

Grace Lutheran Church Traditional Worship



Our Mission: Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 11:15 a.m.



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you and be sure to pick up a gift bag from our welcome desk at either entrance.

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New Liturgy for Lent

On February 15 & 22

Pr. Rosy will provide a brief instructional review 10 minutes before the service.

Introduction

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Instrumental

Welcome

We will share a moment of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship.

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to
come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised
Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life
and peace.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW Hymn 319

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

***Greeting**

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.**

[A] In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. [A] For the
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. [A] For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. [A] For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 [C] A - men

*Glory to God

WOV Setting 4



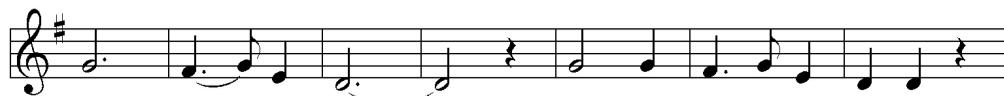
☑ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy, have mer- cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho- ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: ...Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Young Person's Song: *Rejoice in the Lord*

Young People's Message

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

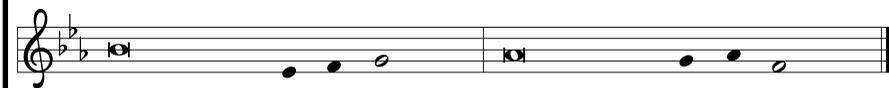
^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Evangelical Lutheran Worship tone 10



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the Lord.

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven, and whose sin is¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away, because of my groaning¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer. R**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my¹ sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.

⁶ **I said, "I will confess my transgressions¹ to the LORD."**

Then you forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them.

⁸ **You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble; you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance. R**

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go; I will guide you¹ with my eye.

¹⁰ **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay near you."**

¹¹ Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.

¹² **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart. R**

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

WOV Setting 4 Pg. 17



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Rosalina Rivera

*Hymn of The Day

O Love, How Deep Vs. 1-4

ELW Hymn 322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.



***Apostles Creed**

P: Together, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: 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 to the dead.
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**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...to us in Christ Jesus our strength and salvation

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

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Offering Music

The Offertory

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***Offertory Response** *Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful* WOV Setting 4 pg. 20

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***Offering Prayer**

A: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.

*Preface

P: It is indeed right, our joy and salutory that we ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV Setting 4 Pg. 22

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

***Lord's Prayer**

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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Communion

Following usher's instructions, those sitting on the right side of the sanctuary facing the altar will go to the back of the railing on the right and fill around to the front. Those seated on the left side of the sanctuary will start at the front of the railing on the left side and fill around to the back. Your empty cups may be placed in the baskets at the end of the front pews. All who believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior, are welcome to commune. Prepackaged communion cups & gluten free wafers are available.

Lamb of God

WOV setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Post Communion Blessing

P: ...keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

A: ...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

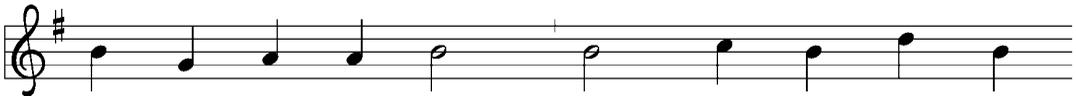
Sending Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW Hymn 320



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Remember Fellowship after each service in the Fellowship Hall. Come and have some snacks and chat a bit.

Upcoming Commemorations

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Monday, February 23, 2026

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at www.graceoakridge.org.

Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Viva Senior Care: June Peishel

The Groves: Evelyn Lorenz

Homebound: Julia Stockstill, Sy Moua, Kris Brenner, Pam Williams, Caryl Thompson, Penny Frew, Annie Long, Lois Szluha, Dawn Pennington.

If you have a minute — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living. They've been isolated from family and friends for months, and are struggling with loneliness.

Members: Terry Domm, Vickie Kitts, Stan & Annie Long, James Bauman, Julia and Scott Stockstill, Lois Szluha, Brittany Moua, June Peishel, Valerie Hansen and her mother Grace, Anne Douglas, Pam Williams, Caryl Thompson, Sy Moua, Penny Frew, Kris Brenner.

Friends and Family: David Ensley, Bernice Moore, Jim Crumley III, Betty Dreyer, Zoe Moore, Pat Ryan, Rafael & Jennifer Rivera, Elizabeth Stone.

Missionaries: David and Alicia Brondos, and all members of Grace Church.

Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners: Pastor Karen Castillo, her sister Ms. Beatriz Castillo and son Diego.

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Vicki Quraishi passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Please keep the family in prayer; sisters Carolyn Urban, Lyndah Juneman and Christy Nason, daughter Atiya Zach and their families as they mourn her death.

God in your mercy, hear our prayers.

This Week at Grace

Monday, February 23

10:00 –12:00pm	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210
7:00-9:00pm	Dixieland Band rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00-8:00pm	Poetry Pie	Online

Tuesday, February 24

9:00– 11:00am	ESOL Intermediate	Room 101
9:30 –11:30am	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213
6:00 –8:00pm	ESOL Beginners Class	Room 210

Wednesday, February 25

9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213
5:00pm	Ringspiration	Sanctuary
6:00-8:00pm	ESOL Intermediate Class	Room 210
6:15pm	Lenten service	Sanctuary
7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26

9:00– 11:00am	ESOL Intermediate	Room 101
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Early Intermediate	Room 213

Friday, February 27

9:00am	Russian Class	Online
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Advanced	Room 101
10:00-12:00pm	Food Pantry	

Saturday, February 28

11:30am	Damos family will receive friends	
2:00pm	Service for Pr. Damos	Sanctuary

Sunday, March 1

9:00am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	New Creation Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00am	Adult Sunday School	Room 101
10:05am	Sunday School	JL, Room 254
11:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:30pm	Visit from Synod- Justin Eller	
3:00pm	ORICL Class w/ Ruth Smiley	

Grace's Purpose Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and
Inspire others to seek Jesus and
Experience God's grace in their lives.

Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding Pastor: Rev. Rosalina Rivera

Liturgist: Heidi Joesten

Reader/Lector: Nancy Munro

Young People's Message: Margaret Cumberland

Flowers: Dried arrangement

Altar Guild: Ruth Smiley, Julie Longoria

Offering Stewards: Betty Anne Domm, Joanne Daly

Ushers/Greeters: John & Gloria Caton

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