

Grace Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #774 – “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

CONFESSION OF SINS – ELW p. 252 *Please stand in body or spirit.*

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

CONCLUSION OF CONFESSION

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

ABSOLUTION – p. 254

GREETING - p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - p. 203

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – 91:1-2, 9-16 Please see insert and read responsively.

SECOND READING – Romans 10:8b-13 Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

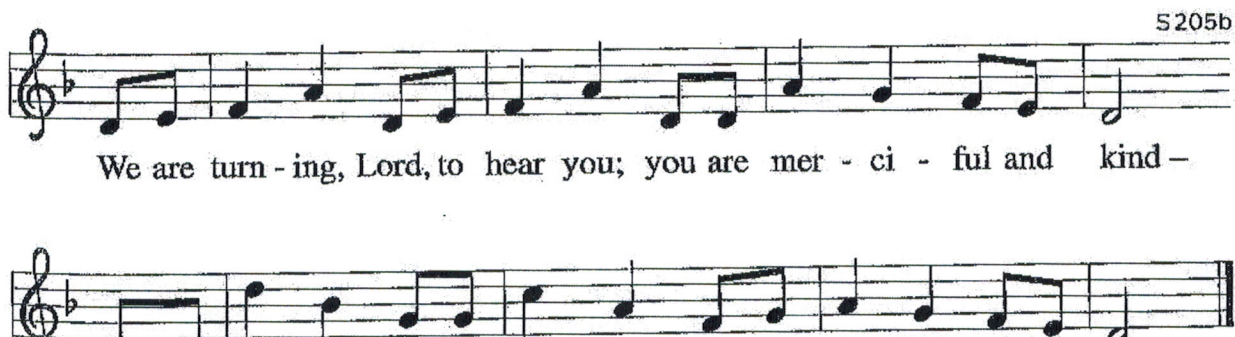
A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - p. 205b

Please stand in body or spirit.

During Lent:

S 205b



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #319 – "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

APOSTLES CREED - p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - p. 206 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE – p. 206 *Please stand in body or spirit*

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - "Cultivating Love through Response" hymn - ELW #763–

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song" – Verses 1 & 2

LORD'S PRAYER - p. 208 – *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG - ELW #329 – “As the Sun with Longer Journey”

POSTLUDE

Announcements

TODAY 3/9/25 *First Sunday in Lent*

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship with Purcell Lenten Presentation

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY 3/10/25

Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 3/11/25

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day Sharing a Salad Luncheon

WEDNESDAY 3/12/25

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY 3/13/25

Thursday Lenten Luncheon Gathering @ Grace Lutheran - 11:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 3/16/25 *Second Sunday in Lent*

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

We pray always for . . .

*Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

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You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

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or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

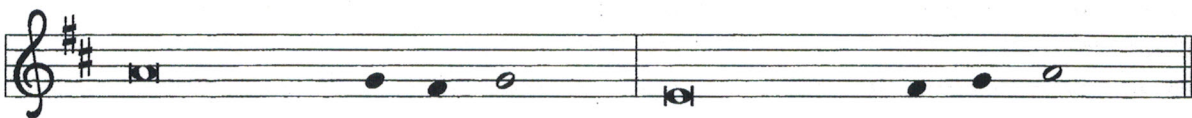
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and

there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; tone 6



You who dwell in the shelter
of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow
of ¹the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD,
"My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD
your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,
¹⁰no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction
come ¹near your dwelling.

continued

Psalm, continued

¹¹For God will give the angels
charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands**
they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot
a- ¹ gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread
upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down
the lion ¹ and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;**
I will uphold them,
because they ¹ know my name.

¹⁵They will call me,
and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and ¹ honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,**
and show them ¹ my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we pro-
claim); ⁹because if you confess with
your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe
in your heart that God raised him from
the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one
believes with the heart and so is justi-

fied, and one confesses with the mouth
and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No
one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction be-
tween Jew and Greek; the same Lord is
Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned
from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he
was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing
at all during those days, and when they
were over, he was famished. ³The devil
said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to become a loaf of
bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is writ-
ten, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and
showed him in an instant all the king-
doms of the world. ⁶And the devil said
to him, “To you I will give their glory
and all this authority; for it has been
given over to me, and I give it to anyone
I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it
will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him,
“It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to
Jerusalem, and placed him on the pin-
nacle of the temple, saying to him, “If
you are the Son of God, throw yourself
down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels
concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot
against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do
not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an oppor-
tune time.

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