

First Sunday in Lent

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Online Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Catechism Class - Online	6:30 p.m.

Per Re-opening Plan other classes are suspended at this time.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 32:22-32 † 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

† Matthew 15:21-28 †

Sermon: Pastor Maggard

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Divine Service III - Abbreviated

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm Tone B



Introit

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13

When he calls to Me, I will | answer him;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him My sal- | vation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1-21

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the

garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman He said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam He said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the
mother of all living. 21 And the LORD God made for Adam and
for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Tone B



Gradual

Psalm 91:11-12

He will command His angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

¹Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



Psalm Tone B

Tract

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

**He will cover you with His | pinions,*
and under His wings you will find | refuge.**

When he calls to Me, I will | answer him;*
I will be with him in | trouble.

**With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him My sal- | vation.**

The Holy gospel according to St Matthew, the fourth chapter.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But He answered, "It is written,

“ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written,

“ ‘He will command His angels concerning You,’

and

“ ‘On their hands they will bear You up,

lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' ” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a

very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus

said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God
and Him only shall you serve.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 A sword and shield victorious;
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
 And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
 Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
 He arms Himself to fight.
On earth He has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match His might,
 We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight,
 Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
 The Lord of hosts is He,
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
 God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
 All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
 They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
 In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
 God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
 No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
 With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
 Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
 They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Sermon

Pastor Maggard

Stand

Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.**

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Communion Hymn #1 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 770

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Communion Hymn #2 *Come My Soul with Every Care* 779

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
 Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
 Therefore will not turn away.
- 2 Thou art coming to a King,
 Large petitions with thee bring,
For His grace and pow'r are such,
 None can ever ask too much.
- 3 With my burden I begin,
 Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
 Set my conscience free from guilt.

4 Lord! Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be you,
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did
not cover my iniquity; I said,
“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Psalm 32:5

Announcements

- ➔ Altar Guild meeting after service today.
- ➔ Lenten Service is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Service will be held at church and streamed online.
- ➔ On Thursday, February 25th through Saturday, February 27th, the parking lot will be closed due to a slurry coat and striping being applied, weather permitting.

There are still spots available on the flower chart to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, other special event or person. Even though we don't have real flowers at this time, your memorial of an event is still very important.

Daily Devotions

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm
Feb 21	Genesis 4:1-26	Mark 2:18-28	79:5-9
Feb 22	Genesis 6:1-7:5	Mark 3:1-19	2
Feb 23	Genesis 7:11-8:12	Mark 3:20-35	104:1-9
Feb 24	Genesis 8:13-9:17	Mark 4:1-20	74:10-17
Feb 25	Genesis 11:27-12:20	Mark 4:21-41	107:23-32
Feb 26	Genesis 13:1-48	Mark 5:1-20	73:25-28
Feb 27	Genesis 15:1-21	Mark 5:21-43	32:1-5



All the following evening services will meet online and at church at 7:00p.m.

February

24th - Wednesday Midweek

March 3rd – Wednesday Midweek

10th – Wednesday Midweek

17th – Wednesday Midweek

24th – Wednesday Midweek

April 1st - Maundy Thursday

2nd - Good Friday

3rd - Easter Vigil Service

EASTER SERVICES – Sunday Morning

4th – Sunrise Service – 7 a.m.

Divine Service – 9 a.m.

Serving Today

Organist	<i>Gail James</i>
Elder	<i>Richard Franzen</i>
Ushers	<i>Allan Dellinger, Glen James</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Kurt Wampole</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Erin Maggard, Lynda Olson</i>
Greeters	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Diane Kline, Mike Miller</i>

Prayer Requests

Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Gloria Reinschmidt, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

Prayers requested this week for: Pastor Eric, Kawaii and Pastor Eric's dad – Jack; Ron Pickinpaugh's co-worker and wife in the loss of their unborn baby; Bill and Judi Parker-Choske; Debbie Schwartz; Brian Smith and family.

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Hannah and Mike Villasenor and their unborn daughter; Tamara Mahomes' friend- Vivian's son – Grant; Caitlyn Del Rio's best friend's family – especially, Azmoon; Carla Del Rio's friend – Maria; Dolores Smith's nephew – Jacob and his mom, Jenny; Don Sidoti's Uncle Douglas, Aunt Marge and family; Justin and Tiffany Izzo and their unborn son; Carla Del Rio's mom – Darlene and sister, Amy; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and Jackson; and unspoken prayers.

We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.