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Welcome to Grace!

February 18 & 21, 2021

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.

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

Large Print Hymns: Are available from the ushers!

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

May the Lord bless your worship today!

First Sunday in Lent
February 18 & 21, 2021 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ O Lord, throughout These Forty Days LSB 418

Invocation LSB 184

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15–16



P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

C **With long life I will sat- | isfy him***
and show him my sal- | vation.

P Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

C **no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,***
no plague come | near your tent.

P For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

C **On their hands they will | bear you up,***
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

P You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

♪ 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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 – Genesis 22:1–18

Pew Bible, p. 16

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Epistle – James 1:12–18*Pew Bible, p. 1011*

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.**Holy Gospel – Mark 1:9–15***Pew Bible, p. 836*

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Nicene Creed*LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal***Catechism Time – The Ten Commandments***Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321***The Seventh Commandment**

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

♪ A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**LSB 656****Sermon**

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 on the inside page of the worship bulletin. 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. Wine greatly diluted with water is available in purple-tinted cups in the center of each Communion tray for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	LSB 438
♪The Lamb	LSB 547
♪O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee	LSB 632
♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202
♪O Christ, You Walked the Road	LSB 424

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 21st THROUGH February 28th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sunday School & Bible Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:30 PM	RLHS Board of Directors Meeting – Pastor Crane
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:15 PM 6:30 PM	Lenten Fellowship MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sunday School & Bible Study



Lectionary Summary: *Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness:* In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he “*took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.*” And “*when they came to the place of which God had told him,*” Abraham bound Isaac “*and laid him on the altar*” (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided “*for himself the lamb for a burnt offering*” (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom “*all the nations of the earth*” are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit “*into the wilderness*” to be “*tempted by Satan*” (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and “*gives birth to sin*” (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained “*steadfast under trial,*” and He has received “*the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him*” (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory, and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

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.

2021 Theme: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Our Worship Attendance:

February 11 & 14, 2021: 55 (18/37)