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Welcome to Grace!

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What We Believe:

✝ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✝ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✝ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✝ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✝ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

Guests and Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

Nursery: If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

Friendship Pad: Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the offering.

Fellowship Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print Hymnals: Are available from the ushers!

Electronic Devices: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe	LSB 666
Invocation	LSB 184
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ **Introit**

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9



- P** For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.
- C** **O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?***
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?
- P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have
redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*
- Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.
- C** **Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;***
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!

♪ **Gloria Patri** **LSB 186**

♪ **Kyrie** **LSB 186**

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day** **LSB 189**

- P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power
defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil
thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading –Jeremiah 26:8–15

Pew Bible, p. 654

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Grace Choir Anthem – Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Epistle – Philippians 3:17—4:1

Pew Bible, p. 981

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.

Holy Gospel – Luke 13:31–35

Pew Bible, p. 873

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’” ³⁴O

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – The Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 325

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

♪Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

Offering – *Guests/members please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, check appropriate columns, and print clearly including children’s names.*

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪Preface

LSB 194

♪Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

♪Pax Domini

LSB 197

♪Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪I'm But a Stranger Here	LSB 748
♪How Firm a Foundation	LSB 728
♪What Is the World to Me	LSB 730
♪Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	LSB 619
♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202
♪On My Heart Imprint Your Image	LSB 422

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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Lectionary Summary: *Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven:*

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “*all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people*” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “*comes in the name of the Lord*” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “*as a hen gathers her brood under her wings*” (Luke 13:34), for “*our citizenship is in heaven*” (Phil. 3:20).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 17th THROUGH March 24th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Youth Group Fundraiser Luncheon
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Circuit Pastors' Mtg., Hope, Twin Lakes – Pastor Crane
	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Care Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Safety and Security Team Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	11:00 AM	Growing Strong with Grace
	5:15 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
	7:15 PM	Grace Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Strategic Planning Session
<u>FRIDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Family Game Night Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)



About the Bulletin Cover: Jesus goes His own way. He does not follow the paths that others trod. Jesus is determined to go His way and finish the course, the way of death on the cross. During the season of Lent, we are led again to see our Savior, who was so resolute in His path that He did not stop until He accomplished all things for our salvation. The proclamation of His work continues to meet us this day and open our eyes to our Savior.

Our Partnership in the Gospel

Grace's Mission: We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

Grace's Vision: To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

2019 Theme: *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

Our Worship Attendance:

March 6, 2019: 58

March 10, 2019: 86