

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Third Sunday in Lent**



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Divine Service 10 AM

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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.”

**In our readings today:** Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “*all the congregation of the people of Israel*” grumbled against Him because “*there was no water for the people to drink*” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “*about the sixth hour*” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “*the gift of God*” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “*a spring of water welling up to eternal life*” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “*worship the Father in spirit and truth*” (John 4:23). “*We rejoice in hope of the glory of God*” because “*God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us*” (Rom. 5:2, 5).

**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**

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound-ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn-en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

*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 <sup>†</sup> 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:** (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)  
*Ps. 84:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 84:5*

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,  
 O LORD of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,**

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

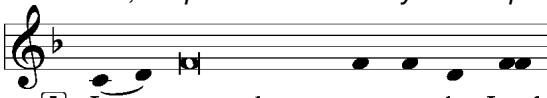
Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
 ever singing your praise!

**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.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**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.)*

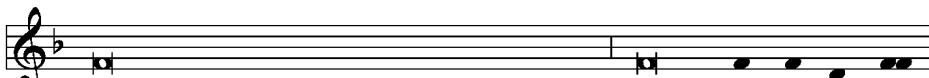
LSB 152



**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.



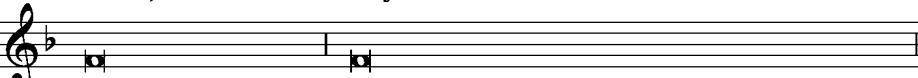
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



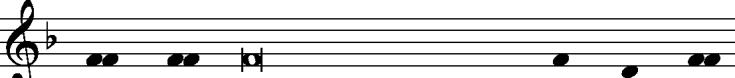
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



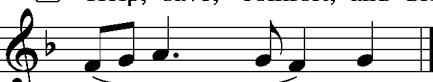
let us pray to the Lord.



**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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

*Exodus 17:1-7*

**P** Today's Old Testament reading is from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)

*Heb. 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### Epistle

*Romans 5:1-8*

**P** Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the fifth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in

which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 4:5-26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said

to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

**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.*)

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  of the world to come. 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.)

## How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But  
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -  
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And  
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He  
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.  
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea-sured mer - cy pours.  
bears with - in His wound-ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

## Sermon "Jesus Knows You, and Jesus Loves You"

John 4:17-18

(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.) 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:** (*At peace with God through Jesus, we greet each other in that 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** let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*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 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



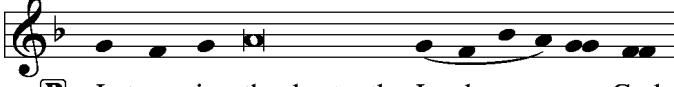
**C** And also with you.



**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 195

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.*)

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 197

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 <sup>†</sup> 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 <sup>†</sup> 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

A single-line musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, a eighth note, and a sixteenth note.

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

A single-line musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a eighth note, a sixteenth note, a quarter note, another eighth note, and a sixteenth note.

**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

A single-line musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of four lines of music, each containing a melodic line with various note values (eighth, sixteenth, quarter, etc.) and rests.

**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

#### Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

A single-line musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, and a quarter note.

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -

A single-line musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, and a quarter note.

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

*Stand*

*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  $\text{†}$  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.

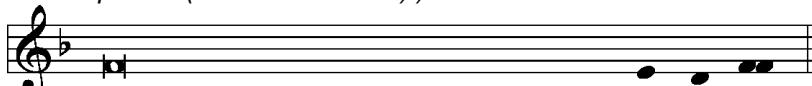
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

LSB 429



- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the

died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
 let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope  
 fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror  
  
 all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
 The measure and the pledge of love,  
 The sinner's refuge here below,  
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
 Be praise from all the ransomed race  
 Forever and forevermore.

### **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**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**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**

<b>Mar.Elders:</b>	Vince Kaiser Jack Page	<b>Organist(s):</b>	June Parker Esther Wolff
<b>Ushers:</b>	Davey Kadlecik Brad Zimmerhanzel		Kim Appel Ruth Eaton
<b>Trustees:</b>	Ronnie Pietsch Colby Zimmerhanzel Allan Riddle	<b>Mar. Altar</b> <b>Guild:</b>	Linda Read Frances Mynar

**Acolytes:**

<b>Mar. 15</b>	Juniper Smith & Joshua Zimmerhanzel
<b>Mar. 22</b>	Storm Gorton & Jacob Moore
<b>Mar. 29</b>	Baylor Watson & David Wolff

Sunday Worship (3/8) 106 Sunday School (3/8) 51

**FINANCIALS**

	<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Mar. 8</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
General Offering	6,312.05	4,015.01		48,388.97
2020 Weekly goal	4,360.25	4,360.25	4,360.25	43,602.50
Difference	<b>1,951.80</b>	<b>(345.24)</b>		<b>4,786.47</b>
SS Offering	55.00	36.00		
GLLC Donations	55.00	300.00		

**VISIT WITH PASTOR**

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto: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**

Each week, our congregation live streams the Sunday morning on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/](https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/)). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. If you have any questions about how to make use of this resource, please speak with Pastor Appel

## NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to [www.gcls.org](http://www.gcls.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

### **KFUO Radio (Pastor Appel Hosts Sharper Iron at 8 AM)**

**This week on KFUO.org**, worship with us this Lenten season with Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT and midweek service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview on 3/18 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find podcasts including The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge, Mission Field: USA—Church Planting, and End Goals from LCMS Youth Ministry at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org).

### **Born Again Emporium**

Grace and First Presbyterian will staff the Born Again Emporium beginning Monday March 16 through Saturday march 21. Hours are 10 to 2 Monday to Thursday. 9 to 2 on Friday and Saturday for sale days. Join us as you are able



The Board of Education is once again preparing the the annual East Egg Hunt and is accepting donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Please Not Chocolate. We are also going to set up activity stations for the kids to occupy them while eggs are being hidden. We will have prize bags for them after going through stations. Cash donations to help with the cost of the prize bags is also being accepted. if you have any questions please contact a Board of Ed member.



Help add to the beauty and joy of the Resurrection of our Lord by providing Easter lilies this year! The cost is \$10 each, and orders are due by Sunday, March 22. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex with your order.



### **Save the Date:**

VBS will be held June 7-11, 2020

Make plans to join us as we learn how Jesus Leads the Way



### **Just a Reminder**

We are still collecting stamps, pull tabs, and eye glasses. The stamps are used to help with the LWML Lutheran World Relief shipping fund for our quilts each year. The pull tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House, and the eyeglasses are for a mission through the Lions Club. Please help if you can. If you would like to see where the 2019 quilts went, there is a poster on the LWML bulletin board in the Narthex.

### **Easter Breakfast**

The Board of Elders is once again hosting our Easter breakfast this year. Various items are needed from the congregation to make it a success. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to indicate what you are able to bring, and deliver it to the church kitchen sometime during the week before Easter, April 12. All members of the congregation are also encouraged to bring pastries, fruit, and other continental breakfast items to supplement the meal. Please plan to join us for this wonderful celebration!

## AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Mar. 15</u>	<u>Mon Mar. 16</u>	<u>Tue. Mar. 17</u>	<u>Wed. Mar. 18</u>
8:45am- Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion 3pm-Nursing Home Devotions	6pm- GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism		10am-GLLC Chapel 1pm-Ministerial Alliance 6pm-Soup Supper 7pm-Lenten Service
<u>Thur. Mar. 19</u>	<u>Fri. Mar. 20</u>	<u>Sat. Mar. 21</u>	<u>Sun. Mar. 22</u>
11am-Bible Study	Pastor Away-Family Day		8:45am- Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion 11am-Board of Education

### Lent 2020

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This penitential, forty-day season of the Church Year prepares us for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Here at Grace, each Wednesday during Lent we have a soup supper at 6 PM followed by a devotional worship service at 7 PM. This year's Lenten midweek services will focus on the second chief part of the Catechism, the Apostles' Creed. The schedule for this year's services, including Holy Week and Easter, is printed below. Make plans to join us for these services in the coming weeks to grow in the repentance and faith that Jesus has given.

March 18	Lent Midweek 4	Soup: A - Fo Host: Evangelism	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed
March 25	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr - P Host : LWML	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed
April 1	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host: Brd of Ed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed
April 5	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms Divine Service with Holy Communion
April 9	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar
April 10	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
April 12	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion 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:	<b>Charlene &amp; RC Franke</b> (Ann Schroder's siblings), <b>Annie Mae Rohde</b> , <b>Mildred Buscha</b>
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood</b> (Sandy Kadlecik's father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Marc Schmidt</b> (godson of Rodd and Pat Langer), <b>Shirley Bartsch</b> (friend of Cathy Smith), <b>Linda Krzesniak</b> (friend of Galen and Jane Bunte), <b>David</b>

	Jenkins(friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Charlie</b> Rooks(friend of Daniel and Donna Kadlecek), <b>Beth</b> Ann Olsen(friend of Ronnie & Rose Pietsch), <b>Kurt</b> Daniels(friend of Daniel and Dona Kadlecek), <b>Daniel</b> Rice (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Michelle</b> Bage(daughter of Juanita Bertsch), <b>Lanice</b> Oeltjen-Hunger (friend of Juanita Bertsch), <b>Addi</b> Ghanes (infant friend of Juanita Bertsch), <b>Kade</b> Ryman(friend of Bennights), <b>Lula</b> Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Mike</b> Davis, <b>Sherry</b> Cook (relative of Nancy Fritsche), <b>Rosie</b> Williams(friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Paul</b> Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), <b>Coey</b> Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), <b>Becky</b> Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Marvin</b> "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller)
Recent Health Concerns:	<b>Gene</b> Brown, <b>Benita</b> Chestnut (Juniper Smith's grandmother), <b>Rose</b> Small(friend of Gracie Harmon), <b>Ed</b> Peres ( father of Mark Peres), <b>Lisa</b> Bates(worker at GLLC), <b>John</b> Corbett(friend of the Dutys), <b>Linda</b> Barta (cousin of the Dutys), <b>Fannie</b> Duty, <b>John</b> Shrock(friend of Nelda Rohde), <b>Peggy</b> Davis(Patsy Wiggins' sister), <b>Shannon</b> Monecke, <b>Nelda</b> Rohde, <b>Clarence</b> Hannusch, <b>Gus</b> Jehnungs (Milly Cheak's brother), <b>Larry</b> Kretschmar (friend of Gary Smith), <b>Dale</b> Behrend(brother of Donna Kadlecek), <b>Brittney</b> Ross (friend of Courtney Pietsch), <b>Stan</b> Knutson (friend of Kerry Becker), <b>Paul</b> Aucoin (Chrissy Becker's dad), <b>Terri</b> Harris (Kimberly Craig's sister), <b>Ivan</b> Fritsche, <b>Preston</b> Young (Don Young's relative), <b>Lee</b> Hampton, Dr. <b>Newt</b> Hasson(friend of David Rohde), <b>Janet</b> McMahan (daughter of Ivan & Nancy Fritsche), <b>Harold</b> Galipp (Gracie Harmon's brother), <b>Cameryn</b> Higgins (friend of the Smith family), <b>Melissa</b> Brown, <b>Scott</b> Penn, <b>Abigail</b> Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), <b>Charlie</b> Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), <b>Gracie</b> Harmon, <b>Tamara</b> Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper), <b>Eugene</b> Randle, <b>Alice</b> Miller, <b>August</b> Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), <b>Heather</b> Davis, <b>Nick</b> Jackson (friend of the Langers), <b>Milly</b> Cheak, <b>Frances</b> Pool, <b>Kathleen</b> Brohlin, <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Ann &amp; Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), <b>David</b> Rohde, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), <b>Sharee</b> Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Courtney</b> Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Marybeth</b> Claiborne, <b>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik(Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch(nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	<b>Justin</b> Teague, <b>Madison</b> Whitney, <b>Weston</b> Roudebush ( son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Tammy</b> Parisher(friend of Donna Kadlecek), <b>Peter</b> Bullara (Melissa Brown's son), <b>Dixie</b> Stolle(friend of Frances Pool), <b>Cameron</b> Parisher(friend of Frances Pool), <b>Ramon</b> Wolff, <b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langers)

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21  
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

**Board of Education Question of the Week**

Unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Last week's answer: Satan, God  
Youth: 14 Adults: 10



### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 5th to 6th grade students on Friday, March 27th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us!

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Pr. Timothy Appel, Pastor at Grace Smithville, will be leading us beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us!!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

As a Thrivent member, you have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars is March 31, 2020.

### **FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale**

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its

5th Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 10 at the Classic Bank parking lot! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

**\*BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** We need your help! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome! You can drop off any donations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th, at one of the Jones & Cowen Physical Therapy locations (283 E. Railroad Avenue in Giddings or 657 East Travis Street in La Grange) between the hours of 8 AM - 5 PM, at Faith Lutheran High School from 7 AM - 5 PM, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

### **Mark Your Calendars for These Events**

- Spring Thing! - **May 13th** - 7pm - FLHS Choir Concert
- Golf Tournament - **May 30th**





# **The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer Order for Family Devotions for March 15-21, 2020**

## **Invocation**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

## **Learn by Heart: *The Meaning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed***

## **Daily Readings**

*Sunday:* Genesis 27:30-28:22; Mark 9:1-13

*Monday:* Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32

*Tuesday:* Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50

*Wednesday:* Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12

*Thursday:* Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31

*Friday:* Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52

*Saturday:* Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19

## **Hymn of the Week:** "How Wide the Love of Christ" (*LSB* 535)

## **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:* Thanksgiving for God's gift of faith

*Monday:* For the unemployed

*Tuesday:* For the sick and suffering

*Wednesday:* For husbands and wives

*Thursday:* For missionaries

*Friday:* For those persecuted as Christians

*Saturday:* For those fallen from the faith

## **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.