



March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love



Welcome
To Grace

In response to Christ's boundless love, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace. We are glad you are joining us for this worship service!

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PARTICIPATING MINISTERS IN THE WORK OF GRACE

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Weber
Assisting Minister	Anne Peterson
Lector	Carol Dozier
Pianist & Organist	Boyd Hamilton
Music Director	Michael Hoffman
Choral Intern	Davian Raggio
Lead Singers	Alice Del Simone - soprano, Melody English - alto Simon Daum - tenor, Luke North - bass
Altar Guild	Mikki Matheson, Donna Rohde, and Susan Swaeby
Usher	Greg Niesen
Financial Counters	Patty Meyers & Nan Schwiesow
Grounds	Ron Schwiesow
Digital Worship Coordinator	Amy Stewart McIntosh

GATHERING

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

*you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.*

*We do not show others the tender compassion
that you have shown to us.*

*We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
which you grant to all people.*

*We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.*

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to embrace the whole world.

In \dagger Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

ELW 831

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.

“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,

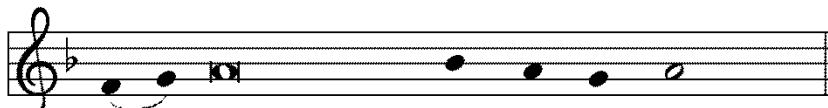
I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

GREETING

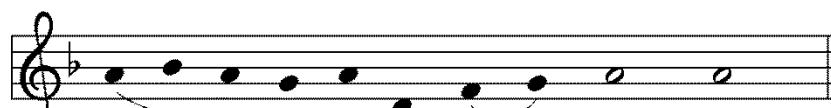
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

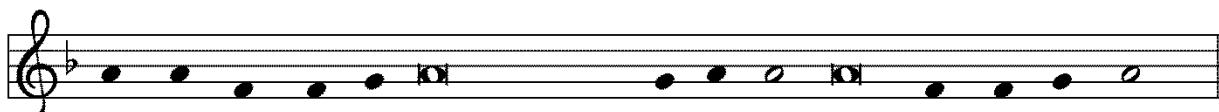
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



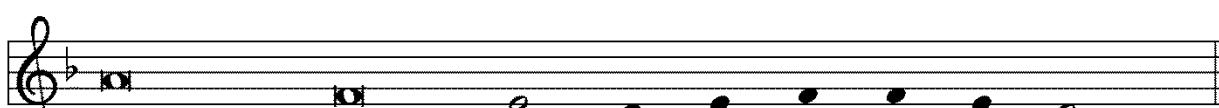
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



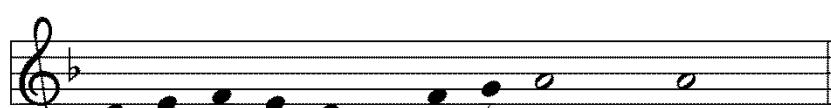
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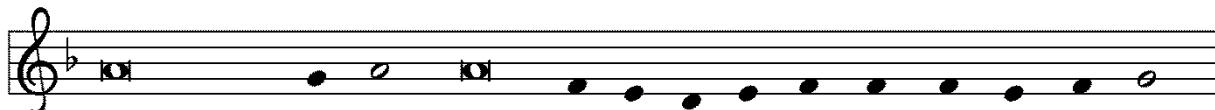
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



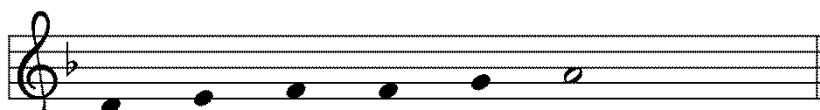
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



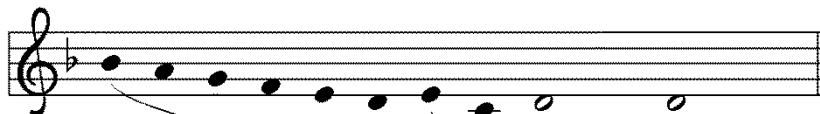
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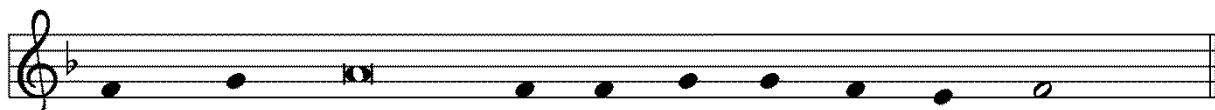
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



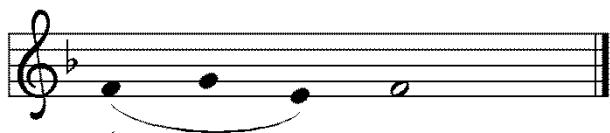
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of the covenant,

in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² ***When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.***

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ ***One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in
the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.***

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ ***Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround
me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.***

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ *My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”*
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ *Though my father and my mother forsake me,*
the LORD will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹² *Subject me not to the will of my foes,*
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ *Wait for the LORD and be strong.*
Take heart and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

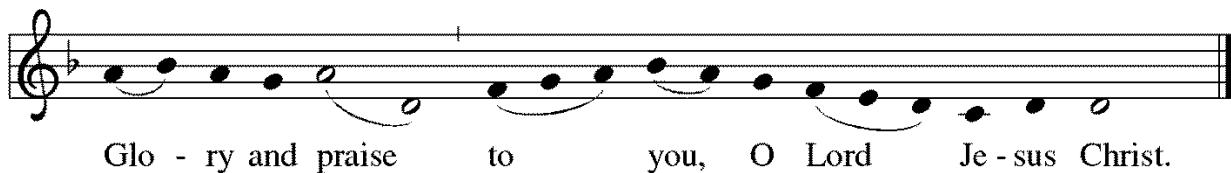
Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’ ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW 597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and congregations around the world, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithfully care for the planet, that they would be heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abraham, Sarah, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. Hold especially in your care those we name silently or aloud at this time ... May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

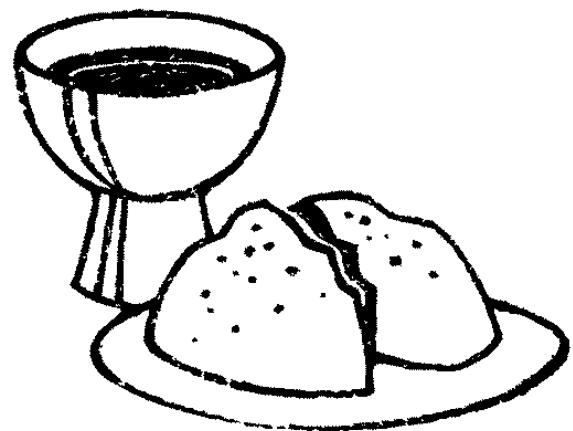
“Oh, For A Closer Walk With God”

Charles Stanford

MEAL

OFFERING

Our gifts to God's work in the world reflect our thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for your offerings which support God's work here at Grace, and for your offerings which support the work God does through other agencies and organizations.



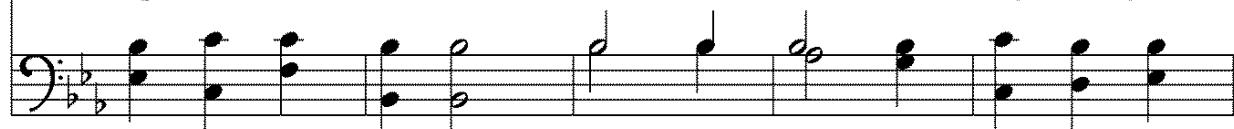
OFFERTORY



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 your



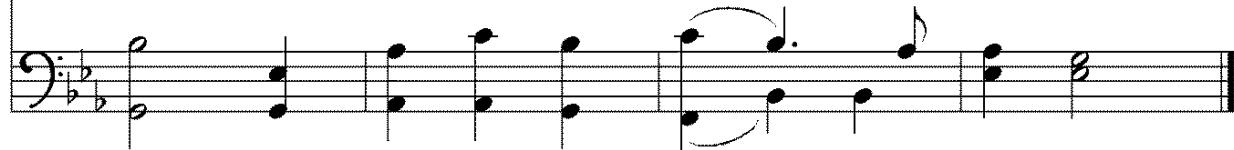
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



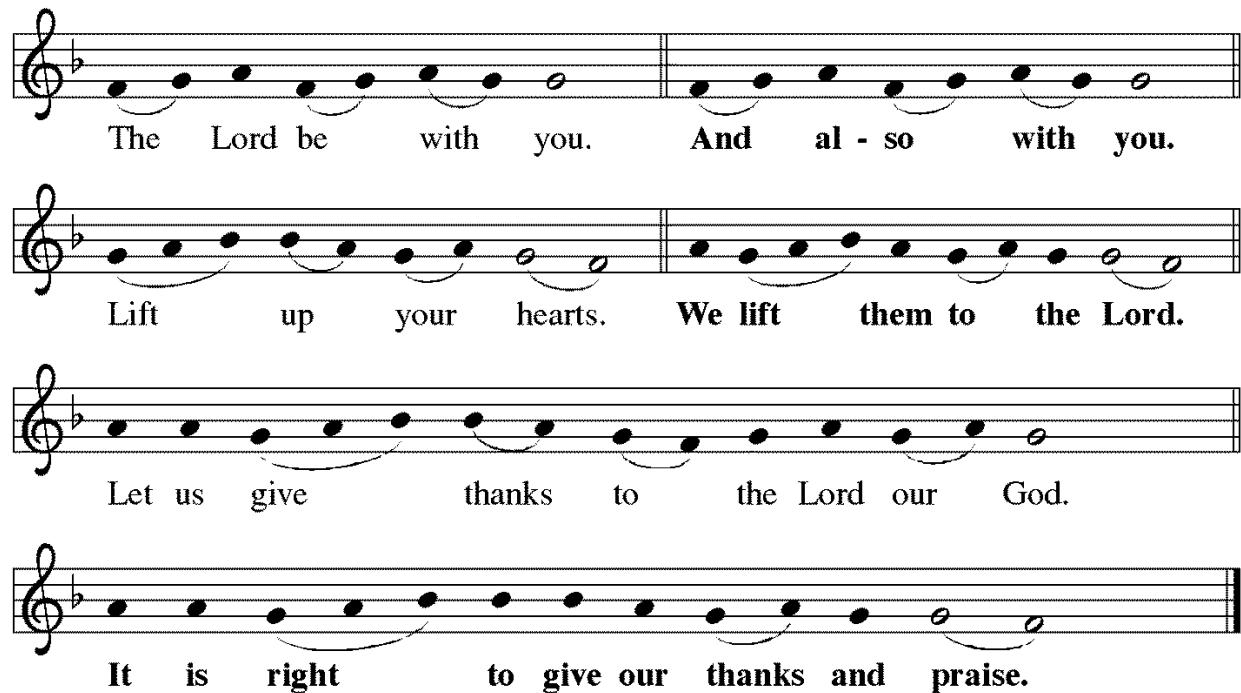
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God,

*you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text aligned with its corresponding musical phrase. The lyrics are:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

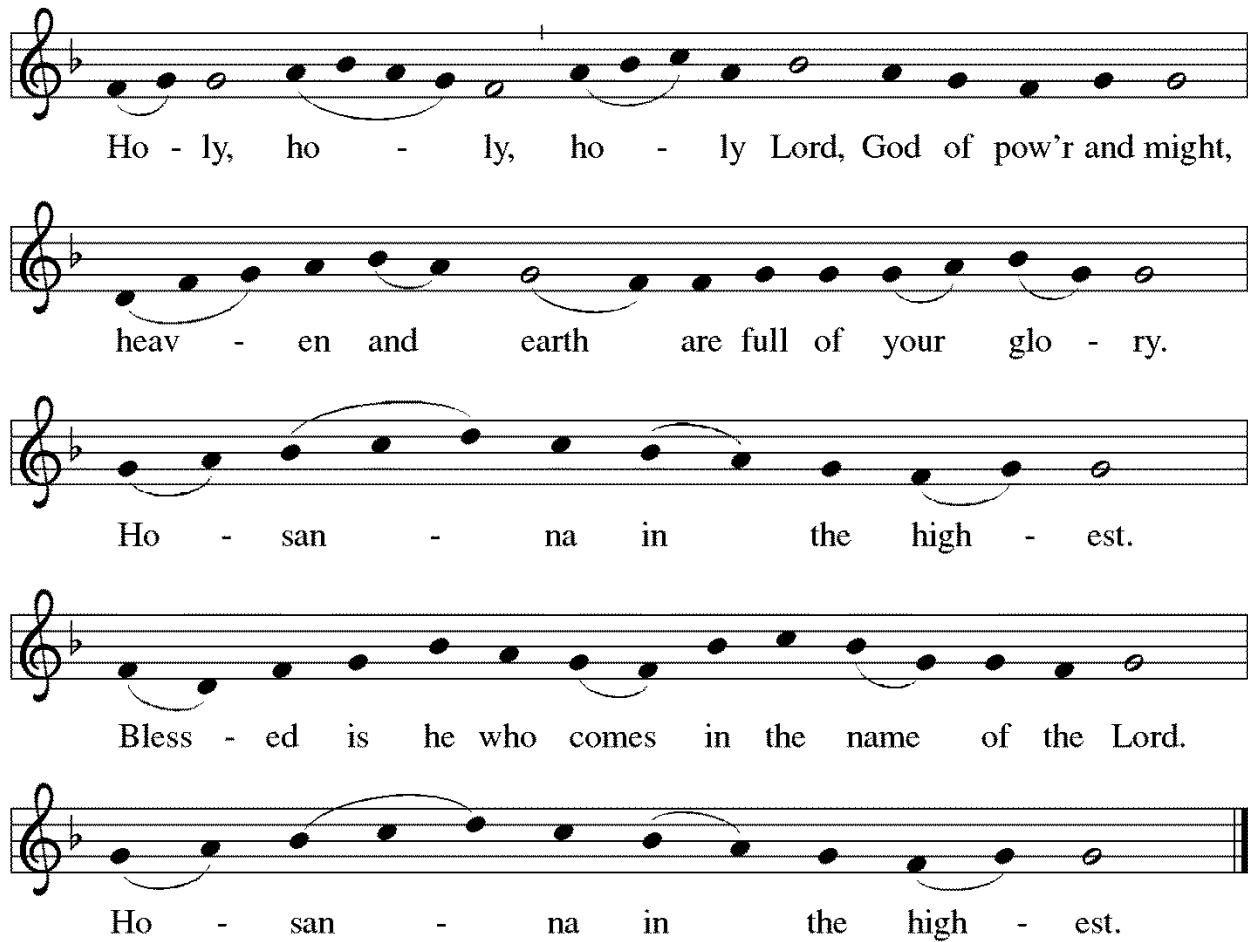
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you entered into your own creation ...
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a- gain.

Remembering his passion and death ...
in your holy church now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior taught us, so we pray:

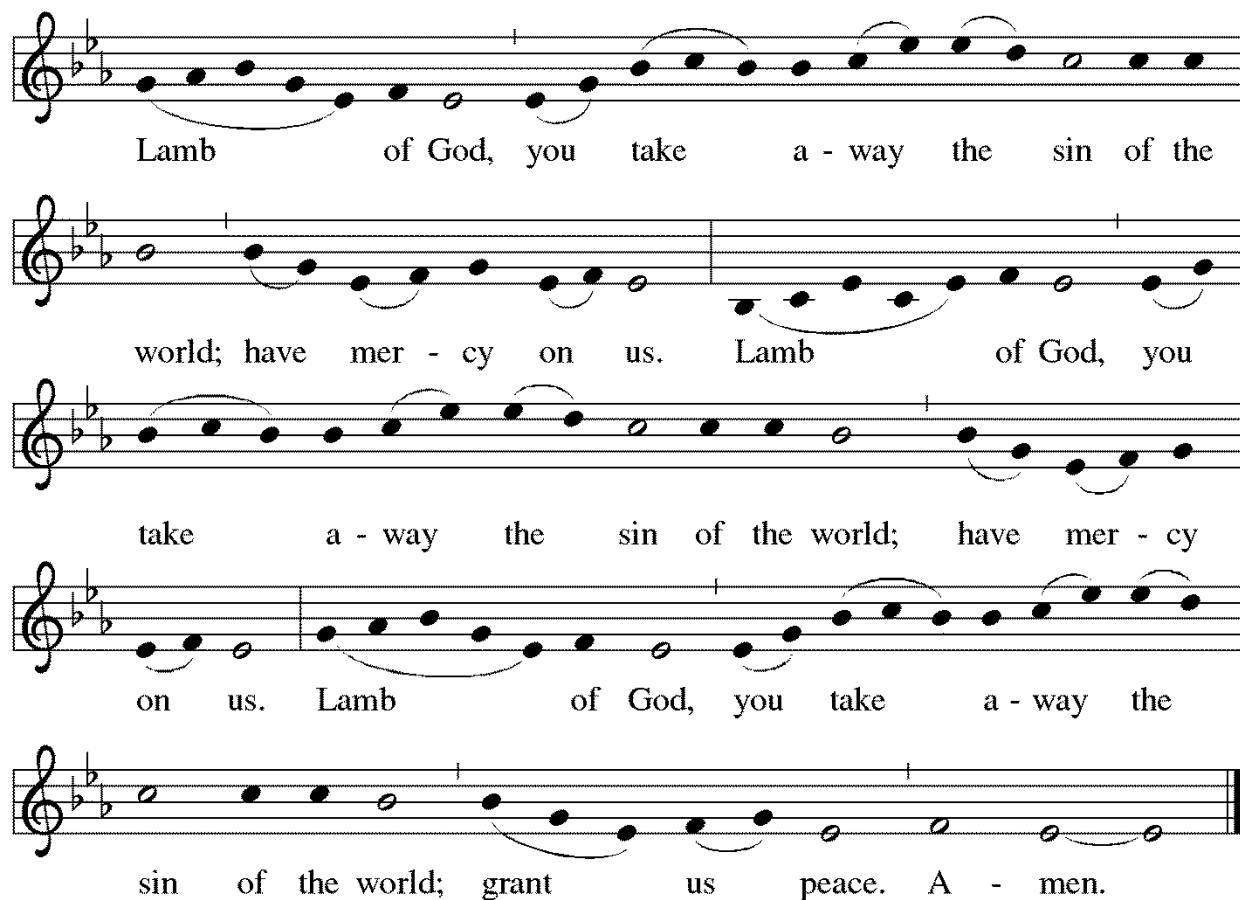
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION

The table is set.
All who are hungry, come to the feast!
Thanks be to God.

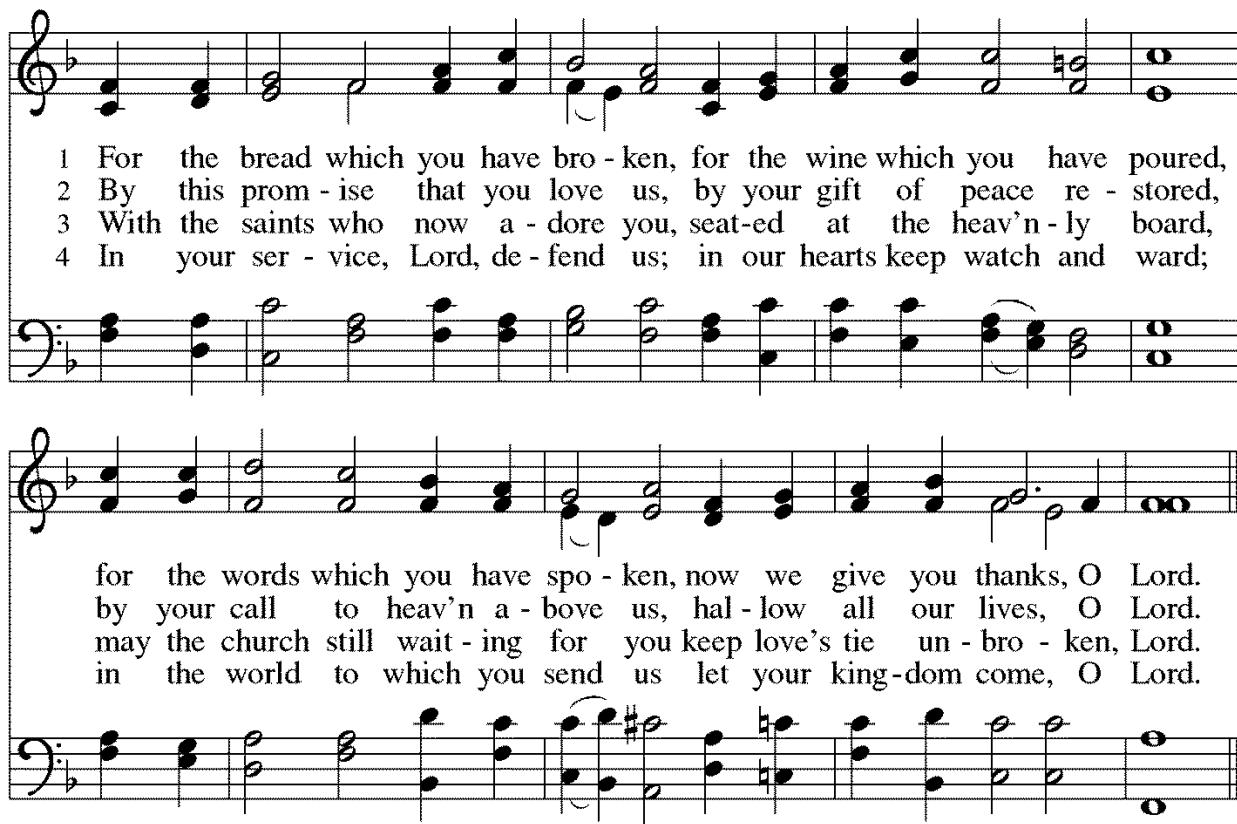
This is God's table. We invite all who are hungry for Christ's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table. For those who are not in the sanctuary: if you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God's grace is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness. Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.

AGNUS DEI



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

COMMUNION “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895
Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

God of Love,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of grace and reconciliation
in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

ELW 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

BENEDICTION

May the living God of the universe,
 who created the world with broad diversity
 and created us in God's image
Guide us through life with open hearts
 curious minds
 and God's life-giving grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ \pm our savior.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INVITATION TO SERVICE

Scripture Readings for Sunday, March 23, the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



We pray for those undergoing treatment:

- Pr. Ron Roschke receiving treatment for cancer
- Hugh Ouellette (John Laitinen's cousin)
- Paul Herzegh (Mary and Charley Zabel's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Marilyn Engelbredt (Sandi Stahl's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Petra Landfester fighting breast cancer
- Tony Pappas (John Laitinen's friend)
- Marsha Herrmann receiving treatment for cancer
- Margurite DuPont (Tom Dozier's childhood friend) fighting metastatic breast cancer
- Karen O'Loughlin's Godchild
- Mary Dorsett
- Robert Reish (Sandi Stahl's friend)

We pray for hope and healing for:

- Mary Holzwarth (Hiroko Akima's surrogate mother) in renal failure
- Sherrill Schneider (Hiroko Akima's friend)
- John Gamble, recovering from surgery on a broken ankle
- Ray Phillips (Karen O'Loughlin's brother-in-law) recovering at home
- All those affected by the southern California wildfires
- all those impacted by the conflict in Syria
- all those affected by the war in Sudan
- Noah Laitinen (John Laitinen's nephew) working to recover after he was hit in a head-on drunk driving accident
- Jerry Mercier (Patty Meyers' cousin)
- Don Greenfield (Gamble's friend) recovering from a severe stroke
- Nick Vanderborgh
- all those affected by the 2023 Israel-Hamas War
- all those affected by the war against Ukraine
- Donda Combs and Marie Jauncey (Hiroko Akima's friends)
- John Laitinen

- Coqui Stetson (John Laitinen's daughter) recovering from a car accident
- Emmanuel Rusaka
- Susan Hull (Patty Meyers' friend) with ALS and other concerns
- Avis Fjestad (Anne Peterson's sister-in-law)
- Carl Stubenrauch
- Allan Wolfe
- Pete Tafoya
- Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin)

A Note from Pastor Matthew

People of God at Grace,

Through this season of Lent, I'll be spending some time and energy during the Lenten preaching looking at some of the polarities we experience as people in the world and in this society.

I talked through the distinction between feeding himself and feeding the world on the First Sunday of Lent. During the first midweek service, I took the opportunity to consider how neighbors and strangers interact. Over the upcoming weeks, we'll have the opportunity to consider faith and works, lost and found, rest and growth, righteousness and mercy, and (as we approach Palm Sunday) shouting and silence.

These dichotomies often are understood to be mutually exclusive. However, as Lutheran Christians, we recognize that faith thrives in the grey areas between extremes.

I pray that the Lenten journey we take together as a community is a blessing for you and for your household.

~ pr. m

Grace Partner in Ministry

The designated Partner in Ministry (PiM) offering for March 2025 is **The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project.**

Without the right to a public defender, both adults and children in immigration detention appear in court alone without an attorney, where they may be deported back to the unsafe situations they have fled. The Florence Project offers them a lifeline through free legal and social services, and advocacy. Social services include such things as mental health counseling, healthcare support, crisis planning, housing, pregnancy or parenting support, and education. Advocacy includes appeals to the Board of Immigration and various Courts, along with amicus (friend of the court) briefs. Generating and promoting news stories that highlight the plight of immigrants is another part of advocacy. In each of these areas, they collaborate with other national legal service providers and humanitarian organizations. In their report for 2023, they state that they served over 25,000 people from 83 countries, over 17,000 of whom were unaccompanied children. [Read more at firrp.org](http://firrp.org) - and especially firrp.org/news-events/annualreports/.

Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2025 up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to “Grace Lutheran Church” and add “FIRRP” to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option Simply Giving on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity!

Rooted in Grace



Today at 4pm, Walton Lott and Jeremiah Otto, harpsichords, present Johann Sebastian Bach's thrilling concerto for two harpsichords BWV 1061 and other solo and duo works from antiquity.

Lectionary Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 11 am. The readings for the Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025, are:

- **Isaiah 55:1-9** *Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD*
- **Psalm 63:1-8** *O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.* (Ps. 63:1)
- **1 Corinthians 10:1-13** *Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians*
- **Luke 13:1-9** *Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree*

It's tradition at Grace Lutheran Church to gather at 6 pm each Wednesday during Lent before the Evening Prayer Service for a **simple soup supper**. Our shepherding groups host these dinners, and all are welcome:

- **March 12** - Hallelujahs - Sandi Stahl, leader
- March 19 - Voyagers - Carol Codrescu, leader
- March 26 - Eastern Stars - Carol Dozier, leader
- April 2 - Still Waters - Susan Swaeby, leader
- April 9 - Joyful Noise - Lan Zeckser, leader

Afterward, we'll gather together in Evening Prayer at 6:45 pm upstairs in the Sanctuary.

Third Thursday Theology takes a break this Spring and resumes in June.

The **Adult Education** look at Luke is finished. The next Adult Ed series will begin on Sunday, March 30. Our five (six?) week series will be taking a look at how the liturgical year (church calendar; Christmas, Easter, etc.) lines up with the astronomical calendar (spring, summer, autumn, winter) ... and the significance of why church holidays happen at certain times of the year.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 6 at 4pm Erik Okel, cello, and Jeremiah Otto, piano, present Johannes Brahms towering cello sonata no. 2 op. 99 along with more romantic piano and cello music from the 19th century.

The **Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly** is May 23-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We need two Grace Lutheran Church members to attend to represent us. The church pays for your expenses and you participate as an ambassador of Grace. Interested? Learn more at rmselca.org and/or talk with Pastor Matthew.

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

New Beginnings **also has a new request**, which is for us to help them fill their Cowboy's Closet, which is aimed at helping women leaving prison. Most women leave prison with less than \$300 available to them and are often in need of basic items:

- Hygiene products (unopened, unexpired)
- Women's socks and underwear (larger sizes most needed)
- Clothes
- Winter coats, gloves, hats
- Hangers
- Hampers and laundry bags
- Gift cards to grocery stores or WalMart (no larger than \$30)
- Soft blankets
- Snack and candy

Bring any donations to Grace and Pastor Matthew and Amy will coordinate their delivery to New Beginnings with Pastor Samm.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, March 16: Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall
10 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary + YouTube
4 pm Music with Grace, Sanctuary + YouTube
6:30-8 pm Hora Romaneasca, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 17

7-8 pm NA, Fellowship Hall
7-8 pm NarAnon, Library
7-9 pm Harmonia Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 18

~~12-1 pm Staff Meeting, Zoom~~

Wednesday, March 19

11 am-12 pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
6 pm Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Evening Prayer, Sanctuary + YouTube
7:15-8:15 pm Grace Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 20

9:30am-12:30pm Quilters, Fellowship Hall
~~5:30-7 pm Third Thursday Theology, Back Country Pizza~~

Friday, March 21

6-7 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall
8-9 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 22

9 am-12 pm Organist Practice, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

~~8:45 am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall~~
10 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary + YouTube
11 am Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30-8 pm Hora Romaneasca, Fellowship Hall

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