

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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**March 21, 2021**



**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.

**Altar Flowers** would have been sponsored this morning by *Joe and Patti Guerra celebrating their granddaughter – Juliana's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and Joe's baptism!*

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### 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	5:00 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.**

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Scripture Readings for Next Sunday  
Zechariah 9:9-12 + Philipians 2:5-11 + Matthew 26:1-27:66  
Sermon: Pastor Maggard

**Fifth 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.**

## Psalm Tone B



### Introit

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon; Psalm 43:1-2a

Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***

**For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.**

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them | lead me;\*

let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your | dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding  
joy,\***

**and I will praise You with the lyre, O | God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil  
with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation |  
and my God.

**Vindicate me, | O God,\***

**and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***

For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.

### 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.**

Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm Tone B**

**Gradual**

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!

**[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\***

**You rescued me from the man of | violence.**

**Epistle**

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent

(not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



**Psalm Tone B**

**Tract**

Psalm 129:1-4

"Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth"—\*  
let Israel | now say—

**"Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.**

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*  
they made long their | furrows."

**The LORD is | righteous;\***

**He has cut the cords of the | wicked.**

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

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

**John 8:42:59**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do You not believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup> Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup> But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I

were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

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- 1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be,  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none

The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And 'ganst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made a way;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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**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

*O Perfect Life of Love*

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- 1 O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.

3 No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.

4 And on His thorn-crowned head  
And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid  
That He might make us whole.

5 In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In ev'ry time of need,  
Before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought

### **Communion Hymn # 2**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

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1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.
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*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.**

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But I trust in You, O LORD,  
I say, "You are my God."

Psalm 31:14

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## **Announcements**

- ➔ There is an Altar Guild meeting today, after the Adult Bible Study.
- ➔ It is time to sign up for or renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. Please complete your information at the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. The price is \$15.96 for the year. This includes 11 issues since the June/July issue is combined. You can make a check out to church and church will make the payment.

## Daily Devotions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Psalms</b>
March 21	Exodus 1:1-22	<b>Mark 14:12-31</b>	<b>129</b>
March 22	Exodus 2:1-22	<b>Mark 14:32-52</b>	<b>31:9-14</b>
March 23	Exodus 2:23-3:22	<b>Mark 14:53-72</b>	<b>39:1-7</b>
March 24	Exodus 4:1-18	<b>Mark 15:1-15</b>	<b>18:6-7, 16-20</b>
March 25	Exodus 4:19-31	<b>Mark 15:16-32</b>	<b>69:33-36</b>
March 26	Exodus 5:1-6:1	<b>Mark 15:33-47</b>	<b>22:1-5</b>
March 27	Exodus 7:1-25	<b>Mark 16:1-20</b>	<b>78:52-55</b>



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

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Midweek**

**April - Holy Week**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Maundy Thursday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Vigil Service**

**EASTER SERVICES – Sunday Morning**

**4<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Service – 7 a.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.**

**Divine Service – 9 a.m.**

## Serving Today

Pianist	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Elder	<i>Richard Franzen</i>
Ushers	<i>Allan Dellinger, Glen James</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Miller</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<i>Grace Family</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Mike and Carol Draney</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: Don Sidoti's nephew – Thomas and family; Kim Franzen.*

*We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; 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.*