



This Sunday

*8:30am Pastor's Study of
Hebrews*
(Fellowship Hall)

*9am Sunday
Discussion Group*
(Campus Ministry Center)

9am PALS Family Group

9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 16th, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent



David H. Brooks, Pastor

*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

TODAY'S VERSE:

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." - Eph. 4:32*

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

Worshiping with us for the first time?

*Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.
If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!*

*We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.*

INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

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. *(1 John 1:8)*

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.

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. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN – *Jesus, Lead Thou On* (LBW 718)



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
 3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
 fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
 come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
 still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
 For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE – *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* (LSB 945)



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 26:8-15 (*Pew Bible, pg. 654*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 26th Chapter of Jeremiah.

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord.

¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people,

“This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” ¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.

¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.

¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 — *Let Your Face Shine Upon Us* (Gather Comprehensive 19)

Congregation Sings Refrain



Verse 1: Listen to my song, hear me when I call, Oh Lord, my God, be gracious, hear my prayer. **Refrain**

Verse 2: You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart, you hear me when I call. **Refrain**

Verse 3: Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest, to dwell in safety with my Lord. **Refrain**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (*Pew Bible, pg. 981*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd and 4th Chapters of Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

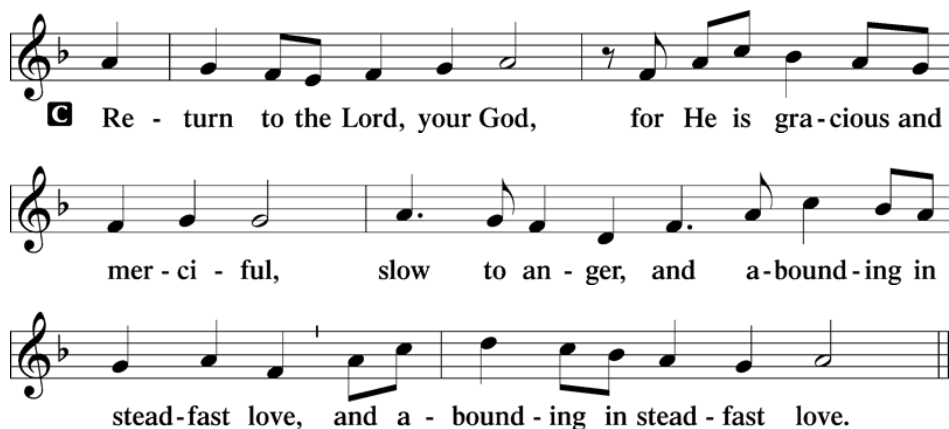
²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹Who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35 (*Pew Bible, pg. 873*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'

³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

HYMN OF THE DAY – *O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising* (LBW 427)

1 O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing,
 2 Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble,
 3 Show us your Spir - it, brood - ing o'er each cit - y,

in ev - ery cit - y for your love and care;
 strong in your strength to ven - ture and to dare;
 as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem,

in - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur - pris - ing
 to lift the fall - en, guide the feet that stum - ble,
 seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pit - y,

that your blest Spir - it rous - es ev - ery - where.
 seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.
 and heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.

NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic † and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds

- P** Lord in Your mercy,

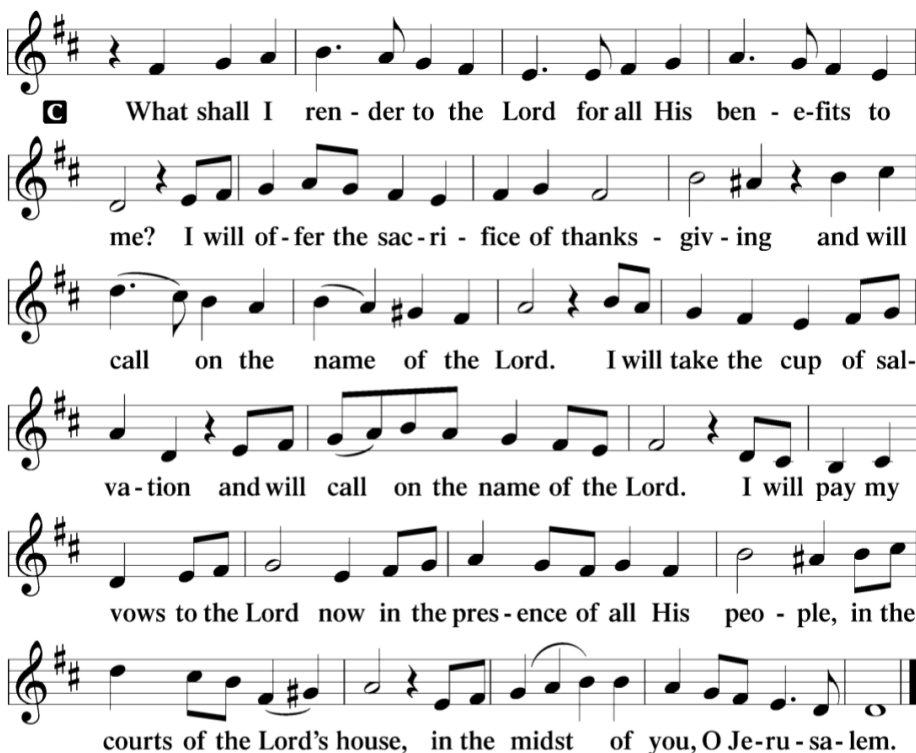
C Hear our prayer.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



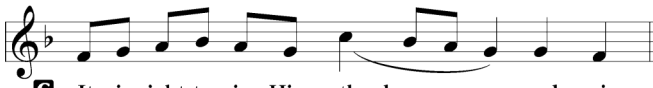
C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
...All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your
holy Church, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church.

Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive.

First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion. Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table
to eat and drink Your holy body and blood.*

*Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith
for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name;
for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You
for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament,
I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins,
unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord.
Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*


(This Far By Faith 66)




1. I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2. In my tri - als Lord, walk with me;
3. When I'm in trou—ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou—ble, Lord, walk with me;



All a long my pil — grim jour ney,
When my heart is al — most break ing,
When my head is bowed in sor row.



Lord, I want Je sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je sus to walk with me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *I am Jesus' Little Lamb* (LSB 740)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. 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.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN — *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (LBW 524)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

**Verse 5: How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought
 But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Verse 6: Till then I would Thy love proclaim with ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name, refresh my soul in death!**

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DISMISSAL:

P May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
 give to you a contrite heart;
 May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds;
 May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon
 and peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

- P** Let us go, in the name of Christ, on the breath of the Spirit of life,
to the glory of the Father.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Organist: Erin Hodge

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Jan Kolba

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Setup and clean up

A/V Operator

Donna Gesell

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Tuesday, March 18th— *Growing Thru Grief* (4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, March 19th — *Lent Noon Prayer Service* (12pm)
Lent Simple Supper (6pm)
Lent Evening Prayer Service (7pm)

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Lenten Worship & Fellowship Opportunities

Wednesdays in Lent
March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

12 PM – Midday Lenten Service
with Holy Communion

6 PM – Simple Suppers downstairs in the kitchen

7 PM – Lenten Vespers Evening Prayer Service

Paschal Triduum Thursday
April 17



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