



Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

March 20, 2022

## Executive Council Votes to Relax COVID-19 Measures

Grace Executive Council voted this week to relax COVID-19 protocols in light of the decline of local cases of the Omicron variant. Masks and social

distancing will now be optional at the church. The sacrament of Holy Communion will now be distributed at the rail.

### Third Sunday in Lent Gathering Liturgy

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy One,

**C we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen**

**P** Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name,

your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**C Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Come Now, O God" (ACS #902) vv. 1 & 3

1: *Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.*

*Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.*

*Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.*

*Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

3: *Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.*

*Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.*

*Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.*

*Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

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#### 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 (ELW p. 203)

*Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.*

*We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.*

*Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.*

*Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.*

*Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.*

*Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# Readings for Third Sunday in Lent

## Isaiah 55:1–9

**H**o, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no  
money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without  
price.  
Why do you spend your money  
for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that  
which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat  
what is good,  
and delight yourselves in  
rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an  
everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for  
David.  
See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for  
the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that  
you do not know,  
and nations that do not  
know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the LORD while he may be  
found,  
call upon him while he is  
near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their  
thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD,  
that he may have mercy on  
them,  
and to our God, for he will  
abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your  
thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways,  
says the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher  
than the earth,

so are my ways higher than  
your ways  
and my thoughts than your  
thoughts.



## Psalm 63:1–8

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly  
I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my  
flesh faints for you, as in a  
dry and weary land where  
there is no water.  
<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed  
upon you in your holy  
place,  
that I might behold your  
power and your glory.**  
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better  
than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as  
I live  
and lift up my hands in  
your name.**  
<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the  
richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you  
with joyful lips,  
<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon  
my bed,  
and meditate on you in the  
night watches.**  
<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your  
wings I will rejoice.  
<sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to  
you;  
your right hand holds me  
fast.**

## 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

**I** do not want you to be  
unaware, brothers and  
sisters, that our ancestors  
were all under the cloud, and all  
passed through the sea, and all  
were baptized into Moses in the  
cloud and in the sea, and all ate  
the same spiritual food, and all  
drank the same spiritual drink.  
For they drank from the spiritual  
rock that followed them, and the  
rock was Christ. Nevertheless,  
God was not pleased with most of  
them, and they were struck down  
in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred  
as examples for us, so that we  
might not desire evil as they did.  
Do not become idolaters as some  
of them did; as it is written, “The  
people sat down to eat and drink,  
and they rose up to play.”

We must not indulge in  
sexual immorality as some of  
them did, and twenty-three  
thousand fell in a single day. We  
must not put Christ to the test, as  
some of them did, and were  
destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do  
not complain as some of them  
did, and were destroyed by the  
destroyer.

These things happened to  
them to serve as an example, and  
they were written down to  
instruct us, on whom the ends of  
the ages have come.

So if you think you are  
standing, watch out that you do  
not fall. No testing has overtaken  
you that is not common to  
everyone. God is faithful, and he  
will not let you be tested beyond  
your strength, but with the  
testing he will also provide the  
way out so that you may be able  
to endure it.

LENTEN GOSPEL VERSE (ELW  
p. 205)

*We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind — slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9**

**A**t that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all

perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See



here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

“He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

## Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redemer” (ELW #618) vv. 1 & 3

1: *Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.*

3: *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.*

### CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

VERSE: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
  - Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
  - Doug Becker (Marlene Binninger's son)
  - Pat Bernacchi
  - Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
  - Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
  - Hank Buehrens
  - Andrew Calvert
  - Pat Calvert
  - Barb Caputo
  - Holly Cummings
  - Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
  - Gregory Foster
  - Shirleen Gulick
  - Aggie Hartnell (Bert Felland's mother)
  - Christine Hill
  - Sydney Houston
  - Jacqueline & David Kramer
  - David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
  - Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
  - Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytsha
  - Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
  - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
  - Marcia Swanson
  - Joyce Swift
  - Linda Wadham
  - Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
  - Timothy Walker
  - Dottie Watts
  - Kristi Weiss.
- Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names and*) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

OFFERING: *Doxology* (ELW #885)

*1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and

springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER (TFF #33)

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen*

#### COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world  
away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy  
now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world  
away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy  
now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world  
away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your  
peace, we pray.*



#### SONG: "Seek Ye First" (WOV #783)

1: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

2: *Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

3: *We do not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C Amen.**

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

**P** You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.

**C Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG "Blessed Assurance" (ELW #638)

vv. 1 & 3

1: *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

3: *Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.* Refrain

#### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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# Men's Group Serves Up Chili Next Sunday

The Men's ministry of Grace Lutheran Church will make "Elite Chili" for you to enjoy while you watch the Elite Eight NCAA basketball series. Chili can be picked up at the church between 11:00 a.m.



and 2:00 p.m. next Sunday, March 27.

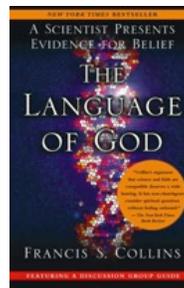
All proceeds will go toward an elite cause: to help pay for a new parking lot for the church and the many guests who come to the Grace Welcome Center every week.

Each serving includes a slice of cornbread and a brownie. Choose between a special recipe ground beef chili or Pastor Jonathan's vegan chili. Tickets are \$10.00 per 16-oz. serving and can be purchased from the church office or on the day of the sale at the door

# Spring Book Study to Discuss Science and Faith

Stephanie Knezz has volunteered to lead a book study on *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*, by Francis Collins. This book study will be on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:30, March 31 to April 28.

For the session on March 31, Stephanie plans an introduction and exploration of the topic. Participants are asked to have read the Introduction of the book and to be prepared to discuss

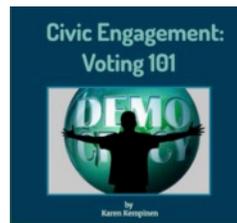


what questions they have about scientific explanations for existence, what this leaves out, and how faith has influenced their worldview.

Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office if this book study would interest you.

# Kempinen, Welcome Center Offer Voter Information

Karen Kempinen will partner with the Grace Welcome Center to present a nonpartisan voter information slideshow this Thursday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m.



In addition to school board, alderperson, and county supervisor races, Kenosha County will vote to elect a new County Executive.

Ballot drop boxes are no longer allowed, and mail can take a long time to deliver absentee ballots. Early in-person voting begins March 22, so now is the time for people to get ready to vote.



Contact Us!

Email: [fostercare@psgcip.com](mailto:fostercare@psgcip.com)

Phone: 262-654-1004

Kenosha County has a great need for new foster families for all ages of children! Join us for a Foster Care 101 Informational session to find out how you can help children in our community by becoming a foster parent!

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SCAN ME



# March Laurels and Lauds

Thank you to Gregory Foster for covering custodial duties during Dave's recent illness. Your volunteer work is greatly appreciated. We are happy to report that Dave is back on his feet and back at work.

Thank you also to Dawn Houston for updating our narthex decorations from Christmas to Lent and Easter. The seasonal decor is beautiful!



## North Cape Lutheran Hosts Country Crafts 'n' Cookin'

The women of North Cape Lutheran Church, 2644 124<sup>th</sup> Street (U.S. 45) between 4- and 5-mile Roads in Racine County, will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 30. The craft, vendor and bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be served from 11:00 to 1:00, featuring chicken salad and shrimp salad, vegetable salads, fruit, and other main dishes. The price of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person (\$6.00 for ages 4-12) and includes a beverage and a large selection of homemade desserts. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For tickets, reservations for groups of eight or more, or for further information, please call Barb Welch at 262-498-0393. Proceeds benefit the global and local mission work of the church.

### Grace Receipts: 3/13/22

Current .....	\$ 1,010.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 150.00
Freezin' for a Reason.....	\$ 20.00
Parking lot repair .....	\$ 10.00
Chili ticket sales.....	\$ 310.00
From non-members:	
non-designated .....	\$ 115.00
NA group + parking privileges.....	\$ 80.00
<u>Minus banking fees .....</u>	<u>\$ (13.50)</u>
Total .....	\$ 1,681.50
Grace weekly budget in 2022:	\$ 3,269.56

Notes: The above figures do not include "Freezin' for a Reason" checks made payable to the Welcome Center.

You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com.

Thank you to Jarlene Kriehn for sponsoring worship bulletins for the month of March.



### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

#### MARCH 2022

[ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster)

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.**

Yes, I want to help!

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# Grace Lutheran Chili Fundraiser



## March 27th, 2022

**Details:** The Men's Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church will be making "Elite Chili" for you to enjoy while watching Elite 8 NCAA basketball. All proceeds will go towards an Elite cause, to help pay for a new parking lot for the church and for the many guest that come to the Grace Welcome Center each week.

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Choose between a special recipe ground beef chili or Pastor Jonathan Barker's vegan chili.

**Chili can be picked up at Grace Lutheran Church 11:00-2:00**

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