



This Sunday

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

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

9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 9th, 2025
First Sunday in Lent



David H. Brooks, Pastor

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

TODAY'S VERSE:

*"O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation!" - Psalm 95:1*

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

Christ Jesus Champions Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

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 – *Savior, When in Dust to Thee* (LSB 419)



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*Pew Bible, pg. 167*)

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

¹“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’

⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father.

And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.

¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1–13 — *Be with Me* (Gather Comprehensive 85)

Congregation Sings Refrain

Refrain



Verse 1: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High, who abide in the shadow of our God, say to the Lord: “My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust. **Refrain**

Verse 2: No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, for the angels stand close by your side, guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life. **Refrain**

Verse 3: Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God’s love, lifted high, those who trust in God’s name, call on the Lord, who will never forsake you. God will bring you salvation and joy. **Refrain**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13 (*Pew Bible, pg. 946*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 10th Chapter of Romans.

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13 (*Pew Bible*, pg. 859)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. ³The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

⁷If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours."

⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,'" ¹¹and "'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" ¹²And Jesus answered Him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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 – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (LSB 659)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



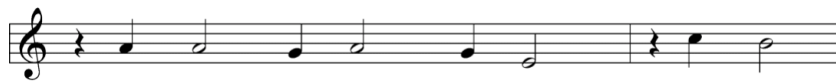
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is; Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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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,

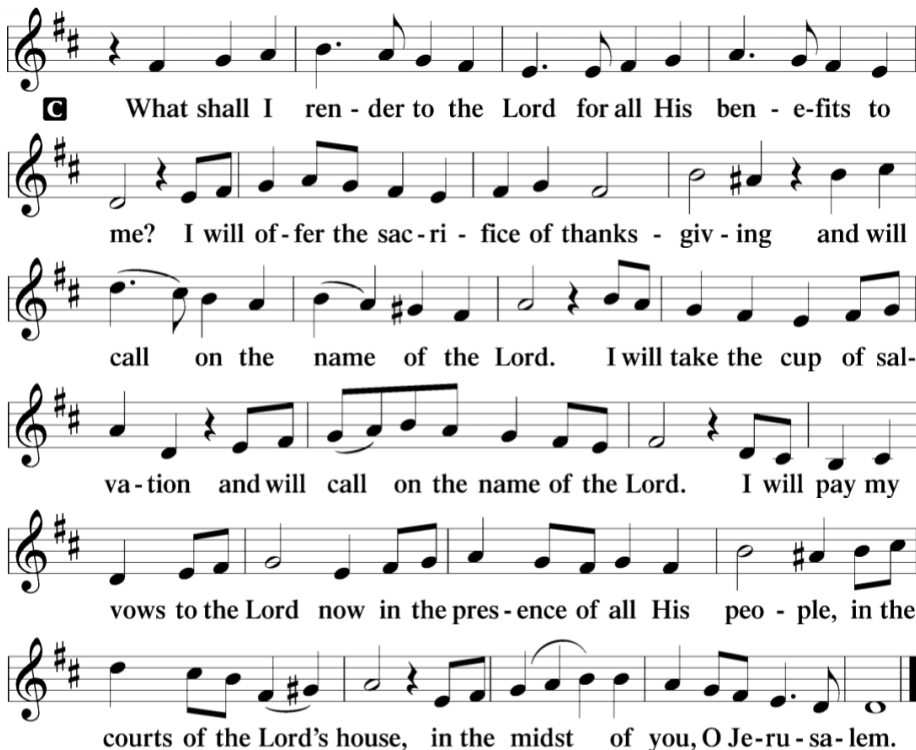
C Hear our prayer.

- 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.

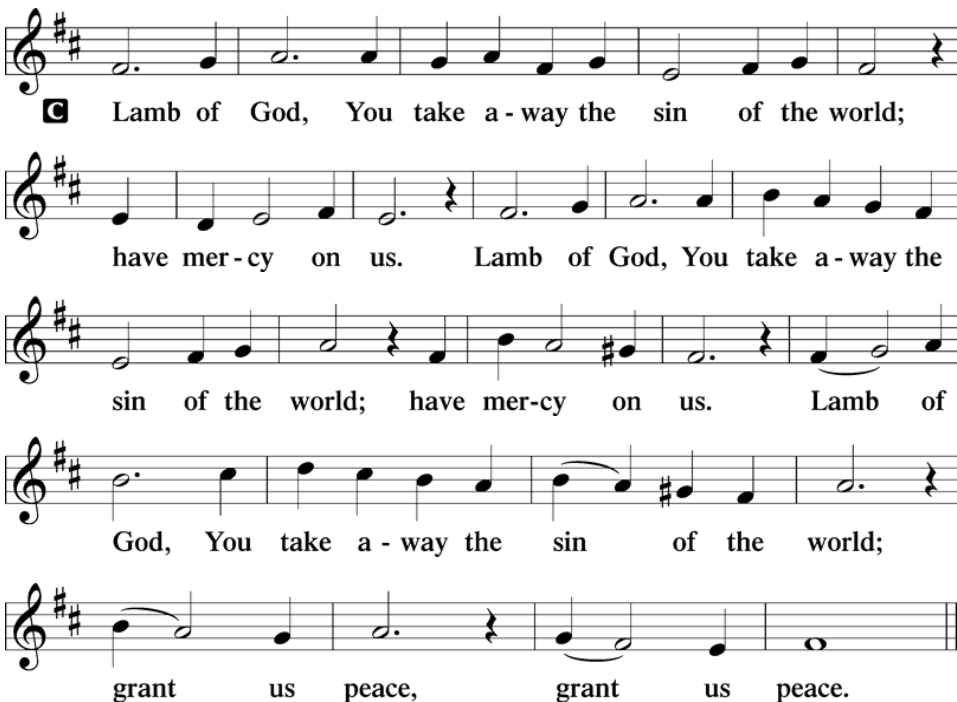
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- 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 — *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* (LSB 424)



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Now Let Us All With One Accord* (Hymnal Supplement 1991 738)



1. Now let us all with _____ one ac - cord, in
 2. The cov - e - nant, so _____ long re - vealed to
 3. Your love, O Lord, our _____ sin - ful race has
 4. Re - mem - ber, Lord, though _____ frail we be, in
 5. There - fore, we pray you, _____ Lord, for - give; so



com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep
 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ
 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au -
 your own im - age were we made; help
 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we



vi - gil _____ with our _____ heaven - ly Lord in
 by his _____ own ex - am - ple sealed, the
 thor of _____ mer - cy, _____ turn your _____ face
 us, lest _____ in anx - i - e - ty, we
 may with you for _____ ev - er live, in

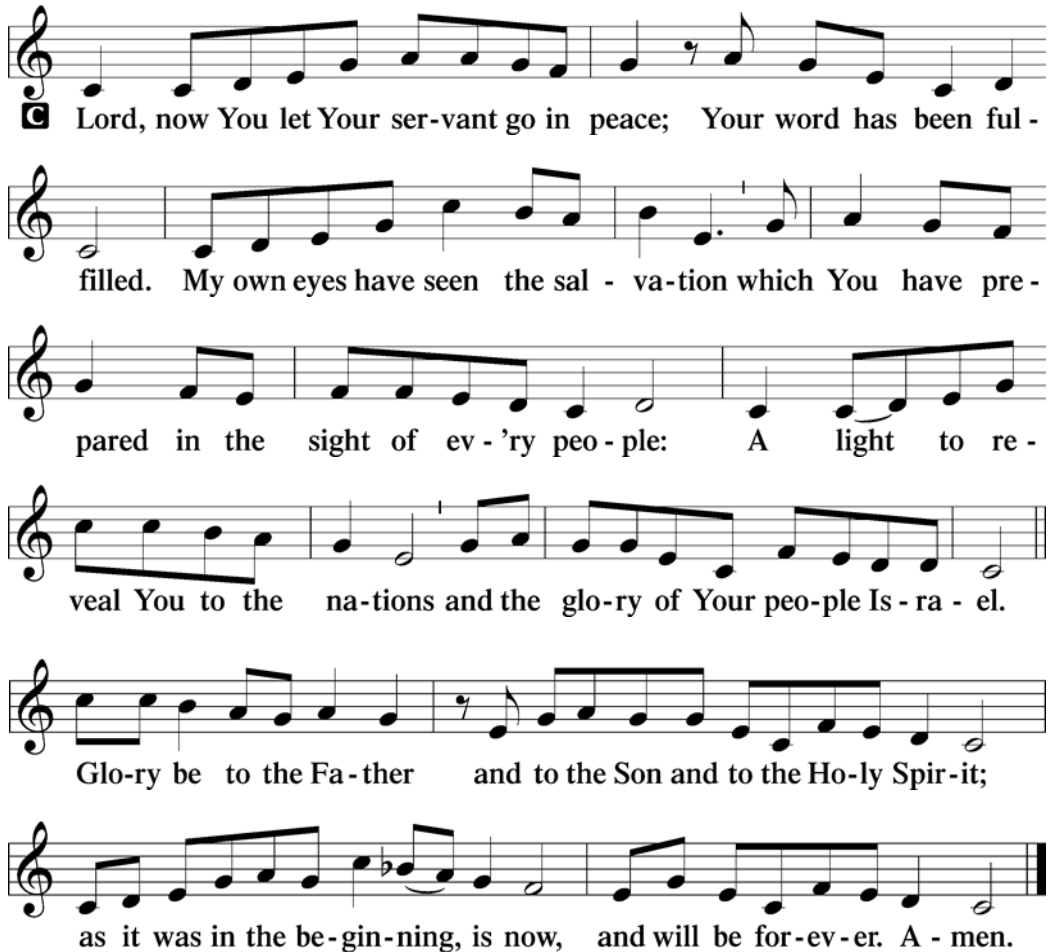


his temp - t - tion _____ and his fast.
 Lord of love, in _____ love sub - lime.
 and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 cause your Name to _____ be be - trayed
 love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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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 — *Glory Be to Jesus* (LSB 433)



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

**Verse 5: Oft as earth exulting, Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing, Make their glad reply.**

**Verse 6: Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder, Praise the precious blood!**

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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

Ushers

Leonard Hango
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*Acolyte

Reader

Elmo Walston

Communion Assistant

Gary Stuhlmiller

Greeter:

Joyce Eckart

Altar Guild

Kae Huggins,
Setup and clean up

A/V Operator

John Kolba

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Tuesday, March 11th— *Growing Thru Grief* (4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

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

Saturday, March 15th — Spring Church Clean-Up (9-11:30 am)

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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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