



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. 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. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Educational opportunities occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

Grace Council Statement on Racism: 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 have gone from the dazzling mountaintop to the desolate wilderness. Here wonder and awe have been replaced with hunger and temptation. Jesus has entered his time of testing. With Jesus we now begin our forty-day pilgrimage toward his passion. In this rocky and barren place, we come face to face with our appetites, cravings, and desires. The liturgies of this world have catechized us to seek after all kinds of things. All leading us inward barreling towards sin and death. Like Jesus, though, we have been baptized. We are accompanied by the Spirit. Life has already been transformed in our Jordan River. In the mystery of God, we have already died to those appetites, cravings, and desires. Risen again with Christ they have no power over us any longer. Fed by the provision of promise we keep walking undaunted. Joyfully we seek after justice, chase after mercy, and pursue life. A life that even in the wilderness is cruciform.

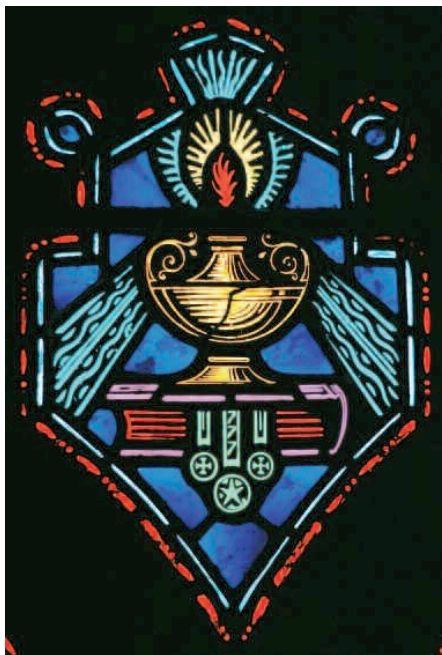


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✠ GATHERING ✠

(8:30) **PRELUDE:** Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach

(11:00) **PRELUDE:** String Quartet No. 2 – *Company*

Philip Glass

III. ♩ = 96

IV. ♩ = 160

We stand to face the cross at the tolling of the bell.

PROCESSION

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.

KYRIE

(green) LBW #168



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

C 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.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Music: "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

KYRIE, GOTT VATER
PM

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.

Guide us now, so that, following your Son,
we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world
toward the life you alone can give,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit.

(11:00) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

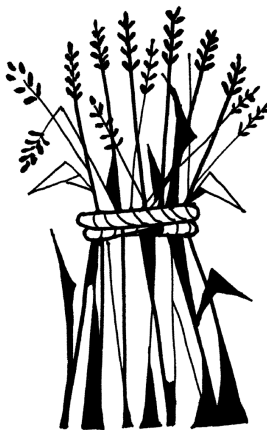
✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.



PSALM 91:1–2, 9–16

ANTIPHON: God will give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

Carl Schalk

- L** He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.
- C** He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge | and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I | put my trust.”
- L** Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,*
and the Most High your | habitation,
- C** there shall no evil hap- | pen to you,*
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.
- L** For he shall give his angels charge | over you,*
to keep you in | all your ways.
- C** They shall bear you | in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- L** You shall tread upon the li- | on and the adder;*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.
- C** Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.
- L** He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;*
- I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.
- C** With long life will I sat- | isfy him,*
and show him | my salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:4

Michael D. Costello

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then 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, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

SERMON: Baptized for the Wilderness

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Luke 4:1–13



We stand.

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.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.

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.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

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

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** Prelude on SLANE

Steven Wentte

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** String Quartet No. 2 – *Company*

Philip Glass

II. ♩ = 160

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked as II. ♩ = 160. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of'.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12
 Music: FRANCKE, J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

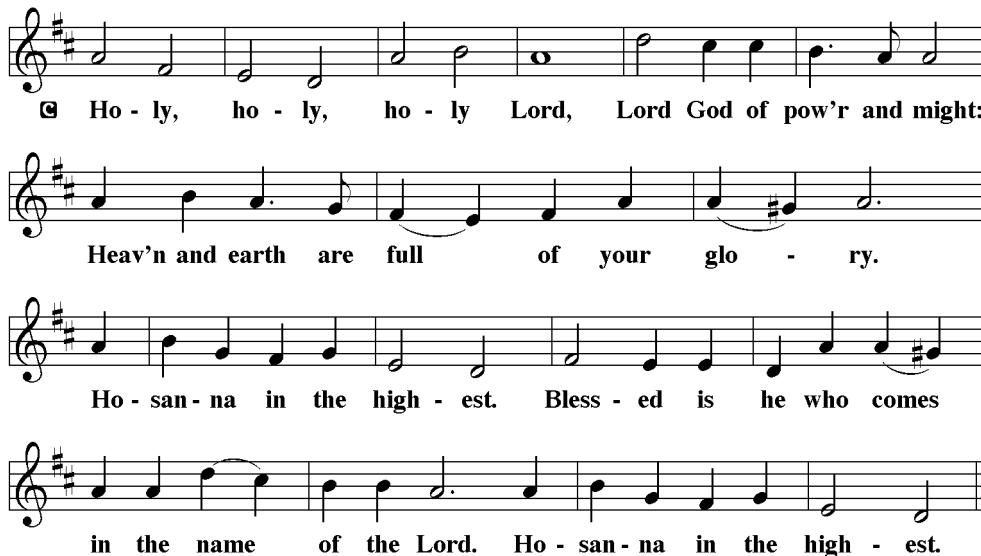
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves, all in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

- P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
and rose again to make us living branches,
drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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.

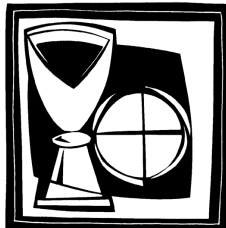
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

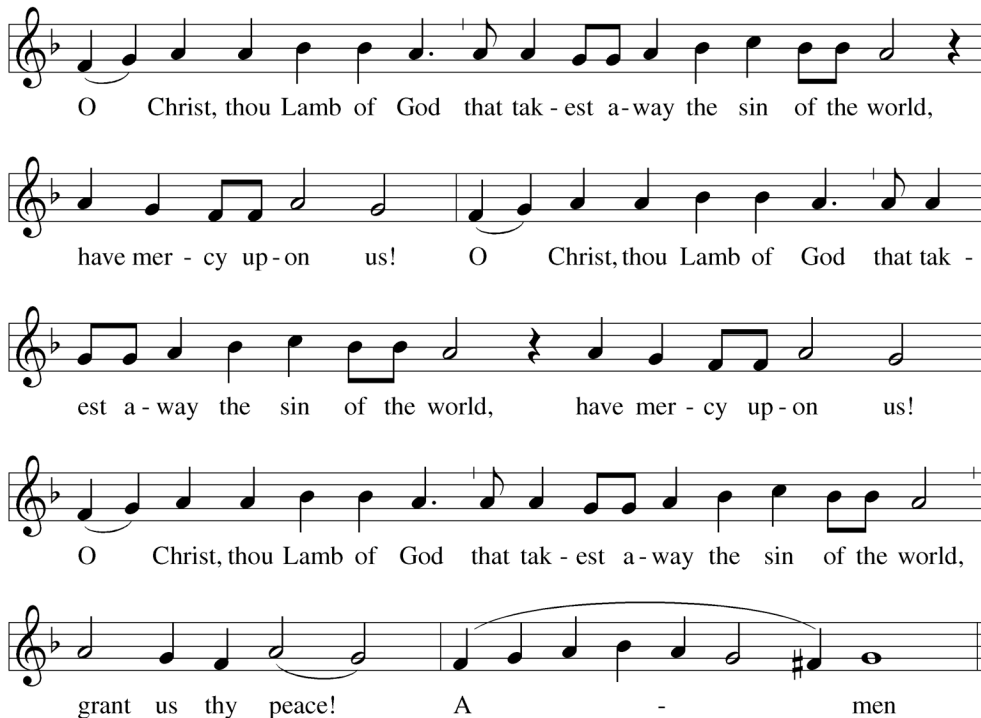
C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.



We sit.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

If you are wearing a face covering, please remove it as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.

Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

We join in singing the Refrain as indicated.

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** As Your Spirit

Michael D. Costello

[Choir] As your Spirit in the desert
Led the Christ to dust and stone,
So instill our hearts with courage
Now to cross where Christ has gone.



[Choir] As your fire and cloudy pillar
Israel's tribes to Canaan led,
May your Presence be our comfort,
May your manna be our bread.



[Choir] Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow,
And dire thirst may sear and sting,
You have promised living waters
Waiting for us at the spring.



[Choir] Through the narrow gate now draw us,
Past all empire's pull and strife,
Where beyond our fear and clinging
Stands the threshold of new life.



[Choir] God of Desert, God of Promise,
You have bid us journey on
Through the days of dust and darkness
To the rising of the Dawn.



I. ♩ = 96

HYMN: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

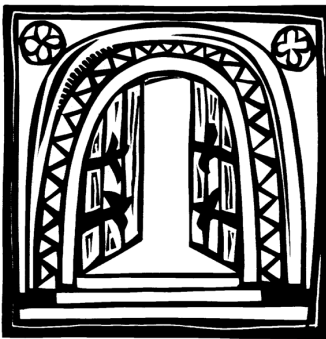
✠ SENDING ✠

(8:30) **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(green) LBW #228



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bidde,
 a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;
 he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side
 and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.
 The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,
 with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.
 On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
Christine Nelson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Ed Mason
Julie Hinz and Paul Eichwedel
Nora Isenberg
Donna Serpico and Marilyn Moehlenkamp
John Sanger and Mary Rasmusson
Lois Harb
Eunice Eifert and Al Swanson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Altar Guild
Ushers
Gift Bearers
Livestream Audio/Video
Choir
Strings

11:00

Lori Martin
Sandy Lentz and Aiden Koehne
Elsa and Sadie Berg
Ellie Schnack
Eliza Grahnke, Stephanie and Lance Wilkening
Al Swanson and Neal Armstrong
Grace Parish Choir
Kontras Quartet
Eleanor Bartsch, violin
Francois Henkins, violin
Ben Weber, viola
Jean Hatmaker, cello

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Betty Albain	Louis Elia	Amy Juel	Marnie Rourke
Susan Allen	Hena Gantepalli	Phyllis Kersten	Pat Scala
Diane Amati	Erica Charles Garcia	Scott Krueger	Ole Schenk
Annalise Balock	David Gruendler	Karen Lemke	Jim Scherer
Cathy Barker	Don Heimburger	Carolyn Martin	Cameron Valencia
Len Berghaus	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	
Rosemary Cheatem	Gloria Hillert	Dave Moeller	
Hans Dumpys	Virginia Hillert	Jennifer Murtoff	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
Kay Armstrong (*mother of Neal Armstrong*)
Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)
Greg Ball (*friend of Irmgard Swanson*)
Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
Lieselotte and Dwayne Borgstrand (*friends of Anne-Marie Bogdan*)
Khadija Bougdim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)
Elena Davis (*friend of Sue and Pat Allen*)
Patricia DeBauche (*friend of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)
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Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)
David Eastman (*brother of Pat Anderson*)
Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
Annika Ferguson (*daughter of David Ferguson and Jill Koski*)
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Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)
Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)
Evelyn Gasper (*mother of Susan Hickey*)
Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)
Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
Ken Hansen (*friend of Bill and Barbara Urbrock*)
Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
Carol Hartung (*mother of Justin Hartung*)
Allison Heppner (*daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner*)
Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)
Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)
Natalie Jenne (*friend of many at Grace*)
Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
Derek Kaufman (*son of Nancy Kaufman*)
Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
Patrick Kennedy (*friend of Grace Church*)
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
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Beth Luebbe and family (*sister of Jenny Luebbe*)
Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)
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Melina Masihi (*friend of Chrissy Nelson*)
Neal Mast (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)
Pam Mattox (*friend of many at Grace*)
Stacy Maugans (*friend of Johanna Johnson*)
Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
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James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)
Paula Rosenberger (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
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Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
Michael Winters (*friend of Dick and Linda Martens*)
Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)
Daniel Wolfanger (*brother of Lisa Wolfanger*)
Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Harmony Community Church of Chicago Food Pantry

In Thanksgiving for

The 80th birthday of **Margaret Burke**

Those received into membership: **Andrew, Oliver and Theodore Dorsch; Aaron, Megan, Sophia, Henry and Charlie Galeener; Elizabeth (Liz) Hanson; Lance, Nina, Lucas and Elsie Helgeson; Daniel Johnson; Glenn Johnson; Karrick (Karrie) Major; Gordon and Naomi Rowley; Renata Serpico; Michael, Christina, Katy, Mikey and Millie Starrick**

For those who mourn

Bernice White (*mother of Beverly White*)

Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

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

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

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*)

Those studying abroad

Benjamin Ho (*Mexico*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Charlotte Shea (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Joan Koerber

Christopher Davis

Carolyn Martin

Gloria Hillert

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 6

Library Open for Self-Service.....8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 3–5-year-olds (Nursery).....9:45 a.m.
Sunday School, Grades 1–6 (3rd floor Commons)...9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)9:45 a.m.
Confirmation (Fellowship Hall).....9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Center)9:45 a.m.
New Members (Conference Room)9:45 a.m.
Confirmation Witness Information Session
(Conference Room)12:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Retired Leaders (Church Library).....10:00 a.m.
Benevolence Committee (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room) ... 7:00 p.m.
Health Cabinet (Virtual)..... 7:00 p.m.
Scout Joining Night (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

School Chapel.....8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones – Bible Study (Church Library).....9:30 a.m.
Lent Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.
Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m.
Lent Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
GriefShare (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Finding Hope (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual) 9:00 a.m.
Graceful Evening (Offsite)..... 6:30 p.m.

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