

## Grace Lutheran Church

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The fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker

Music leader: Gracie Underwood

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## GATHERING

WELCOME.

WELCOME 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: "Let Justice Flow like Streams" (ELW #717)

1: *Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.*

2: *Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.*

3: *So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.*

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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.


O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–17

 A reading from Amos.

**T**his is what the LORD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the LORD said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of

Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,

and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away

from its land.'"

 The word of the Lord.

 **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*

Coda: *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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### "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.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war (*areas in crisis may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers (*local water sources may be named*). Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love (*especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today*). Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain.

- 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 Cassidy'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
- 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** Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. 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 (sung)

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

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

### COMMUNION SONG: "Take My Life, That I May Be" (ELW #583)

***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: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (ELW #325)

***1: I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;***

*all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*2: In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*3: When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;*

*when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

#### 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.

## 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.

#### SENDING SONG: "Put Not Your Hope in the Nation"

*1: Put not your hope in the nation;  
Put not your hope in a king.  
Trust in the only one who opens eyes  
and sets the prisoner free.*

*2: He is the maker of heaven;  
He formed the earth and the sea.  
Our help will come from the Lord our God,  
our gracious king of peace.*

Refrain: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*3: He is the hope of the hungry;  
He is the Lord of the feast.*

*Our Father's house always opens wide  
to welcome refugees.*

*4: The fatherless find a Father;  
The widow rests in His strength.  
The heart of God is forever home  
to all the poor and weak.* Refrain.

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#### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Attendance March 3: >28

New members class continues after the worship service this morning. Reception of new members is scheduled April 7. Please see Pastor Barker if you are interested in joining the Grace family.

Sensory toy baskets have been placed in our sanctuary and lobby for those who are neurodiverse. Please help us make our space welcoming for everyone by returning the toys to the baskets for future use.

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.

The compressor for the church building's heating system was repaired this week. The repair cost is \$4,100; so far, members and friends have designated \$2,400 in gifts toward this. 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.

Are people interested in having a Palm Sunday pot luck brunch? Please see the lavender colored sign-up sheet in the narthex.



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Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI) \$25.00	4%		\$
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Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	JHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sendik's Food Market \$25.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	JCPanney \$25.00	5%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	L.L. Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$50.00	8%		\$	Lane Bryant® \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
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Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	6%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	0%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$				
Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				

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Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

Men's Group is planning a chili fund raiser.

Trinity and Lakeside Lutheran Churches offer Lenten midweek services on alternating Wednesdays. Trinity, 7104 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, hosts on March 13; Lakeside, 3833 Eighth Avenue, hosts on March 20. Soup supper is served at 5:30; the worship service follows at 6:15.

Holy Week worship services at Grace: 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday March 28 and Good Friday March 29. The ELCA Good Friday service will be held at Lord of Life on Friday, March 29 at 12:00 noon. Lord of Life is located at 5601 Washington Road in Kenosha.

"Songs with Friends Concert Series" presents a benefit concert for local community missions featuring folk singer/songwriter Joe Jencks, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 5410 Sheridan Road. Suggested donation: \$25 at the door; no one turned away. For \$20 pre-sale tickets, find the Facebook event at "Immanuel United Methodist Church Kenosha" or email [songswithfriendsconcert@gmail.com](mailto:songswithfriendsconcert@gmail.com)

Copies of this week's Outreach for Hope Lenten devotionals are on the bureau in the narthex.

Receipts last Sunday:

General offering.....	\$ 2,165.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 20.00
Compressor.....	\$ 50.00
Building maintenance .....	\$ 250.00
Fish bake .....	\$ 305.00
Easter lily .....	\$ 20.00
From friends of the congregation:	
General offering.....	\$ 105.00
Pastor's salary/benefits .....	\$ 2,200.00
Welcome Center.....	\$ 200.00
In memory of Tim Pfaff.....	\$ 25.00
<u>Minus internet transaction fees.....</u>	<u>\$ (28.50)</u>
Total .....	\$ 5,337.50