

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ



February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent  
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

*Please stand.*

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

**C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**



P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**C. 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. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN: O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days      ELW 319**

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

## Kyrie

## WOV Setting 5



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      Ⓜ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

**C. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>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.”

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-10



Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.



- <sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
good- | ness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where 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. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of

bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"  
<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"  
<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'  
<sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"  
<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon: Playing God**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**



# HYMN of the DAY: When We are Tested

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## PRAYERS

To the petition “Hear us, O God” please respond, “Your mercy is great.”

## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*


Welcome to those worshipping with us online!  
You may make your offerings on the home page of our website,  
[www.gracelutheranhatfield.org](http://www.gracelutheranhatfield.org), by using the "Give Now" button.

**Music at the Offering: (10:30am) Holy Manna**      **arr. Kenneth Lowenberg**

*Holy Manna...Brethren, we are met to worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One come down. Brethren, pray, and Holy Manna will be showered all around.*

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY**



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**





## Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te\_a - do - ra.*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



*Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.*  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO. Argentine traditional

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe; your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

On the night in which he was betrayed....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**C. Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

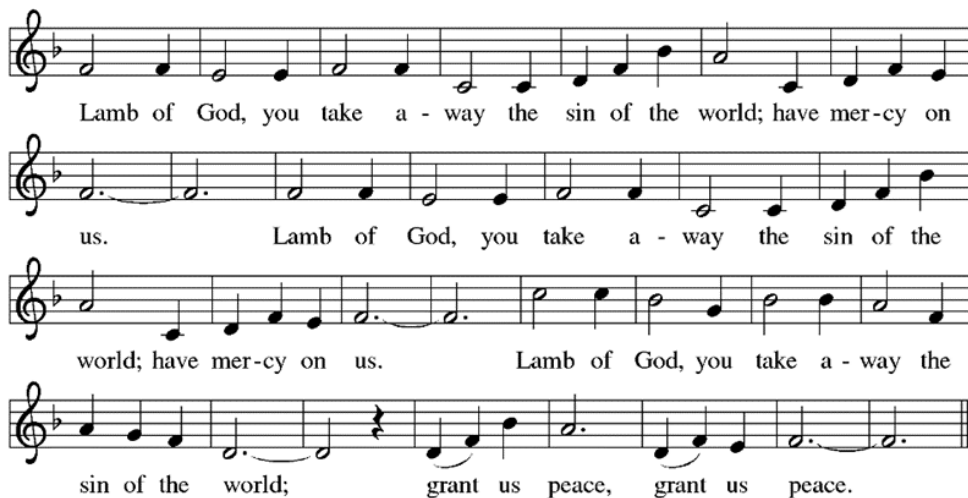
**C. Our Father, who art in heaven.....**

## Invitation to Communion

P. Return to the Lord with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

*Please be seated.*

## Lamb of God



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 Hymn: When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

P. The blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

## DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## WORD SEARCH: JESUS'S TEMPTATION

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ANGEL  
AUTHORITY  
COMMAND  
DEPARTED  
DEVIL  
FAMISHED

JERUSALEM  
JESUS  
KINGDOMS  
OPPORTUNE  
PINNACLE  
PROTECT

SPIRIT  
TEMPLE  
TEMPTATION  
WILDERNESS  
WORLD

## Postlude: Forty Days and Forty Nights

C. Peter Lutkin

Please join us for coffee hour in the atrium!



**Virtual Organ:** The Virtual Pipe organ heard in today's worship service is the Schultze Organ of The Church of St. Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds in the United Kingdom. The sound sample set of the organ is produced by Lavender Audio. The sounds of this pipe organ are played in combination with our Allen Protégé Organ.

### Serving today – Thank You!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe  
Minister of Music: Kevin Freaney  
Lector: 8:00am, K. Seiler; 10:30am, Slugg Family  
Ushers: 8:00am, K. Seiler & D. Capanear;  
10:30am, Slugg Family  
Communion Asst: 8:00am, K. Seiler; 10:30am, B. Hess  
Altar Guild: 8:00am, J. Detweiler;  
10:30am, M.J. Moyer & B. Hess  
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, J. Tula  
Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt  
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, D. Capanear;  
10:30am, Crystal Tula  
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

*God blesses Abraham and Sarah*

#### **Psalm 22:23-31**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)*

#### **Romans 4:13-25**

*The promise to those who share  
Abraham's faith*

#### **Mark 8:31-38**

*The passion prediction*

A reminder that Lenten services with the churches of Hatfield begin on February 21.  
See your Parish News for details. Please sign up in the narthex to help with the  
reception at Grace on February 28!



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