

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***COME TO RECEIVE – GO TO SHARE***  
***March 23, 2025***

## Third Sunday in Lent

### Pre-Service Music

*Stand*

### Hymn of Invocation: Come, Ye Disconsolate



1. Come, ye dis - con - solate,    wher-e'er ye languish, come to the mer - cy seat,
2. Joy of the des - o-late,    light of the stray-ing, hope of the pen - i-tent,
3. Here see the bread of life;    see waters flow - ing forth from the throne of God,



fer - vent - ly kneel.    Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your  
fade - less and pure!    Here speaks the Com - for - ter,    ten - der - ly  
pure from a - bove.    Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er



an - guish;    earth has no sor-row that heaven can - not heal.  
say - ing,    "Earth has no sor-row that heaven can - not cure."  
know - ing    earth has no sor-row but heaven can re - move.

WORDS: Thomas Moore, 1816; alt. by Thomas Hastings, 1831

MUSIC (CONSOLATOR 11 10.11 10): Samuel Webbe, Sr., 1792

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## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Exhortation

LSB 167

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

LSB 167

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Prayer for Mercy

- P** O God, Father in heaven,
- C** **Have mercy on us.**
- P** Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by every evil, every woe.
- C** **Upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.**
- P** O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,
- C** **Have mercy upon us.**
- P** Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave.
- C** **Your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.**

- P** O God, Holy Spirit,  
**C** **Have mercy upon us.**  
**P** O lavish Giver, come to aid the feeble children your grace has made.  
**C** **Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort, come to stay. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:12–16*

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual

Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them

did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written

down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not

common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Verse for Lent

*LSB 570 st. 3*

3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68

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## Holy Gospel

John 14:8–14

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

## Apostles’ Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

# Hymn of the Day: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

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## Sermon

## Offering

*Stand*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For repentance and faith in Christ, that God would guard us from doubt and deliver us to life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For a faithful proclamation of the divine truth of the Scriptures, that God would give all Christians strength to defend that message; and that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**



**P** For protection against sexual immorality, that God would make our homes havens of chastity and godly instruction, filling marriages with fidelity and love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For protection when we are tempted, that God in His faithfulness would guard us from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that He will provide the way of escape; and that He would strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until He delivers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who cry to the Lord for mercy in a world where sufferings and hardships can be overwhelming, (*especially ...*), that the Lord would deliver and heal them, strengthening their faith to look to Him for help, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** We commend all these for whom we pray to your great mercy, O Lord God Almighty, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Crucified Savior.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

LSB 177

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

**C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*LSB 180*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.



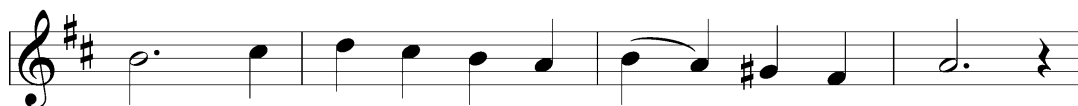
☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution of Holy Communion

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

*We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.*

*Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray. If you would prefer a gluten free host, please indicate to the Pastor.*

*Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.*

**Distribution Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown**

LSB 430

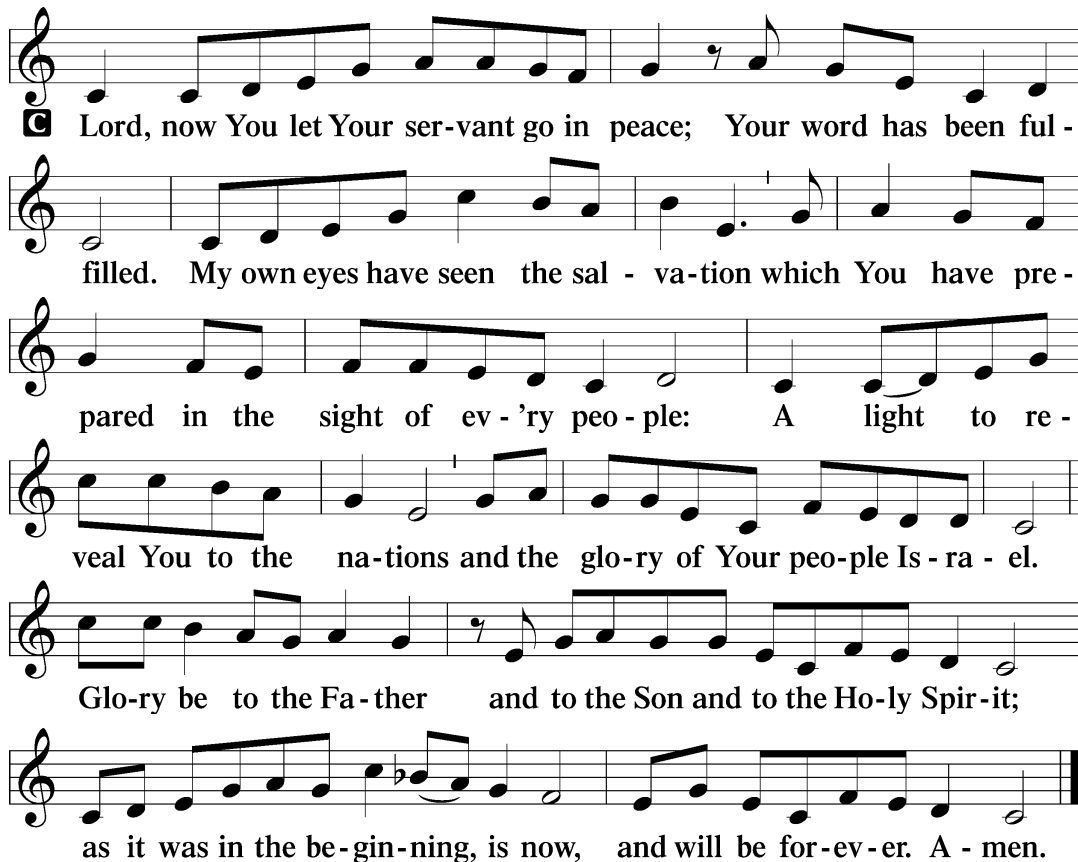
**Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

LSB 610

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 182



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

LSB 181

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 183

- 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.



# Hymn to Depart: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## Closing Response

- A Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

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## **LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, March 26 & April 2, 9  
11:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekday 11:15 AM services will be in person only

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**April 13, 10:00 AM**

Palm Sunday

**April 17, 11:15 AM and 7:00 PM**

Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service

**April 18, 11:15 AM and 7:00 PM**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**April 20, 6:45 AM**

Easter Sunrise Service  
with Holy Communion

**April 20, 10:00 AM**

Easter Festival Service  
with Holy Communion