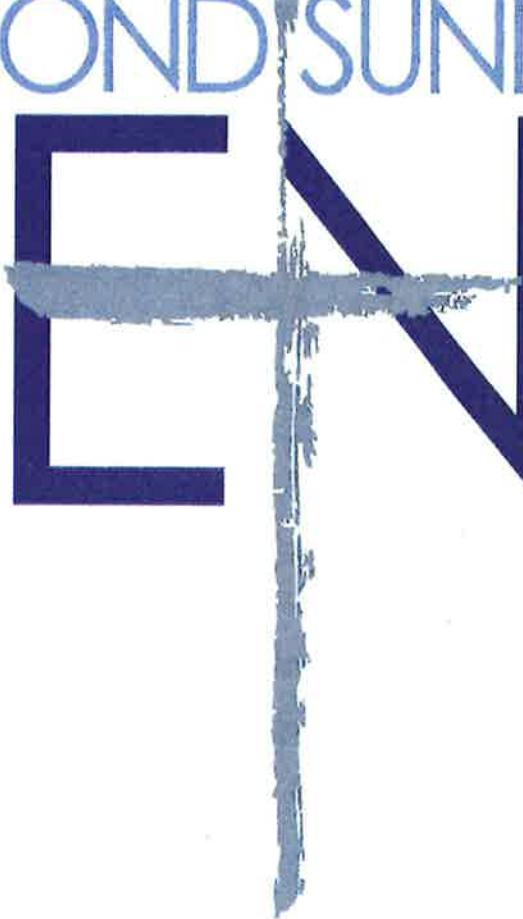


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**



*By Grace you have been saved!*

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

---

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

---

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

LBW Hymn # 324

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Brief Order of Confession		Page 56
Invocation & Kyrie		Page 57
The Prayer of the Day		See Insert
The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18		See Insert
Psalm 27		See Insert
Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17—4:1		See Insert
The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35		See Insert
Gospel Response		Page 63
Children’s Message		
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”	LBW Hymn # 93
Apostles’ Creed		Page 65
The Offering		
Offertory		Page 75
Prayers of the Church		Page 76
The Lord’s Prayer		Page 76
Benediction and Dismissal		Page 76
Closing Hymn		LBW Hymn # 328
	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	
Postlude		



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2022

## Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans,

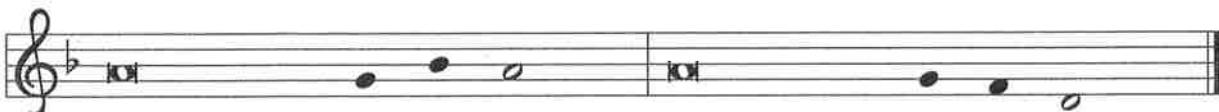
to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

## Psalm

Psalm 27; tone 9



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers close in against me to de- <sup>1</sup> your my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- <sup>1</sup> ble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart <sup>1</sup> will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will <sup>1</sup> not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,

continued

hide me in the hidden places  
of the sanctuary,  
and raise me high up-<sup>1</sup> on a rock.  
**Even now my head is lifted up**  
**above my enemies<sup>1</sup> who surround me.**  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice  
in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music  
<sup>1</sup> to the **LORD**.  
**7**Hear my voice, O **LORD**, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.  
**8**My heart speaks your message—  
**9**“Seek my face.”  
**Your face, O **LORD**, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.**  
**10**Hide not your face from me,  
turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant  
in anger.

Cast me not away—  
you have been my helper;  
forsake me not,  
O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation.  
**11**Though my father and my moth-<sup>1</sup> er  
forsake me,  
**the **LORD** will <sup>1</sup> take me in.**  
**12**Subject me not to the will <sup>1</sup> of my foes,  
for they rise up against me,  
false witnesses <sup>1</sup> breathing violence.  
**13**This I believe—that I will see  
the goodness <sup>1</sup> of the **LORD**  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living!  
**14**Wait for the **LORD** <sup>1</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait <sup>1</sup> for the **LORD**!

## Second Reading

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are

## Gospel

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’”

expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## Luke 13:31-35

<sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**We pray always for . . .**

*The Families and Friends of Lyle Carman*

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,*

*Linda Daniels, Russ Dietz, Julie Effken, Eric Fass, Jan Rader*

**We also remember in our prayers . . .**

*Anna, Vanessa, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring  
in Tanzania.*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box  
in the south office. You may email the church office  
grace68329@gmail.com*

**You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

### **PIECEMAKERS**

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of January, February and March - **all day!** You are welcome to join them if you feel safe doing so. Please come and join in the fellowship of making some beautiful blankets for those in need.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – signup sheet is at the back of the church.

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars clients with membership!**

Don't forget! If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, you have till March 31<sup>st</sup> to Direct your final 2021 \$'s.

For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or online at → [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or your local Agent at 402 269 3003.

**Today 3/13/22**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Monday 3/14/22**

*Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.*

*ELCW Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday 3/15/22**

*Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY*

**Wednesday 3/16/22**

*Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.*

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

**Thursday 3/17/22**

*Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 3/20/22**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*



# LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

# EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022

[ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Yes, I want to help!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response \$        IDG0103
- Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$        DDG0010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address

Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

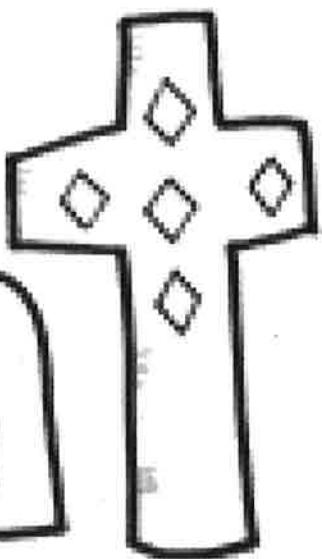
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis  
Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Gen



to pray

to fast

to give  
alms