

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024-9:30 AM WORSHIP

*When Jesus cleans house at the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone  
and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.*

*New to Grace? Please stop by our Welcome Center in the entryway.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion as we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. As you prepare for worship,  
please fill out worship information sheets in the red folders in each pew. Hearing assistance devices are available at the  
sound desk.*

*Congregation responses in **Bold**. \*Those who are able, please stand.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

More Love To Thee, O Christ

Robert J. Powell

\*WELCOME/GREET ONE ANOTHER

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sinfulness to God.

**Lord God, when your Son walked on earth, your people placed the Temple at the center of  
their adoration. Jesus threatened their Temple and their customs because he called upon  
them to worship only you. Forgive our sinfulness, when we place transient things in first  
place in our lives. Help us once again to bow down before you and submit our lives to  
you.**

Take heart, brothers and sisters, for Jesus cleansed the Temple, and he cleanses our souls too.  
In the Temple of his sheltering embrace, we are covered continuously with God's love.

**Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN ELW 338

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

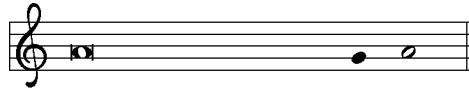


a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

\*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



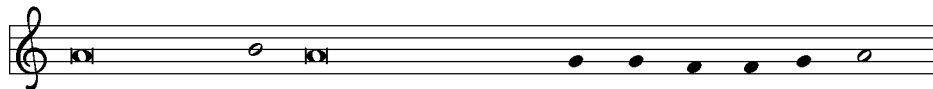
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer 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

Let us pray.

**Eternal Lord, when your Son cleansed the temple, he overturned all that would stand between you and us. Cleanse us from everything that would prevent Jesus from being the center of our lives, and help us worship in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen**

## WE HEAR THE WORDS OF SALVATION

### READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Listen to a reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." (NRSV)

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

# As the Deer



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;



you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

\*GOOD NEWS

John 2:13-22

Good news from John.

## **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (NRSV)

The good news of the Lord.

## **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Kahl

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
Music: SLANE, Irish tune

## WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

**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

We cry to you for help, O God, praying for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

For the body of Christ, that we might trust in the foolishness of God. For houses of worship everywhere, that we might not make your sanctuaries into marketplaces. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For wisdom to carefully steward all your creation; for cattle, sheep, doves, donkeys, and animals of every kind; for veterinarians and zookeepers; for biologists and ranchers. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders; for legislatures and judges; for merchants and money changers; for police and military personnel; for the civilians of war-torn countries. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this faith community, whenever we make idols, misuse your name, break the sabbath, dishonor our parents, murder, commit adultery, bear false witness, and covet what is not our own. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all those captive to addictions; for victims of crime; for survivors of sexual or domestic abuse; for those sick with malaria, HIV/AIDS, or cancer; for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers; for all in any need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift up the names of loved ones who have died in the faith (*especially*), trusting that in the crucified and risen Christ we are bound to them in death as in life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

OFFERING

Lead Me Lord  
Choir

Samuel Wesley

\*OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,

**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

\*PREFACE

**HOLY, HOLY** Sara Thomsen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ten - der, gen - tle  
God. Heav - en and earth are full of you. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the  
high - est and in the low ones.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in Your name.

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\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

\*INVITATION

Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you. **We come filled with God's love.**

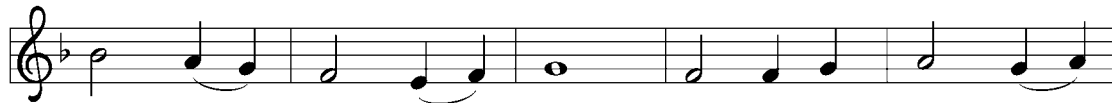
SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

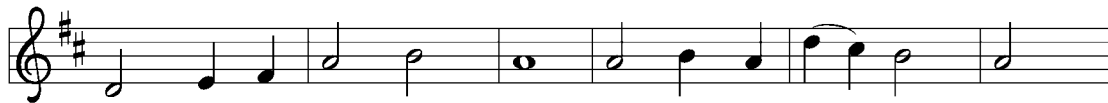


count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

HYMN ELW 804

Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890  
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*BLESSING

God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SENDING SONG ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

POSTLUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

Edwin T. Childs

**HANDS OF HOPE CONFERENCE TODAY, MARCH 3, 2024** Grace Lutheran Church is part of the Hands of Hope Conference in the Western Iowa Synod. We will be having our annual Hands of Hope Conference meeting on **today from 2pm – 3pm**. We could really use some non-ordained people to be there to do some very necessary business. We also need laypeople to fill some important synodical positions as well (most of these don't require much time at all).

#### THRIVENT REMINDER

Anyone who has insurance, annuities, investments, or other products through Thrivent may have Thrivent Choice Dollars available for donation to your favorite charity. All Choice dollars earned in 2023 must be donated before the end of March, 2024. Grace Lutheran is one of the non-profits that can benefit from your donation. In 2023, Grace Lutheran received over \$800 from Thrivent through the generosity of Thrivent clients.

Please consider logging on to your Thrivent account and donating your dollars to Grace Lutheran or the charity of your choice. If you have questions or need help logging onto your Thrivent account, please call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice.

Thank you, Crystal Michael, Thrivent Congregation Advocate

### **Planning Meeting for our Annual Rummage Sale Monday, March 4, 2024 6:30 pm Upper level library**

All are welcome to attend the planning meeting. We will discuss all aspects of the rummage sale event. We plan to continue to have a bake sale, café, and silent auction as in the past. New ideas/suggestions and new volunteers are always welcome. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the near future. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.  
Jim Blocker, Rummage Sale Chair.

### **Lenten Worship Schedule**

#### **March 6**

Altered Alongside Our Enemies (Acts 9:1-12)

#### **March 13**

Altered by Disruption

(Acts 10: 1-16, 34-35, 44-47)

#### **March 20**

Altered Through Stories We Don't Trust

(Acts 12:6-17)

### **Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services with meals start February 21 to March 20**

#### **Wednesday, March 6**

5:30 pm meal—Maidrites & Pasta Salad  
(Fellowship Team)  
6:30 pm Worship

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

5:30 pm meal—Chicken Casserole & side  
(Education Team & Youth)  
6:30 pm Worship

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

5:30 pm meal—Potluck (Congregation)  
6:30 pm—Worship

### **EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE**

**March 24 (Palm Sunday)** Worship at 9:30 am

**March 28 (Maundy Thurs.)** Worship at 6:30 pm

**March 29 (Good Friday)** Worship at 6:30 pm

**March 31 (Easter Sunday)** Worship 9:30 am  
Easter Breakfast—8:00 am by ARiSE & Friends

**Lutheran World Relief Quilt Kits**—If you like to sew but don't have time to quilt with the Willing Workers on Monday mornings, please consider assembling quilt tops at home. There is a basket in the Fireside Room filled with plastic bags. Each bag contains enough quilt blocks to make one twin-size quilt top, a spool of thread, and an instruction sheet. Place the completed quilt top back into the bag and return it to the basket in the Fireside Room where it will be collected by the Willing Workers, layered, tied, and sent off to keep people warm around the world. There is no time limit for completion. Sew at your own speed and enjoy sharing your time and talents.

Thank you, Willing Workers Quilting Group.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE at GRACE**

Our Office Administrator, Linda Itzen, is retiring—her last day will be March 31. This is a part-time position of under 30 hours a week. Interested parties can pick up an application in the office—office hours are 8:30 to 3:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday, closed on Fridays. For more information, please call Helen Patterson, Personnel Director at 515-302-4078

**Kumla Supper, Thursday, March 14**—5 to 7 pm at the Thor Lutheran Church. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. This is a meal of Swedish-Norwegian Potato Dumplings. The funds will be going towards replacing the boiler at the Thor Lutheran Church. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

**Spring Flowers to Decorate the Sanctuary at Easter**

Flowers may be ordered through the church office. Please return this form and payment (Payable to Grace Lutheran Church) for spring flowers no later than **Sunday, March 10**. The order will be placed on Monday, March 11. Prices are as follows:

Easter Lily, 1 stem, \$13.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily, 2 stems, \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_

New this year, Hydrangea \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate Choice of Blue \_\_\_\_\_ or Purple \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ OR

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Surgery, sick, chronic conditions:** **Dick Michael, Dick Anderson; Ada Kelley**, great niece of Pat & Judy Reed; **Marlin Snyder**, father of Cindy Snyder; **Teresa Walters**, mother of Laura Walters; **Kris Stein**, daughter of Dee Fenchak; **Bonnie Cramer; Byron Itzen**, son of Linda Itzen; **Claudia Lyons**, Stepmother of Martha Kersbergen, **Delores Black; Rene' (Funk) Newman**, former member & friend of Leslie Reetz.; **Arlene Wold**, sister of Lola Dillon; **Brianna Clarahan; Donna Lachelt**, mother of Laurie Miller, **Marilyn Kiliper; Bill Albers**, cousin of Sue and cousin of Rose Clark; **Steve**, Son of Randy and Linda Birchall, **Cole Theander**, nephew of Mark Gustafson; **Nolan Bennett**, grandson of Marty Bennett; **Rich Weiss**, brother to Crystal Michael; **Jason Stanek**, family friend of Linda Itzen, Corinna & Kevin; **Ryder Schwieger**, son of Kathy Schweiger; **Brad**, son-in-law of Mark & Connie Gustafson; **Melinda Witzke**, friend of Laurie Wagner; **Christina Schoon**, friend of Dick & Crystal Michael; **Joan Miller**, Judy Duffield's sister.

**Bereaved:** The family of **Dennis Passow**, brother of Swede Passow; The family of **Dick Johnson**, Martha Kersbergen's father; The family of **Dorothy Manz**, mother of Matthew Manz.

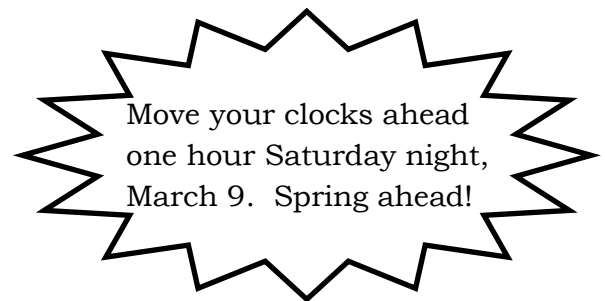
**Those in military service:** **Brandon LaForce**, son-in-law of Rick & Laurie Wagner, based in Fort Leavenworth, KS. **Zachary Napier**, Army Special Forces, son of Paul & Deb Napier of Salt Lake City, Utah and grandson of Betty Evans. Zachary is now serving in Germany.

**Ushers:** Bob Holstein / Sheila Parks  
**Lay Reader:** Kris Stender  
**Communion Assistants:** Kris Stender  
 Ellyn Lemke /  
**Organist:** Roberta Bochtler

**Power Point:** Laurie Wagner / Judy Stilwell  
**Altar Care:** Ann Powers / Trudy Koppen  
**Council on Duty:** Katie Waynar

**Coffee treats:** Ellyn & Dave Lemke

<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Coffee 2:00 pm Hands of Hope Conference Meeting, Fireside Room
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	8:30 am Willing Workers 9:00 am Money Counters 5:30 pm Bells 6:30 pm Rummage Sale Planning Meeting, Library 7:30 pm FDCS
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	10:30 am Text Study 2 pm Knit & Purl 6:30 pm Ministry Teams
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	9:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm First Communion Class 5:30 pm Lenten meal, Maidrites & Pasta Salad (Youth & Education) 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:15 pm Choir practice
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	1 pm WELCA 6-9 pm Reflections 7 pm Al-Ateen
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> 10-11:30 Caregivers
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Coffee



**Mission Statement**

In celebration of God's grace, given through Jesus Christ, we seek to grow through worship, teaching, fellowship and reaching out with our gifts to share the gospel and serve the needs of all people.

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