

*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

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 18, 2024**

**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 . . .***

*Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Bruce Gerking, Becky Knake, &  
Haleigh Werner*

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

*Anna, Juliet, Vanessa & Vance, 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](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

**Today 2/18/24**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Tuesday 2/20/24**

*Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY  
Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday 2/21/24**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship @ Grace Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.***

**Thursday 2/22/24**

*Lenten Gathering @ Grace Lutheran – 11:30 a.m.*

**Next Sunday 2/25/24**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Faith Lutheran Luther League Soup Dinner  
@ Talmage – till 1:00 p.m.*



# 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

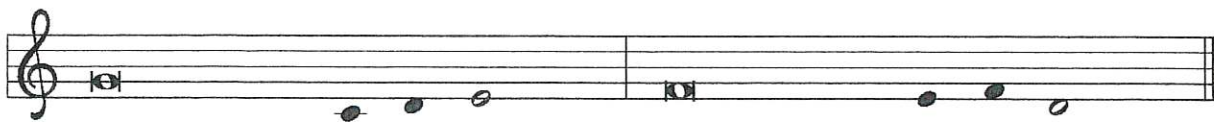
Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and 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. <sup>11</sup>I 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." <sup>12</sup>God 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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow

in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I 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. <sup>16</sup>When 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." <sup>17</sup>God 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 <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>1</sup>up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be <sup>1</sup>put to shame,  
nor let my enemies  
triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.  
<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you  
be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;

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

*continued*

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

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup> right,  
O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners  
<sup>1</sup> in your way.  
<sup>9</sup>You lead the low-<sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
and teach the low-<sup>1</sup> ly your way.  
<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD,  
are steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant  
and your <sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who 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. <sup>21</sup>And 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, <sup>22</sup>who 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

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

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

**During the month of February, we will be collecting Socks, mittens/gloves & underwear for men, women, and children to be given to the People's City Mission**

**Say Cheese!**

The Worship, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will once again be taking pictures of our church members **today** after church. Pictures will be taken during fellowship in front of the stage, with the curtain drawn. Pictures are being displayed on the south bulletin board in the basement. If this doesn't work, we will take your picture on February 25.

The Midweek Lenten services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

February 21 at Grace

February 28 at Hope

March 6 at Grace

March 13 at Hope

March 20 at Grace

March 28—Maundy Thursday at Grace—7:00 p.m.

March 29—Good Friday at Hope—7:00 p.m.

Grace will try something for the first time and have Thursday worship/brunch on February 22, 29 and March 7, 14 & 21. We will start to gather at 11:30 a.m. We will begin serving the meal at 11:45 a.m. and have a service with a theme from the night before at about 12:10 p.m.

The plan for the Thursday gathering is to gather for a simple lunch, fellowship, and God's word. People are invited to come over their lunch hour and eat, worship, and leave on their schedule. This lunch worship is intended for members of Grace and Hope. Invite others to also attend with you.

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## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song.

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

