

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

LBW Hymn # 499

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Greeting

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Gospel Acclamation

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Children's message

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“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Apostles' Creed

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Benediction

Closing Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This”

LBW Hymn # 385

Dismissal

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Russ Dietz, Eric Fass, Jan Rader*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

Today 3/27/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 3/29/22

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

Wednesday 3/30/22

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

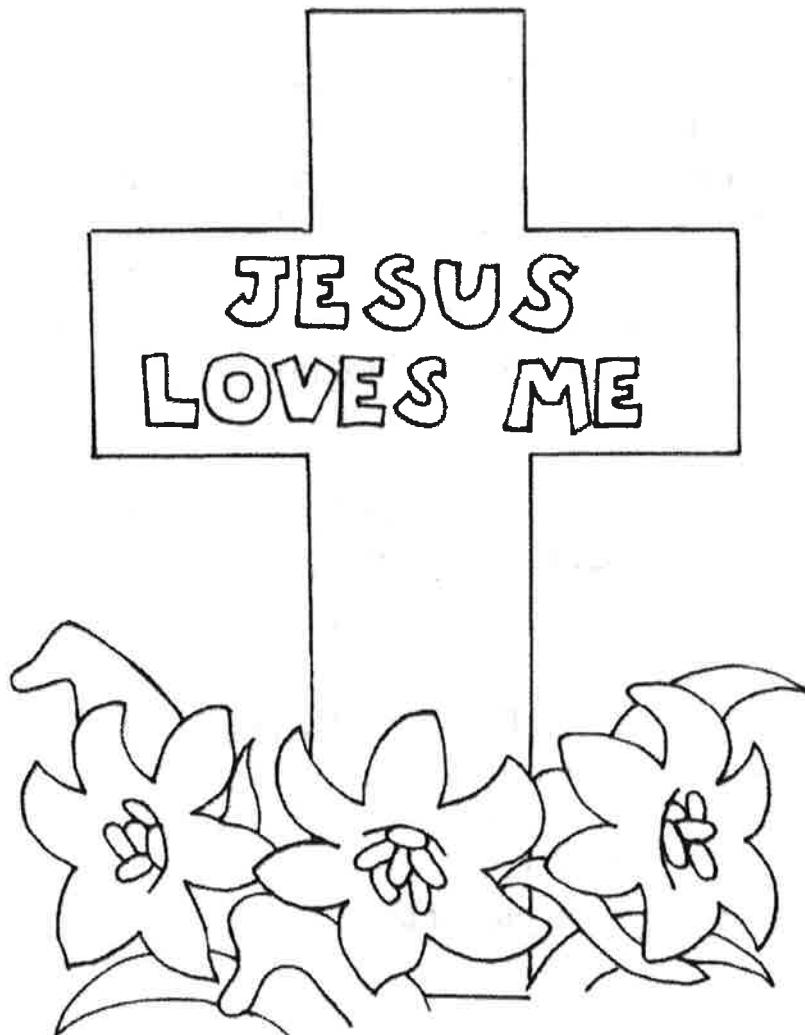
8th Grade Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 4/3/22

Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Luther League to collect cans



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

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

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

*Noisy coin offering will be collected today. All loose change
will be designated for Oaks Indian Mission.*

PIECEMAKERS

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of
January February and March - **all day**.

Tuesday, 3/29 will be the final day for March – then they will
then meet the 3rd Tuesday's of the month.

Please come and join in the fellowship of making some
beautiful blankets for those in need.

**The Luther League will be collecting cans again next Sunday
4/3 and will collect the 1st Sunday of the following
months too!**

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's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

Joshua 5:9-12

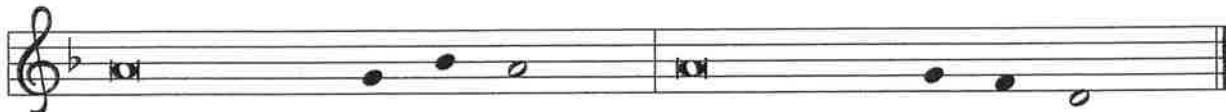
The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the

passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm

Psalm 32; tone 9



Happy are they
whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!

2Happy are they
to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit
there ¹ is no guile!

³While I held my tongue,
my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning
¹ all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me
¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up
as in the ¹ heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me
the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make
their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow,
they ¹ shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place;
you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me
with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted
with bit and bridle,
or else they will ¹ not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations
¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those
who trust ¹ in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous,
and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy,
all who are ¹ true of heart.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God

Gospel

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the

was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”