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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “*out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery*” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “*no other gods*” before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is “*jealous*” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “*a house of trade*” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “*the temple of his body*” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection, He becomes “*wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:30).

**Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219**

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe’er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o’er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

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Stand

Opening Versicles

LSB 219

- ♪P O Lord, open my lips,**
♪C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
♪P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
♪C make haste to help me, O Lord.

✪C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

✪P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
✪C O come, let us worship Him.

✪Venite

LSB 220

C O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a |great God
and a great |king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
the strength of the hills is |His also.
The sea is His, for He |made it,
and His hand |formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and |bow down,
let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
For He |is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and |to the Son
and to the |Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning,
is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.

✪P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
✪C O come, let us worship Him.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone
astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men,

and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Reading

John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter 2.

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Children’s Message

♪Sermon Hymn: “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704

1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.

- 2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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Sermon “No Trading Allowed”

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪ **Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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♫ Kyrie

LSB 227

- ☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ O Lord, hear my prayer.

- ☐ And let my cry come to You.

Additional Collects and Intercessions

Collect for Grace

- ☐ O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫☐ Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 228

♫☐ Let us bless the Lord.

♫☐ Thanks be to God.

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

♫☐ Amen.

♪ Hymn to Depart: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerri Gregg, Hilbert Johs, Jeanette Swanson, Rachel Buchhorn Willroth, Lynsey Hass, Cloey Young, Kiley Koch, Lucas Ruwe & Julie Daum

ANNIVERSARIES: Delvin & Mardelle Mikkelsen, Keith & Karen Knudsen and Keith & RoNelle Woodward

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS WERE \$7,337.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we will begin a new series on the Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark. Let us walk together through Jesus' final week through the words of St. Mark. The class meets in the basement at 9:15 after our unified Sunday School Opening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We plan to conclude our study of the Gospel of Luke this week with the final verses including the account of Jesus' ascension. We meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Come and join us.

TEACHER'S MEETING: Our Sunday School and Midweek teachers and support staff will have a meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Join us as we make plans for spring.

WSC WELCOME BACK FROM MID-TERM BREAK! Join us for Supper tonight at Cup of Grace and compare sunburns. Seriously, all students are welcome to this free home cooked meal to help fortify you for a new week of studies. The meal is served at 7:30 p.m.

NEW SINGERS WELCOME: It is never too late to come and be a part of our choir. New singers are always welcome particularly as we are practicing Easter music. The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

MARCH CHURCH NEWSLETTER: Hopefully those of you who use email received your monthly newsletter Saturday. If you did not, please indicate your email address on the pew attendance registration slips and we will check in to it. You can also send an email to kwiser@gracewayne.com to get added to the distribution list. Due to continuing issues relating to bulk mail, no newsletters will be sent via USPS this month. Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the entrances today. We have a busy month planned, pick up a newsletter so you don't miss a thing.

LUTHERAN HOUR "All Bets Are Off" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX: Due to the ever-rising postage fees, we will be using church mailboxes more frequently. Reader and greeter schedules will no longer be mailed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The King of Glory” is the title for this week’s lesson. King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God’s blessing on his household and nation. David’s psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King.

SPRING CHURCH WORKDAY: The Mission Council is organizing a spring church workday to help prepare our facilities and grounds for the upcoming Easter celebration by taking care of some cleanup and maintenance items. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We hope to begin at 9:00 a.m. and be done by noon. For more information or to suggest a project see congregation chairman Craig Evans.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMING: By God's Grace and with His continued blessing in 2025 our congregation will celebrate its centennial. In November of 1925 Grace Lutheran Church was organized. A committee is being organized to begin planning for our observance of this milestone. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for our congregation's observance, please contact Craig Evans or Chuck Potosnyak.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FOR MARCH AND APRIL: The next Bible study will be Sunday, March 10th at 5:30 pm. We will be meeting at the 4th Jug for supper, devotion and fellowship. April’s Bible study will include porch signs and door hangers. More details to follow. These Bible studies are open to all ladies and friends are always welcome. We are a low-key group, so if you are unable to make it every time, that’s okay. You are welcome to come when it works in your schedule. If you have questions, contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: “Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been,” wrote Mark Twain. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we know our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We are valuable – even as the number of our limitations (and wrinkles) increase with each passing year- because Jesus says we are. He demonstrated our value by giving His life as a ransom for ours. Does that make us valuable? You bet! Which older members of your church family would welcome a visit, telephone call or card from you this week? Let them know they’re not forgotten and how valuable they (still) are! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTORS: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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ELDER ON DUTY: Mike Heithold (8:00) Jared Heithold (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Lauren Ekberg & Bryn Tiedtke (8:00)
Reagan Heithold & Brayden Stegemann (10:30)

READERS: Diane Zach (8:00) Donavon Bjorklund (10:30)

GREETERS: Jan Doescher & Connie Mindrup (8:00)
Donavon & Nadine Bjorklund (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: LeRoy & Carol Robbert in memory of Dorothy Robbert

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
MONDAY	3:30 pm.	Kinship Communion
	7:30 pm.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	4:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	5:15 pm.	Lenten Supper
	6:15 pm.	Lenten Worship
	7:00 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	6:00 pm.	Teacher's Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

EASTER LILIES

If you are interested in adorning the chancel for EASTER (March 31st) with a lily, please complete the following and return it with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than March 24th. Please put your payment and this form in an envelope.

Name of Donor: _____

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

***The cost is \$10.50 per lily. Please make checks payable to
"Grace Lutheran Altar Guild."***

***You may pick up your plant after the 10:30 service on Easter.
(Lilies not picked up will be disposed of.)***



Thank you!

