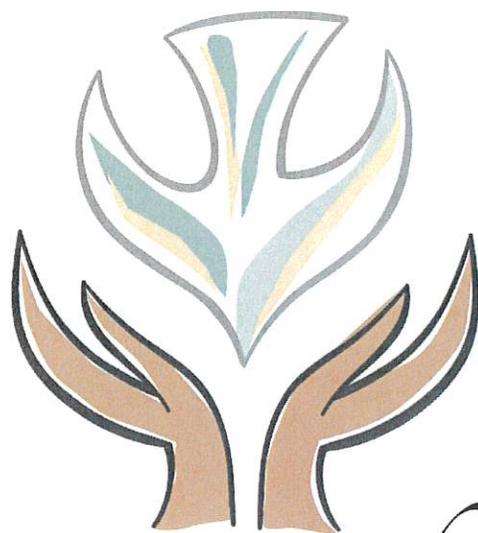


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



Join Us for
WORSHIP

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

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

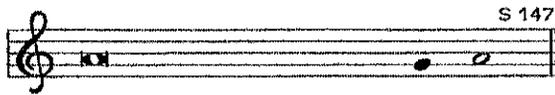
A: Amen. *Assembly sits.*

GREETING – (ELW p. 147)

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.

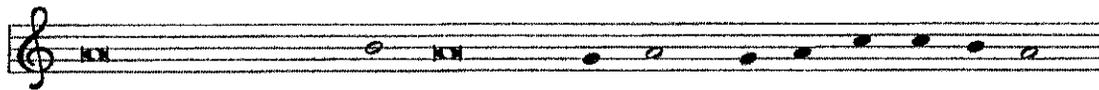
KYRIE – (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



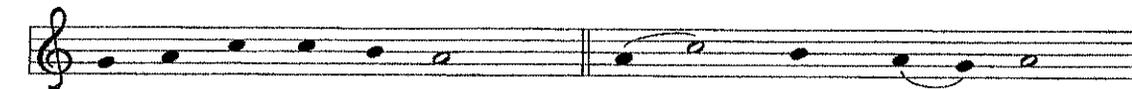
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



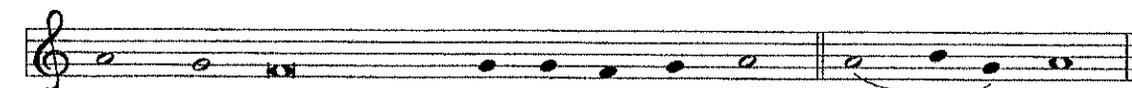
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING –Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

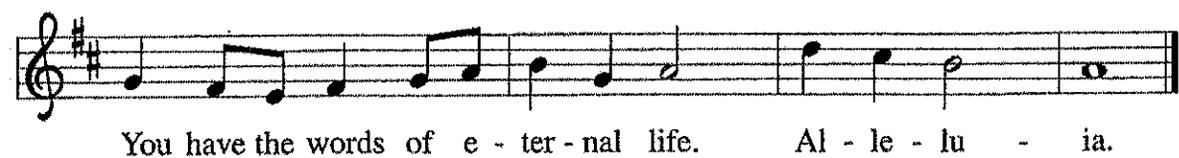
R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW p. S151a) *Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – 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

NICENE CREED -- (ELW p. 104)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION -- (ELW p.152)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE -- (ELW p. 152) *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

OFFERING HYMN - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW p. 152 & 153)

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW p. 154)

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD – (ELW p. 154)

S 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING – (ELW p. 113)

A: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the dismissal:

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

*Please join us for
fellowship in the basement
following worship ☺*

SENDING SONG

Postlude



Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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 12:1-4a

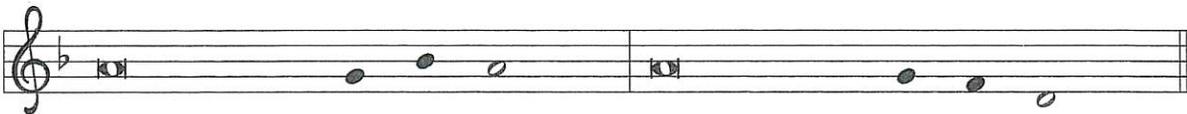
The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will

be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Psalm

Psalm 121; tone 9



I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?
²**My help comes ¹ from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
³The LORD will not let
your ¹ foot be moved
nor will the one
who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel**
will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches ¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade
at ¹ your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,**
nor the ¹ moon by night.
⁷The LORD will preserve you
¹ from all evil
and will ¹ keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over**
your going out and your ¹ coming in,
from this time forth
for- ¹ evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what

does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who

continued

does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said

to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

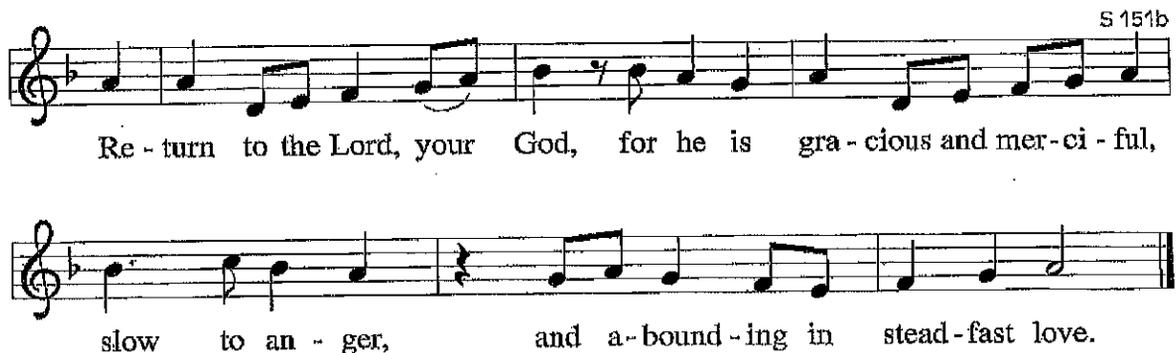
¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Second Sunday in Lent

During Lent - we will not sing the Hymn of Praise
(skip page 5 in red bulletin folder)

Gospel acclamation ELW Page 151b - Return to the Lord
(Page 6 in red bulletin folder)

During Lent:



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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gathering Song - ELW # 666 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymn of the Day - ELW # 714 "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

Sending Song - ELW # 638 "Blessed Assurance"

We pray always for . . .

Louis Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken, Elaine Hauberg,
Char Helgren, Kathi Johnson, Diane Roesener, & Joan Wellensiek

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Announcements

TODAY 3/1/26 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Worship with Communion - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

TUESDAY 3/3/26

Piecemakers Blanket Making - All Day

WEDNESDAY 3/4/26

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

THURSDAY 3/5/26

Lenten Luncheon - beginning @ 11:30 ish

FRIDAY 3/6/26

World Day of Prayer @ Grace Lutheran Church – 2:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers – Linda (Antholz) and Tom Gapp on Tanzania Trips

NEXT SUNDAY 3/8/26

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – SPRING FORWARD

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

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You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

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Wednesday Midweek Lenten Worship Service Schedule.

All services are at 7:00 p.m.

The midweek Wednesday Service theme will be the ELCA and Nebraska Synod material taken from Sundays and Seasons entitled "Conversations with Jesus; Service of Word for Lent". We will discuss the conversations that Jesus has with others in the previous Sunday's Gospel.

The Thursday Luncheon Midweek Worship includes the worship and theme from the night before and lunch. People may begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. Worship will begin at 11:45 a.m. with lunch being served 11:47 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The service will continue following eating of the meal. People may arrive and leave as their schedules permit.

March 4 - Wednesday Midweek at Hope "Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus"

March 5 - Thursday Luncheon service @ Grace gather beginning @ 11:30 a.m.

March 11 - Wednesday Midweek at Grace "Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well"

March 12 - Thursday Luncheon service @ Grace gather beginning @ 11:30 a.m.

March 18 - Wednesday Midweek at Hope "Jesus' conversation with the disciples and the man born blind"

March 19 - Thursday Luncheon service @ Grace gather beginning @ 11:30 a.m.

March 25 - Wednesday Midweek at Grace "Jesus' conversation with Martha"

March 26 - Thursday Luncheon service @ Grace gather beginning @ 11:30 a.m.