



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 21, 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**

We wish to see! There are many things we'd love to see more clearly, to know more certainly. When will the pandemic finally end? When will life get back to normal? When will meaningful employment return, or illness go away? We want to see answers to these questions. Perhaps similar questions were on the hearts and minds of these Greeks who wished to see Jesus. Surely this rabbi would give them clarity! Jesus declines to even meet with them, pointing instead to the cross that waits for him. Do you want to see clearly? Look to Christ on his cross, and see the full revelation of God's love for this world, written now even on our hearts. We don't always get the answers we want; the future is not always for us to know. But when we look to the cross, we behold the love of God that holds us in all things.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Prayer

Jeanne C. Warzyn

## 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 -



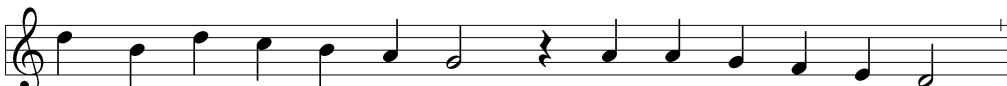
di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup -



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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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself,  
 and in mercy you receive our prayers.

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
 that through life and death we may live in 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.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

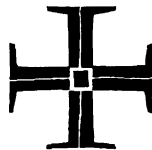
**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 51: 1–13**

ANTIPHON: Create a clean heart in me, O God

Lorraine Brugh

- ℣ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness;\*  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ☩ **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- ℣ For I know | my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ☩ **Against you only | have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil | in your sight.**
- ℣ And so you are justified | when you speak\*  
and upright | in your judgment.
- ☩ **Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,\*  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**
- ℣ For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,\*  
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.
- ☩ **Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;\*  
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.**
- ℣ Make me hear of | joy and gladness,\*  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- ☩ **Hide your face | from my sins,\*  
and blot out all | my iniquities.**
- ℣ Create in me a clean | heart, O God,\*  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- ☩ **Cast me not away | from your presence,\*  
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.**
- ℣ Give me the joy of your saving | help again\*  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.



## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL VERSE: John 12:24

Aaron David Miller

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain;  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20–33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

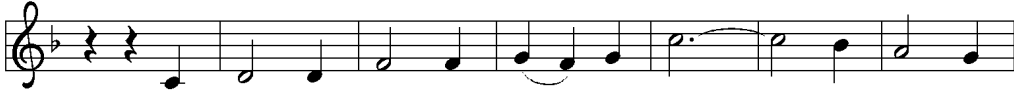
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Do Not Look Away

Pastor David R. Lyle  
John 12:20-33

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Word of God Is Source and Seed

(blue) WOV #658



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

*Refrain*



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,  
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!  
in the Lord let us re - joice!

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## 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.



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God is the source of daily health and healing,  
God makes us well with medicines of life.  
God is the spring, the fountain of thanksgiving,  
All words of grace, all faith to heal our strife.

God knows the heart, the reasons we are crying,  
God knows the mind, each feeling, new inside.  
God knows old dreams, new things we want tomorrow,  
God knows the fear a silent soul will hide.

God sends the light to wake the birth of seeding,  
And gives old death an Easter day to rise,  
God sends the rain, the seasons, then the harvest,  
While tunes of glory fill all earth and skies.

Christ be our seed, to grow what God has given;  
We do our work, as work in Jesus' name.  
We lift our hope, our want, our need before thee.  
You healed us then; heal, heal us once again.

Herbert Brokering

## **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

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

☩ 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: As the Sun with Longer Journey

(blue) WOV #655



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,  
search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.  
as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

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DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Kevin McChesney

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister  
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Valerie Poulos, soprano  
Justin Martin, tenor  
Christine Janzow Phillips, oboist  
Grace Bells  
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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson	Ed Borg	Patricia Herendeen	Paul Nelson
Annalise Balock	Rosemary Cheatem	Joan Koerber	Pat Scala
Cathy Barker	<b>Karin Danganan</b>	Jerry Koenig	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
Jim Barker	Marilyn Gottsch	Beth Smoots McClanahan	
Len Berghaus	Carl & Donna Gruendler	Karen McMahan	
Anne-Marie Bogdan	David Gruendler	Jennifer Murtoff	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)  
Mardie Anderson (*friend of Christie Nelson*)  
Valerie Anderson (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)  
Vera Leora Barnett (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
**Sophie Bartell** (*granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell*)  
James Beglin (*cousin of Cathy Schnittker*)  
Tony Beneventi (*friend of Evelyn Grams*)  
Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
Stephanie Bogue and Elva (*friends of Pat Anderson*)  
Florence Breed (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Ken Briggs (*friend of many at Grace*)  
Family of Jim Cozzi (*friends of Diana Sicuro*)  
Linda DeMeyere (*friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack*)  
Peggy Dickenson (*mother of Paul Eichwedel*)  
Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)  
Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)  
Emily Ford (*daughter-in-law of Cynthia Hill*)  
Benjamin Galhier (*nephew of Paul May*)  
Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)  
Ann Gesme (*mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen*)  
Stacy Gibb and family (*friends of Kristin Vogen*)  
Thomas Griffith (*son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)  
Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)  
Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)  
Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)  
Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)  
Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)  
John Hunt (*friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner*)  
Mia Rose Jones (*granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak*)  
Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)  
Ken Kennedy (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)  
Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)  
Andrew Korcek (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)  
George Kozuchowski (*friend of Timothy Douma*)  
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Maxx Kusper (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)  
Alyssa Kutak (*granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel*)

Lily (*friend of Carrie Douma*)  
Karen Luebbe (*mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel*)  
Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)  
**Kathy Lyons** (*sister of Karin Danganan*)  
Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)  
Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)  
Julie Novak (*daughter of Eunice Spurgat*)  
Stormy River Pendleton (*granddaughter of Teri and Robert Daily*)  
Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)  
Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehmaldt & Gick Schmidt*)  
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)  
Phillip Rice III (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
Ronald Riley (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
John Rohleder (*friend of Sandy Grams*)  
Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)  
John Schuurman (*friend of Timothy Douma*)  
Lindsay Shaner (*brother of Bob Shaner*)  
Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)  
Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)  
Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)  
Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)  
**Gianna Stradwick** (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)  
Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)  
Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)  
Jan Thomson (*sister-in-law of Christine Phillips*)  
Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)  
Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)  
Kim Walsh (*niece of Cathy Schnittker*)  
Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)  
Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)  
Lucy White (*friend of Mary Beth Logas*)  
Tim White (*brother of Beverly White*)  
Elise Wojack (*niece of Pat Gulik*)  
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)  
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

## **Benevolence ministries**

Navajo Lutheran Mission

## **In thanksgiving for**

The birth of **Lilah Marie Anderson** (*daughter of Joseph and Morgan Anderson, granddaughter of Doug and Ann Anderson, great-granddaughter of Dean and Beverly Lueking*)

The birth of **Naomi Ann Heim** (*daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Heim, granddaughter of David Heim and Barbara Hofmaier*)

## **For those who mourn**

Elwyn Ewald (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)

## **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 Schnacks*)

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*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## **Those in the foreign service**

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

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski*)

## **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

## **Those who are homebound**

Barbara Bunjes

Christopher Davis

Marie Gierke

Ronald Gresens

Gloria Hillert

Carolyn Martin

Joanne Nelson

Barbara Rinnan

Kathleen Wrobel

## **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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**Rich Brooks**, Facilities Manager

*Bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ*