

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Dismissal

We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

*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.*

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

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

*Congratulations to Daniel & Shannon Moles on the birth of
Vivian Rose on March 8th. Grandma & Grandpa Moles are excited to
welcome her!*

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.

If you would like to bring an **EASTER LILY** to share with the church, you can bring them at any time. If the Easter lily is in memory or honor of someone, please add that information to the sheet at the back of the church. Be sure to label your Easter lily with your name for when you come to pick it up.

Today 3/20/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



Monday 3/21/22

Tower Echoes Deadline

Tuesday 3/22/22

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

Wednesday 3/23/22

8th Grade Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship @ Grace Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 3/27/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.





Today's Readings

Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do
not know,
and nations that do not know you shall
run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy
One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

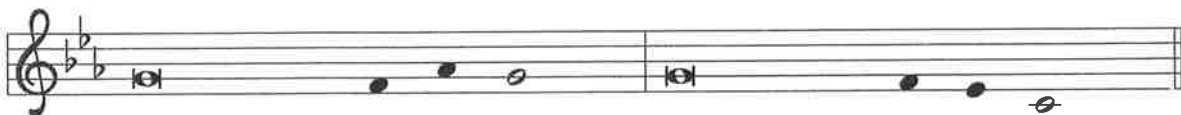
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may
have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the
LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the
earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8; tone 9



O God, you are my God;
eager-¹ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there¹ is no water.
²Therefore I have gazed upon you
in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹
and your glory.

³For your steadfast love
is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.
⁴So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name.
⁵My spirit is content,
as with the rich-¹est of foods,
and my mouth praises you
with¹ joyful lips,

continued

⁶when I remember you up-¹ on my bed,
and meditate on you
in ¹ the night watches.

⁷For you have ¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings
I ¹ will rejoice.

⁸My whole being ¹ clings to you;
your right hand ¹ holds me fast.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in

sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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