



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021**

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Whenever Jesus goes to Jerusalem, the purpose is the same: He comes to overturn the wisdom of this world with the foolishness of God. His first visit anticipates his final visit, both at Passover. Seeing his Father's house turned into a marketplace, he overturns the tables of the moneychangers and drives them out, along with their sacrificial animals. Later, he will overturn the Temple itself. It is Jesus, not the Temple or its sacrifices, who is the presence of the living God who brought the people out of Egypt long ago. Now, in the foolish act of throwing his life away, he overturns death and drives out the powers of sin and evil. Today, Jesus comes to overturn the broken, oppressive systems of this world as he drives us from death to life.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Menuet from *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

Maurice Ravel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C 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.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

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 the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



Ⓛ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove,



you a - bound in gra - cious love, of all things the mak - er



and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, sal - va - tion for



all you came to bring. O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me -



di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup -



pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our



faith, the gift we need the most. And bless our life's last hour,

that we leave this sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le -

i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men

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 Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER, "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy God,

through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.

Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace,

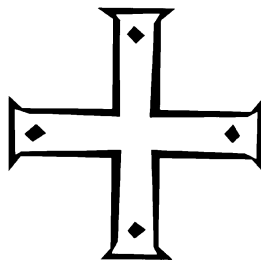
and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

Then 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.

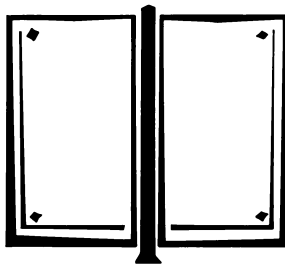
¹⁵You shall not steal.

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.

Ⓔ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God.



ANTIPHON: The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes.

- L** The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
- C** **One day tells its tale | to another,***
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- L** Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,
- C** **their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,***
and their message to the ends | of the world.
- L** In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- C** **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- L** The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- C** **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;***
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- L** The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- C** **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,***
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- L** By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- C** **Who can tell how often | he offends?***
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- L** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

For 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 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1: 23–24

Aaron David Miller

We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God, the wisdom of God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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 written, “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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Festival Foolishness

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 2:13–22; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

HYMN OF THE DAY: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(green) LBW #104

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C 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.

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

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Tief gebückt und voller Reue

Deeply bowed and full of remorse

Lieg ich, liebster Gott, vor dir.

I lie, dearest God, before you.

Ich bekenne meine Schuld,

I admit my guilt;

Aber habe doch Geduld,

But still have patience,

Habe doch Geduld mit mir!

Still have patience with me!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION


☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

(green) LBW #377


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Sicilienne

Gabriel Faure

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Ellie Anderson, assisting minister

Jeremy Zimmer, organist

Katrina Beck, soprano

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

François Henkins, violin

Ben Weber, viola

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson	Rosemary Cheatem	Sharon Hoglund	Tim Sandvoss
Tina Baird	Marilyn Gotsch	Joan Koerber	Pat Scala
Annalise Balock	Carl & Donna Gruendler	Jerry Koenig	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
Cathy Barker	David Gruendler	Beth Smoots McClanahan	Tom Tyrrell
Jim Barker	Kathy Hayes	Karen McMahan	
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Anne-Marie Bogdan	Henderson	Chrissy Nelson	
Ed Borg	Patricia Herendeen	Paul Nelson	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
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Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
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Stacy Gibb and family (*friends of Kristin Vogen*)
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Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
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Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)
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Julie Novak (*daughter of Eunice Spurgat*)
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Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
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Kathie Wolff (*friend of Tim Duoma*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago

For those who mourn

Jim Berlinski (*relative of Julie Hinz*)

Marlene Smith (*mother of Nancy Kaufman*)

Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schmacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

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Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)

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Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

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Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes

Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Joanne Nelson

Marie Gierke

Barbara Rinnan

Ronald Gresens

Kathleen Wrobel

Gloria Hillert

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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