

*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 3, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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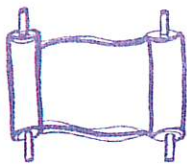
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Dismissal

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



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your

work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

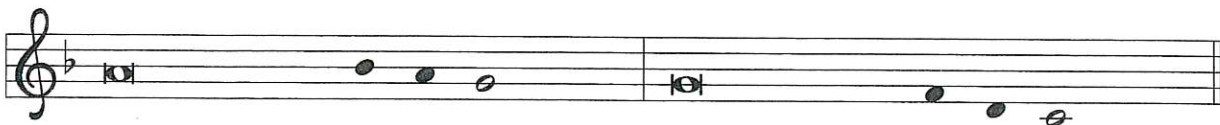
¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm

Psalm 19; tone 2



The heavens declare
the glo-¹ry of God,
and the sky proclaims
its ¹maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale ¹to another,
and one night
imparts knowledge ¹to another.

³Although they have
no ¹words or language,
and their voices ¹are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message

to the ends ¹of the world,
where God has pitched a tent
¹for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom
out ¹of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion
to ¹run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge
of the heavens
and runs about to the end of ¹it again;
nothing is hidden
from its ¹burning heat.

continued

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect
and re-¹ lives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom ¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just
and re-¹joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD
is clear and gives light ¹ to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean
and en-¹dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous ¹ altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than ¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey ¹ in the comb.

¹¹By them also
is your ser-¹vant enlightened,
and in keeping them
there is ¹ great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's ¹ own offenses?
Cleanse me from my ¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant
from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion ¹ over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a ¹ great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable ¹ in your sight,
O LORD, my strength
and ¹ my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning
I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,

God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was writ-

ten, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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
Friends & Families of Kurt & Julie Effken.*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Anna, Juliet, Vanessa & Vance, orphans we are sponsoring in
Tanzania.*

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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*

Today 3/3/24

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's UCC – Osage Soup Dinner – 11 am – 1 pm

Tuesday 3/5/24

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

Wednesday 3/6/24

8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

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

Thursday 3/7/24

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

**Next Sunday 3/10/24 **Daylight Savings Begins
Spring Forward****

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

During the month of March, we will be collecting Winter Clothing for men & women for Operation Stand Down, to be taken as Tangible Offering at the ELCW Spring Gathering. See the list in the March Tower Echoes.

Pictures Wanted

The 75th Anniversary Committee is looking for pictures that might be included in a video presentation or on a picture display board. If you have a picture(s) that you would like to contribute please make a copy of the picture(s) and give to Alta Bohling, Andrea Eggleston, Pastor Helgren, Lori Panko, Sarah Purcell, Dean Wellensiek, or Melissa Wellensiek. If you prefer, you can email the picture(s) to GraceLutheran75@gmail.com. All possible pictures are needed by June 1, 2024. Thank you!

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

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.

Thursday Lenten Gatherings will be held at Grace Lutheran on 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. Invite others to also attend with you.

Church Council Presidents

We have had a request to list all 75 names of those who have served as Grace Lutheran Church Council Presidents. Currently, we have all but seven names. If anyone has any record or recollection of who was church council president in the years 1949 through 1955, please let Sarah Purcell know. Thank you!