

**Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023—8:30am**



Grace Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

East to West"arr. Melody Bober

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✚ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Lift My Eyes”

Refrain: I lift my eyes to the mountains.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from our God
who made heav’n and earth.

In the scorching sands of desert, there’s promise of shade.
In your deepest night a still small voice says don’t be afraid.

In your going and your coming a Guardian is near.
In the face of death the open arms of love appear.

When it all seems so confusing, alone in despair,
The cross reveals new hope for life to rise from there.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“My Savior, My God”

I am not skilled to understand, what God has willed, what God has planned. I only know at his right hand, stands One who is my Savior.

I take him at his word and deed, Christ died to save me this I read. And in my heart I find a need of him to be my Savior.

That he would leave his place on high and come for sinful men to die, You count it strange, so once did I before I knew my Savior.

Refrain: My Savior loves, my Savior lives, my Savior's always there for me. My God he was, my God he is, my God he's always gonna be. My Savior loves, my Savior lives, my Savior's always there for me. My God he was, my God he is, my God he's always gonna be.

Yes, living, dying, let me bring my strength my solace from this spring that he who lives to be my king once died to be my Savior.

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

Bread for the Journey



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla

Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Do It Again”

Walking around these walls, I thought by now they'd fall, but you have never failed me yet. Waiting for change to come, knowing the battle's won; for you have never failed me yet.

Your promise still stands; great is your faithfulness, faithfulness. I'm still in your hands. This is my confidence: you've never failed me yet.

I know the night won't last. Your word will come to pass. My heart will sing your praise again. Jesus, you're still enough; keep me within your love. My heart will sing your praise again.

I've seen you move. You move the mountains, and I believe I'll see you do it again. You made a way where there was no way, and I believe I'll see you do it again.

You've never failed me yet. I never will forget.
You've never failed me yet. I never will forget.

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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