

Grace Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker

Music leader: Gracie Underwood

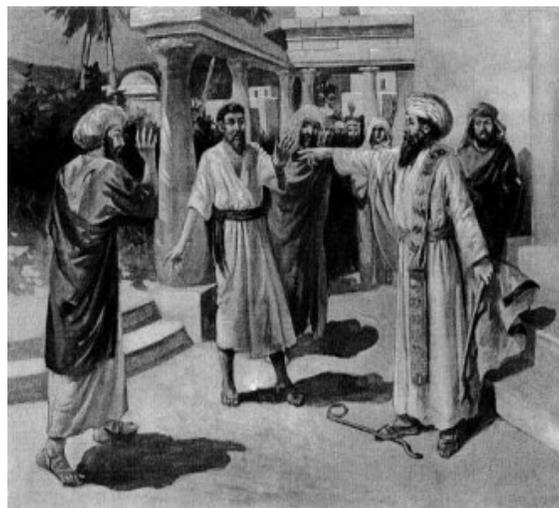
ASL interpreter: Dottie Watts

Lay reader: Judy Gregory

Communion assistants: Bert Felland & Judy Gregory

Projectionist: Jarlene Kriehn

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GATHERING

WELCOME.

WELCOME SONG— Carolyn Reynolds

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME STATEMENT

☐ Let us affirm our welcome statement.

☑ **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.

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)

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

YOUTH MESSAGE

WORD

READING: Jeremiah 28:1-7

U A reading from Jeremiah.

In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, which King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. I will also bring back to this place King Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, says the LORD, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon."

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ..."

U The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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Verse: "This Is My Song" (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 of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions.

- 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)
- Ginger Helgeson
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)

- 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.

P God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*). Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (*especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. 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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

P Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

P Together in the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*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 SONG: *Take My Life, & Let It Be*

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose
Every power as thou shalt choose
Oh-oh Oh-oh Oh-oh
Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne
It shall be thy royal throne
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store
Take my self, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever only all for thee*

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COMMUNION SONG: "Instrument of Peace"

Refrain: *Lord make me an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace* (repeat)

1: *Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life.* Refrain

2: *Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is injury, your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain.* Refrain

Coda: **Amen Amen**

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are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat

C Amen.

NOISY OFFERING

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

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
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*

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
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*

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

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:

We will have a display of Easter lilies around the cross and the altar on Easter Sunday, March 31. This is the order form for your lilies.

After the worship service on Easter Sunday, you may take your lily home with you. A sheet will be posted in the narthex listing your name and the lilies you ordered. Someone will be available in the sanctuary to help you get your flowers.

The **deadline** to order your Easter lilies is **Sunday, March 17**. You may place this order form in the offering plate, mail it to church or place it in the secretary's mail box in the office.

Name Env. #

Phone/email

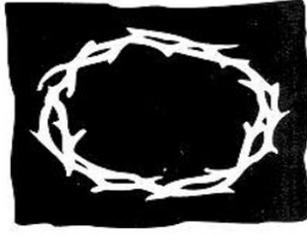
Amt. enclosed \$ _____ for # _____ Easter lily/lilies at \$20.00/ea.

Check one: In honor of In memory of:

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Holy Week at Grace Lutheran Church



Palm Sunday * March 24

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Pot luck brunch at 10:30



Maundy Thursday * March 28

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday * March 29

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday * March 31

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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On Facebook at Grace Lutheran Kenosha

Holy Week worship services at Grace:
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday March
28 and Good Friday March 29.

Kenosha's ELCA Good Friday
service will be held at Lord of Life,
5601 Washington Road, on Friday,
March 29 at 12:00 noon.

The logo for Bridges of Hope, featuring a stylized bridge and a sun/moon icon above the text "OUTREACH FOR HOPE".

Bridges of Hope:
Reflections on the Power of Partnership

2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Ash Wednesday - Good Friday

outreachforhope.org/quenten-devotions

A birthday party invitation for Dorothy Watts. It features a large red number "90" and a circular photo of Dorothy Watts holding a small dog. The background is decorated with pink and red floral patterns.

join us for a 90th Birthday Party in honor of
Dorothy Watts

Saturday | April 20th, 2024 | 12pm

12-1pm Buffet, 1-4pm Music
Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th st. Kenosha, WI 53140

RSVP by April 1st to Jessica
at: 531.375.0604
or email Michelle at: misurelli@yahoo.com

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 - Homeless Diversion
 - Warming/Cooling Center
 - Emergency Food
 - Emergency Clothing
 - Computer Access
 - Bus Tokens & More

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Monday thru Thursday
9am to 3pm

HOPE HUB FUNCTIONS AS A ONE-STOP SHOP

HOPE HUB Community Center furthers our mission of maximizing the potential of the people we serve. Through a direct-care model, HOPE HUB enables people to get the services, case management, and wrap-around services that they need to continue to make a better life for themselves and their families.

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Left to Right: Jojo, Malik, Wendy, Maxine (Receptionist) and Esther



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GRACE LUTHERAN CHILI FEST



Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Grace Lutheran Church,
2006 60th Street, Kenosha

Admission: \$10 per person or pay what you can

Tickets can be purchased from the church office. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

What is included:

- All-you-can-eat meat or vegan chili
- Refreshing lemonade
- Warm cornbread and delicious cookies
- Chili fixings galore
- Optional add-ons: hot dogs available for \$1 each

Family fun activities:

- Bounce house
- Special carnival-style activities for kids
- Complete all activities to enter raffle for exciting prizes!
- Groove to live music
- Enjoy tunes from our church band

Can't stay? No problem! Take your chili with you to-go

