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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**February 26, 2023**

### **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 when it is passed during the service.

**Offering:** The offering plates are not passed. Rather, they are located at the back of the nave. Please place your offering in one of the plates as you enter or leave the church. You may also hand it to one of the ushers.

**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!**

First Sunday in Lent  
February 26, 2023 – Divine Service, Setting Four

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ In Adam We Have All Been One

LSB 569

Invocation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 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.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

**C** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
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.  
On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

LSB 205

**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 3:1–21**

*Pew Bible, p. 2-3*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
     cursed are you above all livestock  
     and above all beasts of the field;  
 on your belly you shall go,  
     and dust you shall eat  
     all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.  
<sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

### **Epistle – Romans 5:12–19**

*Pew Bible, p. 942*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## ♫ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

### Holy Gospel – Matthew 4:1–11

*Pew Bible, p. 809*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him."

## **Catechism Time – The Creed    *Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 323***

### **The Third Article**

#### *Sanctification*

**P** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

**C** In the same way [the Holy Spirit] calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. This is most certainly true.

**♪ O Love, How Deep**

**LSB 544**

**Sermon – Theme: “Opposite Day for the Second Adam” – Matthew 4:1-11**

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206 or inside back cover of hymnal*

**Prayer of the Church**

**♪ Offertory – We Give Thee But Thine Own**

**LSB 781, vv. 1–2, 6**

*The offering plates are not passed. Please see note on the first page of the bulletin.*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**♪ Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 209*

**Lord’s Prayer**

*LSB 209*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 209*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 209*

**♪ Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

**Distribution –** *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed on the inside 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. 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:**

♪ I Lay My Sins on Jesus	<i>LSB 606</i>
♪ When in the Hour of Deepest Need	<i>LSB 615</i>
♪ I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	<i>LSB 618</i>
♪ Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 211</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 212</i>
Benedicamus and Benediction	<i>LSB 212</i>
♪ Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken	<i>LSB 521</i>

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 26<sup>th</sup> THROUGH March 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	5:15 PM	Lenten Pot Bless
	6:30 PM	<b>MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		Office Closed
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study

**About the Bulletin Cover:** The fall in the Garden of Eden set the battle lines between the offspring of the devil and the offspring of Eve. But the defeat of the father of lies (John 8:44) was already foretold as the foot that would crush the serpent's head. Christ, the true Offspring of Eve, was faithful through the temptation in the desert and all the way to the cross. The cross of this Second Adam has been made "a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him" ("Prayer of Thanksgiving," LSB 209).

**Lectionary Summary: Following His Baptism, Jesus is "*led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil*" (Matt. 4:1) –** As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "*by every word that comes from the mouth of God*" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "*have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many*" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "*leads to justification and life for all men*" (Rom. 5:18).



## **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.

**Our Worship Attendance:**

**February 16 & 19, 2023:** 69 (0/69)