

Grace Lutheran Church
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Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Lay reader: Karen Cassiday

ASL interpreter: Dottie Watts

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Projectionist: Jarlene Kriehn



GATHERING

WELCOME.

WELCOMING SONG: Carolyn Reynolds

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME STATEMENT

P Let us affirm our welcome statement.

C Grace Lutheran Church commits to live as a community of people seeking reconciliation and wholeness in our life together and in our ongoing outreach to the world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, anti-ableism, liberation, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, culture, disability, age, or physical demeanor. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

You are absolutely invited to share your gifts as you join us in this lifelong journey. We welcome and embrace all who are seeking God's love and grace. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together we will know the kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING SONG: "WE WILL MAKE NO PEACE WITH OPPRESSION"

Refrain: *We will make no peace with oppression*
We will make no peace no peace
We will make no peace no peace no peace

with oppression

We will make no peace no peace

1: *Those who live by the sword will die by the sword*

We will stand against the violence of every form
We will march in the streets. No justice, no peace.
On and on till thy neighbor, till we all stand free.

Bridge: *Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.*
Almighty God, give us your strength.
Oh, oh, oh, oh. Refrain.

Verse 2: *We won't turn away from the pain of our brothers*

Cries of our sisters, Grieving of our mothers
We won't turn away from destructive politicians
Our overflowing prisons, corruption in our system.

Coda: *Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.*
Almighty God, give us your strength. (repeat three times)

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GREETING (ELW p. 203)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the

wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

☐ The holy gospel according to Luke.

☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where 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.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then 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, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

HYMN OF THE DAY: "DRIVE OUT THE DARKNESS"

Refrain: ***Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come Jesus come***

1: ***Ev'ry year under the thorn
Ev'ry wrong that we have known
Ev'ry valley will be raised
The ancient ruins will be remade***

2: ***Ev'ry weapon made for war
Ev'ry gun and ev'ry sword
Will be melted in the flame
To be used for gardening***

3: ***In the emptiness of grief
Through the night of suffering
Ev'ry loss and in the tears
God our comfort O be near***

Ending: ***Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come and end all the violence
Come and do not be silent
Come we cling to Your promise
Come You'll break all injustice
Come Jesus come***

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INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

☐ The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read by a representative of the congregation.

☐ Bert Felland, President.

Gregory Foster, Vice President.

Senja Underwood, Treasurer.

Jarlene Kriehn, Secretary.

Randy Pierce, Building and Grounds.

Karen Cassiday, Outreach and Evangelism.

Leah Schaut, Stewardship.

Gracie Underwood, Worship and Music.
Vivienne Clyne, Love One Another Ministries.
David Underwood, Youth, Family, and Faith
Formation.

Rich Knapp, member at large.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

P A reading from *First Corinthians*: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R7 I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

P I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds

in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C Amen.

VERSE (ELW #887, vv. 1 & 3)

1: ***This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart
is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy
shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as
mine.***

3: ***This is my prayer, O God of all earth's
kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be
done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.***

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling, *especially*:

- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Eric Berge (Paul's brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Andrew Calvert
- Cameron Carr (Karen Cassiday's nephew)
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve

- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytosh
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Patti Shields
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)
- Charles and Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Pam Wisse
- Kristi Weiss.
Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 209)

DEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

P Let us pray.
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

*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
The power and the glory forever
And ever. Amen*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep

The blood of Christ, shed for you.
R7 Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "THE LORD IS MY LIGHT"

*The Lord is my light
My light and salvation
In him I trust
In him I trust*

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COMMUNION SONG: "DRAW ME IN"

1: *In the hunger of the desert
Let your fast renew my senses
Feed me with the words of heaven
Oh my savior, draw me in*

2: *When my days are endless taking
Anything to fill the aching
Show me all the good you're making
Oh my savior, draw me in*

Refrain: *Draw me in with your tenderness
Speak abundance to my emptiness
Set your table in this wilderness
With the feast I long to taste*

3: *Christ you know my deepest longing
Seeds you planted now are forming
Let me hear the still voice calling
Oh my savior, draw me in*

4: *As I stumble through this journey
Restless in my endless searching
Fill me with your love each morning
Oh my savior, draw me in*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

NOISY OFFERING

SENDING

you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

© Amen.

SENDING SONG: "I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN"

1: *For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him*

Chorus 1: *I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love*

2: *Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth*

*The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help*

Chorus 2: *I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I wait and trust His steadfast love!
I wait and trust His steadfast love! 2X*

Coda: *I wait and trust his steadfast love! I wait and
trust his steadfast love!*

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

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Opportunities of the Week at Grace

Sunday, February 18

Pastor Barker at church
9:30 am Worship service sanctuary/Facebook
10:30 am Church council meeting library
7:00 pm NA Rainbow Room

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day
Pastor Barker at church
9:00 am - noon Welcome Center volunteers lower level
9:00 am Prayer group library

Tuesday, February 20

Pastor Barker at church. Paul in office 9:00-2:00
8:00 am - noon Welcome Center volunteers lower level
4:00 - 5:30 pm Welcome Center food pantry courtyard, parking lot

Wednesday, February 21

Paul in office 9:00-12:00.

Thursday, February 22

Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00.
8:30-9:15 am Welcome Center breakfast Rainbow room
2:00 - 5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry Room 102

Friday, February 23

Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00
8:30-9:15 am Welcome Center breakfast Rainbow room

Saturday, February 24

Pastor Barker at church

Sunday, February 25

Pastor Barker at church
9:30 am Worship service sanctuary/Facebook
7:00 pm NA Rainbow Room

New members class continues Sunday, March 10.
Please see Pastor Barker if you are interested in
joining the Grace family.

We invite everyone to sit in the first eight pews on
each side of the sanctuary—this will make the
acoustics of our congregational singing much stronger.

Karen Kempinen will lead "Why Native Plants" at
6:00 p.m. Monday, February 19 at Grace. Learn about

the role of native plants in habitat creation, native
species preservation, and climate change mitigation.

Our compressor went out on the upstairs part of our
HVAC system. This is an essential part of the
system and must be repaired. The repair cost is
\$4,100. We appreciate everyone who has generously
donated towards this repair already, and we hope
those who have not donated will consider making a
donation—every donation helps get this paid for.

Receipts last Sunday:

General offering.....	\$ 2,271.00
Benevolence	\$ 15.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 30.00
Compressor	\$ 250.00
Fish bake	\$ 600.00
Infant Moses Ministry.....	\$ 1,000.00
From non-members:	
General offering.....	\$ 300.00
Compressor	\$ 300.00
Outreach for Hope grant	\$ 6,375.00
<u>Minus internet transaction fees</u>	<u>\$ (14.25)</u>
Total	\$ 11,126.75

Attendance February 11: \geq 31.
Ash Wednesday: 13 + \geq 12

Men's Group will meet after worship on March 3 to plan a chili fund raiser.

The office will close at noon this Wednesday.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support our church. Once again you showed us how, together, we can make a difference by helping to strengthen communities and change lives. Go to Thrivent.com/generosity to learn more.





**OUTREACH
FOR HOPE**

Bridges of Hope:

Reflections on the Power of Partnership


2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Ash Wednesday - Good Friday








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Friday, February 16
GRACE LUTHERAN, KENOSHA & L'ARCHE

Pr. Jonathan Barker: Hello! It's Rev. Jonathan Barker down here at Grace Lutheran. And I am so grateful that, over the last... about six months, we've been able to partner with a L'Arche group that's forming here in Kenosha. Sister Leah, brother Carlos, brother John have brought this amazing group, and now many other people have joined as well. And this group has been a tremendous blessing for me. My mother took a fall at our house last October. She ended up breaking six ribs. And a couple days after that, we had our L'Arche meeting, our community night. And the whole group came around me and prayed for my mom, for healing. And brother Carl lifted up her ribs in prayers very specifically, one of the most powerful prayers I've ever heard. And so not only am I grateful that we can be a big family here, at this L'Arche group that's partnering here at Grace, and we can welcome each other in so many different ways. But the prayers have just been such a transformative thing for my life. And not just the prayers, but the hugs and the joy and the fellowship that happens here each week.

[Fades to new scene.]

Leah: So, we're here at our monthly community night L'Arche meeting, where people with and without disabilities come together to create community. Right, Carlos? And we talked about 1 Corinthians. There are many parts, but one body. Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. And the parts we think are less honorable, we treat with special honor. And then you wrote this today, Carlos [reads from written notes] "Well, sometimes I have not been considered indispensable. My people have been put away. We have been despised and rejected by most." Right, Carlos? "L'Arche was my family's dream." And then you asked the group and our friends here, "What made you come to these meetings? What is it like to meet me? I'm so tall and I don't speak. What makes you want to come?" What else would you like to say Carlos?

Carlos: [Smiles. Uses AAC letter board to spell response.]

Leah: "I have big God dreams. Thank you for joining me and my people." [To Carlos] Good?

Carlos: [Smiles and taps the board in agreement.]

Leah: [Puts the board down.] Alright! Amen.

Carlos: Amen!

[Fades to new scene.]

Pr. Jonathan: Sister Dottie, would you like to talk about what being part of L'Arche has meant for you? What you have experienced, maybe, how you met the Holy Spirit, but also...

Dottie: I do believe they were almost ready to carry me out on the second session that I came to [laughs] - because I realized that Carlos is able to put his thoughts down on paper, or the board there, or possibly later he's gonna learn more on the computer. So that just... I couldn't think of anything that had happened to me for such a long time, as the impact that [non-speaking people] have language. [Signs] I didn't know, see? I needed to find out. So, it's opened up my world. Wow, when have I ever felt so energetic?! [Smiles]

[Fades to new scene.]

Carlos: [Spells on letter board.]

Leah: "I am so welcomed here." Yeah? [Smiles and laughs.]

Carlos: [Grins and taps the letter board in agreement. Sits back as Leah puts the board down, chuckling along with her.]

[Fades to new scene.]

Leah and John: [They stand facing the L'Arche meeting participants, who are sitting on chairs arranged in a semi-circle. Next to them, Dottie provides sign language interpretation. They start to sing.] I have arrived. I am home. In the here, in the now.

L'Arche members: [Singing] I have arrived. I am home. In the here, in the now.

Leah and John: [Singing] I am sacred, I am free.

All: [Singing] I am sacred, I am free.

Leah and John: [Singing] In God's unity I dwell.

All: [Singing] In God's unity I dwell.

PRAYER: God of Peace: As we attempt to discern where you will lead us, help us to remember that none of us has all the answers. Teach us how to truly listen to one another, so that we may work together to turn our diverse ideas into a shared path towards your Beloved Community. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Using the daily devotional practice of St Ignatius in his Examen, take a moment to reflect on today's devotion...

1. What thoughts, questions, and feelings come up for you?
2. Invite God's Spirit to speak to you about your reflections and also what is happening in your life today.
3. Notice any feelings of thankfulness, retrospect, repentance, and renewal.
4. What is God encouraging you to do with these thoughts and feelings?
5. Ask God to lead you today and into tomorrow - guiding you towards something particularly important.