

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



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



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday
in Lent
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
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Prelude: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken Mozart/arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

Please stand.

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

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

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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: At The Name of Jesus

ELW 416

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:



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Prayer of the Day

P. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but

Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

Psalm 22:23-31



All the ends of the earth shall re-mem-ber and turn to the Lord.



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hid- | den from them;**
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! R

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**
who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, “The | LORD has acted!” **R**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If 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 violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: Rewriting History

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

PRAYERS

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

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.....

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, by using the “Give Now” button.

Music at the Offering: (10:30am) People Need the Lord Arr. Mary McDonald

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.**

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: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: Faith of our Fathers

arr. Chris J. Nobels

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.

Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner: March 23 from 4-6 p.m. Price is still \$10 per meal!

Serving today – Thank You!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe
Minister of Music: Kevin Freaney
Lector: 8:00am, D. Kunkel; 10:30am, J. Shaffer
Ushers: 8:00am, P. Schmidt & D. Kunkel;
10:30am, C. & P. MacDonald
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, Usher
Coffee Hour: Kay Stone
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, D. Capanear;
10:30am, Crystal Tula
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

**NEXT WEEK'S
READINGS**

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

The commandments are given at Sinai

Psalm 19

*The commandment of the LORD gives
light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ crucified, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-22

The cleansing of the temple

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



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