

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



By Grace you have been saved!

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

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Psalms 25:1-10

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Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Nicene Creed

**C: 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.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Offering

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 indeed right and salutary..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy
on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us
peace.**

Distribution

**P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.**

C: Amen

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has
done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer – P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benediction

Closing Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Dismissal

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Evelyn Effken, Mary Goudie, Casey Holsing, Bruce Gerking,
Axl Walters,*

our military men and women, their families and their leaders.

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

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in the south office. You may email the church office
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Today 2/21/21

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 2/22/21

Tower Echoes Deadline

Tuesday 2/23/21

Piecemakers Blanket making – All Day

Wednesday 2/24/21

Midweek Lenten Worship @ Hope Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 2/28/21

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

**World Day of Prayer at Osage scheduled for March 5th has
been cancelled for this year.**

*We have included a blue piece of paper in your bulletin to place on
the pew when you leave.*

*This way we know which specific pew to clean/disinfect since we
have untapped the pews for seating. So please leave the blue page
on the pew where you sat.*

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*We are trying Sunday School – Grab N Go style. There is a
basket at the back of the church with individual packets of
Sunday School materials for you to take home*

For those Thrivent Members who have Choice Dollars, the deadline to
designate those is March 31st. Please call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent
Choice' after the prompt or go online before March 31st to designate those
funds. If you have any questions regarding your Choice Dollars please contact
Diane Wilken or your Thrivent Representative.



Today's Readings

First Sunday in Lent

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow

in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; tone 10



To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.
²My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies
triumph ¹over me.
³Let none who look to you
be ¹put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame
¹who are treacherous.
⁴Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted
all ¹the day long.

continued

**⁶Remember, O LORD,
your compas-¹ sion and love,
for they are from¹ everlasting.**
**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth
and¹ my transgressions;
remember me
according to your steadfast love
and for the sake
of your good-¹ ness, O LORD.**

**⁸You are gracious and up-¹ right,
O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners
¹ in your way.**
**⁹You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ ly your way.**
**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD,
are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant
and your¹ testimonies.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.”

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