

***March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020***  
***Order of Vespers***



***1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed***

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**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."

**Requests**, please give written requests to be included during our "Prayers of the Church" to an usher or an elder before worship service.

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

**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

### WELCOME

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the  
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no  
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

## Opening Versicles

LSB 229

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalm

Psalm 54:1-7

<sup>1</sup>O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup>**O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

<sup>5</sup>He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup>**With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**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.**

*Sit*

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## Old Testament Reading

*Psalm 104:1-35*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is Psalm 104.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
<sup>2</sup>covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.  
<sup>3</sup>He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;  
<sup>4</sup>he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.  
<sup>5</sup>He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.  
<sup>6</sup>You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
<sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they fled;  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.  
<sup>8</sup>The mountains rose, the valleys sank down  
to the place that you appointed for them.  
<sup>9</sup>You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.  
<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;  
<sup>11</sup>they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
<sup>12</sup>Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.  
<sup>13</sup>From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.  
<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food from the earth  
<sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.  
<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
<sup>17</sup>In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.  
<sup>18</sup>The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.  
<sup>19</sup>He made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.  
<sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.  
<sup>21</sup>The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.  
<sup>22</sup>When the sun rises, they steal away  
and lie down in their dens.

<sup>23</sup>Man goes out to his work  
 and to his labor until the evening.  
<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
 In wisdom have you made them all;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup>Here is the sea, great and wide,  
 which teems with creatures innumerable,  
 living things both small and great.  
<sup>26</sup>There go the ships,  
 and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.  
<sup>27</sup>These all look to you,  
 to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>28</sup>When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
 when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
 when you take away their breath, they die  
 and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
 and you renew the face of the ground.  
<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
 may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
 who touches the mountains and they smoke!  
<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
 for I rejoice in the LORD.  
<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
 and let the wicked be no more!  
 Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
 Praise the LORD!

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### New Testament Reading

*Matthew 6:24-34*

**P** The New Testament reading is from Matthew, the sixth chapter.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed

like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Passion Reading

*Matthew 26:1-29*

**P** A reading from Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

<sup>6</sup>Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup>And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he

had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Lenten Responsoy

LSB 231



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.
- 2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- 3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.

### Catechism Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed

LSB 322

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

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

### Sermon "Slow Down and Savor God's Gifts"

The 1<sup>st</sup> Article

### Votum

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

Stand

Antiphon

LSB 231



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

LSB 231



**C** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav - ior;



**I** for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



**II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



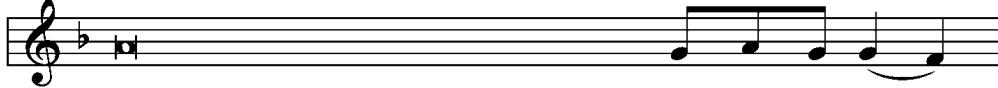
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might - y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy  
 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men.

**Sharing of the Peace**

*Following the prayers, 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**

Stand

**Kyrie**

LSB 233

**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 233

**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.

**Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

**Collect of the Day**

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**Collect for Peace**

**LSB 233**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

**LSB 234**



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**LSB 234**



**P** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

Sit

# God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

## 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*

## DISMISSAL