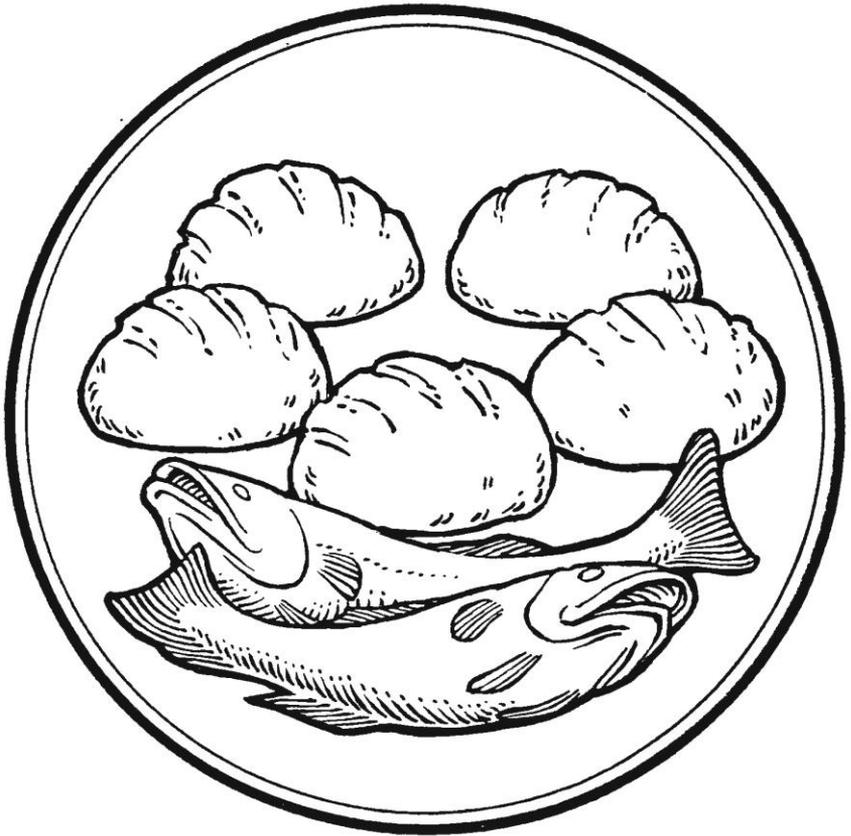


Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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.

Altar Flowers would have been sponsored this morning by
Lynda Olson celebrating John and Leslie's Anniversary!

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:15 a.m.
Tuesday	Catechism Class - Online	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Midweek Lent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Women's Bible Study	4:00 p.m.

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday
Genesis 22:1-14 † Hebrews 9:11-15 † John 8:42-59
Sermon: Pastor Maggard

Fourth Sunday in Lent
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.

body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 49:8-13

- ⁸ Thus says the LORD:
“In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped you;
I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages,
⁹ saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’
They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;
¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.
¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.
¹² Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.”

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted His people
and will have compassion on His afflicted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm Tone B

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

Epistle

Galatians 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the Law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband."

²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Psalm Tone B



Tract

Psalm 125:1-2, 5b

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds
His | people,***

**from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon
| Israel!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-15

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing

on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

743

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
 Thou art mine,
 O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
 Cannot reach me here.
 Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
 Jesus calms my fear.
 Lightnings flash
 And thunder crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
 Fear, I bid thee cease.
 World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
 While I sing of peace.

God's great pow'r
Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
 Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
 Told with tempting voice.
 Pain or loss,
 Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in;
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,

Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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

Blessed Assurance

SA 5

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a fore-taste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight;
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight,
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

Communion Hymn # 2

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

SA 20

- 1 I don't know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine
For its skies, may turn to gray.
I don't worry o'er the future,

For I know what Jesus said;
And today I'll walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead.

CHORUS:

Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand,
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

2 Every step is getting brighter,
As the golden stairs I climb;
Every burden's getting lighter,
every cloud is silver-lined.
There the sun is always shining,
There no tear will dim the eye,
At the ending of the rainbow,
Where the mountains reach the sky.

CHORUS

3 I don't know about tomorrow,
It may bring me poverty,
But the One who feeds the sparrow,
Is the One who stands by me,
And the path that is my portion,
may be through the flame or flood,
But His presence goes before me,
And I'm covered with His blood.

CHORUS

Stand

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

Depart in peace.

Amen.

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.

With God we shall do valiantly;
it is He who will tread down our foes

Psalm 60:12

Announcements

- ➔ April Worship Hymns are due tomorrow, Monday, March 15th.
- ➔ Newsletter Articles are due on Tuesday, March 16th.
- ➔ Elder Meeting is on Thursday, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting is at church.

There is an Altar Guild meeting next Sunday, March 21st, after the Adult Bible Study.

Daily Devotions

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms
March 14	Genesis 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33	60:1, 9-12
March 15	Genesis 42:1-34, 38	Mark 12:1-12	3
March 16	Genesis 43:1-28	Mark 12:13-27	37:16-20
March 17	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34	Mark 12:28-44	26:1-7
March 18	Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28	Mark 13:1-23	82
March 19	Genesis 47:1-31	Mark 13:24-37	77:11-15
March 20	Genesis 49:29- 50:7, 14-26	Mark 14:1-11	44:1-4



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

March 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.
Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.
Divine Service – 9 a.m.

Serving Today

Organist	<i>Gail James</i>
Elder	<i>Mike Miller</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Kline, Dave Nehls</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Miller</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<i>Jim and Diane Kline</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Betty Guinn, Maletta 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: **Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Alma Rich's son – David and his wife, Judy in the loss of her mom; Alma Rich's niece – Justine and her family in the loss of her husband; Lynda Olson's friend - Daryl.**

We keep in Prayer: **Tony Mantz and family; 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; 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; Pastor Eric, Kawaii and Pastor Eric's dad – Jack; Kevin and Laura Mitchell; Randy and Gail York 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.**