the things of God,” and not “on the things of man” (Mark 8:33). “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “reconciled to God by the death of his Son,” much more “shall we be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).*

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Stand

Invocation (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession: *(We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution: *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Ps. 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.**

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

**he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.**

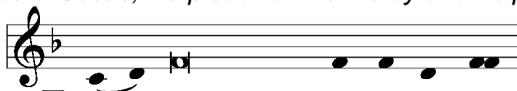
We will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)

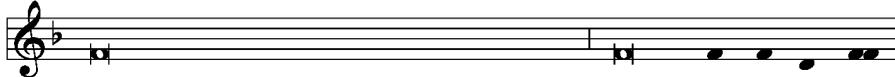
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



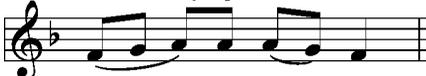
C Lord, have mer - cy.



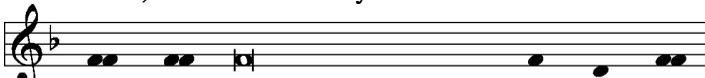
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



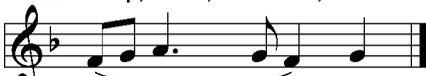
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation: (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect: (*Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.*)

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: (*Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.*)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the seventeenth chapter

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And

has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from

heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Sermon “Confessing Christ in Word and Deed”

Mark 8:29.

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God’s Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

LSB 956



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface: *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)* LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.

Words of Our Lord: *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)* LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei: (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

 did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

 sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

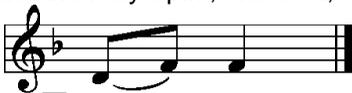
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

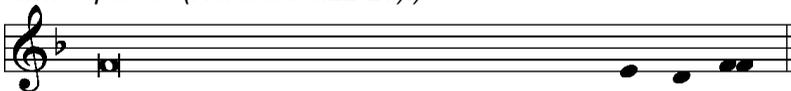
Post-Communion Collect: *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 166



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



Altar flowers today were given to the Glory of God in celebration of Ed & Marilyn Randle's 50th wedding anniversary!

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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Feb. Elders:	Vince Kaiser Jack Page	Organist(s):	June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers:	Galen Bunte Bert Bunte	Feb. Altar	Nelda Rhode
Trustees:	Ronnie Pietsch Gary Smith	Guild:	Wendy Rhode

	Readers:		Acolytes:
Feb. 25	Chad Catron	Feb. 25	Juniper Smith & Mackenzie Peres
Mar. 4	Dana Bunte	Feb. 28	Alex Caldwell & Adrian Wolff
Mar. 11	Huntis Dittmar	Mar. 4	Joshua Zimmerhanzel & Sterling Brown
Mar. 18	Debbie Higgins	Mar. 7	Mackenzie Peres & Barrett Watson
Mar. 25	Philip Appel	Mar.11	Adrian Wolff & Thomas Brown

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, the Sunday School students study the account "Paul Sails for Rome." As Christ was with Paul and His companions, so He is with me, holding me up, keeping me with Him in the ship of the Church, and casting all my sins into the depths of the sea. Parents could ask, "Who and what did God use to keep Paul safe? How does God keep us safely with Him?"

FINANCIALS – as of February 18th, 2018

	Feb 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Y-T-D
General Offering	5,305.97	3,949.00	7,396.40	33,788.37
2016 Weekly goal	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	29,628.83
Difference	1,073.28	(283.69)	3,163.71	4,159.54
SS Offering	41.00	33.00	33.00	
GLLC Donations	55.00	600.00	15.00	

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Feb. 25</u>	<u>Mon. Feb. 26</u>	<u>Tue. Feb. 27</u>	<u>Wed. Feb.28</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11p Brd of Ed	8a Braille 5p Piecemakers		10a GLLC Chapel 5:30p Lenten Schedule (see below)
<u>Thur. Mar. 1</u>	<u>Fri. Mar. 2</u>	<u>Sat. Mar. 3</u>	<u>Sun. Mar. 4</u>
11a Bible Study 6p LWML	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion

Registration FLHS

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. We are looking to add more freshman and sophomores to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Check out FLHS!! Registration fees are waived through April 3rd. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or on our website, at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Here is another weekday opportunity for you to gather with fellow Christians here at Grace and study God's Word! Pastor Appel has begun a new Bible study on the Small Catechism. Come and refresh your memory on everything you learned as a youth during confirmation classes. We'll meet from 11 AM-Noon every Thursday morning in the parish hall. Bring your Bible and your Small Catechism; if you don't have either one of those items, please let Pastor know and he'll be glad to get you one! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Appel.

Chili Supper & Auction

St. Paul Serbin PTLs will hold their annual Chili Supper and Auctions on Sunday, February 25th. Please make plans to attend.

Jamboree Parade Help

The Evangelism committee is sponsoring a float in the Smithville Jamboree Parade once again this year, on Saturday, April 7. They will be decorating in conjunction with the theme for this summer's VBS, "Splash Canyon." In order to this, they are in need of items such as kayaks, canoes, oars, river rafts, life jackets, and other types of items. If you have something that could be used, or if you are interested in riding on the float in April, please speak to John and Brenda Anderson to let them know.

Concordia, Nebraska Choir Tour

The A Capella Choir from Concordia University in Nebraska is on tour in Texas this spring, and they will be singing at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin (3501 Red River Street) on Sunday, March 4, at 7 PM. . If you are interested in going, please let Pastor Appel know today. If there is enough interest, Benny has said that he is willing to drive the church bus, or we can work out a car pool. Please consider this is a wonderful opportunity to hear an excellent choir sing sacred music in our area!



Lenten Midweek Offerings

Our Lenten midweek offerings this year will go to support three important missions: Grace Lutheran Learning Center, Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas, and Pastor Askins in Hong Kong. Please give generously to support the work of spreading the the good news of Jesus Christ through these ministries!



5:30-6:15p Bible Class
 6:00-6:45p Soup Supper
 7:00p Worship (Theme: Holy Baptism)

Feb. 28	Lent Midweek 3	Soup: R – Z Host: Evangelism	A Dear Forgiving Flood
Mar. 7	Lent Midweek 4	Soup: A - Fo Host:	Satan’s Might Has Come Unraveled
Mar. 14	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr – P Host: Elders	Strength Divine for Life Immortal
Mar. 21	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host:	My Lifelong Comfort Sure
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms
Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Mar. 30	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
Apr. 1	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), Mildred Karcher, Charlotte Metzler, Lucy & Alvie Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz, Katherine Benedix,,
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), Richard Wilcox (friend of Gene Brown), Tommy Higgins, Dan Trafton (nephew of Mary Ann Dierker), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Paul Prange (friend of the Stellings), Billy Duty (Marilyn Randle & Jim Duty's brother), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Jo Ann Copeland, Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	Gracie Harmon, Kate Highsmith (Carol Wood's mom), Carolyn Riley (friend of Patti Langer), Tamara Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper), Thelma Zoch (relative of Rose Pietsch), Eugene Randle, Ashley Jackson (niece of Debbie Higgins), Andrew Dittmar, Lane Hurst, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Mary Ann Duty, Frank Nevins, Viola Halbrader (Betty's mother), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Aaron Atsye (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie Kalina, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, Robert Miller, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Dutys), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Mike Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Donna, Holly & Carl Barrera , (friends of Patsy Wiggins), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)

In the Military:	Justin Teague, Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison Whitney, Kenneth Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock)
Other Prayer Requests:	Jason Clayton(great-grandson of Ed & Marilyn Randle), Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Joshua Zimmerhanel, Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Feb. 28th, 2018

Lenten Midweek #2

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Passion Reading: Mark 14:32-52

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Mar. 4th, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Holy Gospel Reading: John 2: 13-25

Board of Education Question of the Week

What was the name of the son that was offered as a sacrifice?

EAGLE



SCOUT

SERVICE PROJECT

Project Lead: Chad Catron Troop 183 Smithville, TX

What: Church grounds renovation and rejuvenation

Where: Grace Lutheran Church 308 Byrne St. Smithville, TX

March 3, 2018

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Demo Day

- Removal of old bushes and trees
- Trimming of bushes
- Prep work for build day.

Required tools: Shovels, rakes, clippers, gloves, trash bags.

April 14, 2018

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Build Day

- Planting of new bushes and trees
- Building of A/C covers
- Repairs to sprinkler system and downspouts.

Required tools: Shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, gloves, trash bags.

All help is welcomed, so please come and join us.

Donations can be made to the project as a separate fund was created.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Chad W. Catron

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The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for February 25, 2018-March 3, 2018

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Learn by Heart: *The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Genesis 16:1-17:22; Mark 6:1-13

Monday: Genesis 18:1-15; Mark 6:14-34

Tuesday: Genesis 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56

Wednesday: Genesis 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23

Thursday: Genesis 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37

Friday: Genesis 24:32-67; Mark 8:1-21

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38

Hymn of the Week: "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" (LSB 656)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection

Monday: For the salvation of our neighbors

Tuesday: For those struggling with sin

Wednesday: For parents and children

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors

Friday: For the spread of the Gospel

Saturday: For faithfulness until death

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

L The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

R Amen.