



March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent

As We Gather: We focus our attention on Christ crucified. The apostle Paul tells us that this is a stumbling block and foolishness to some people. Yet Paul reminds us that for us who are being saved, Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. We may face people in our lives who view us as foolish. God in His wisdom sent Jesus to die for you. We remember that Christ went to the cross to save us forevermore.

WELCOME

HYMN: LSB 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

(Moment of silenced for personal confession.)

All: Almighty God, you have called us to peace, but so often we choose strife and anger. We do not seek to follow your will and walk in love. Instead, we listen to the temptations of the world around us, and we are at times the cause of strife. We live according to our own selfish desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us each day to follow our Savior.

Pastor: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to suffer and die for our sins to bring us peace with God and with one another. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

People: Almighty God, set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of peace.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

[During Lent many congregations omit the Hymn of Praise.]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 *(The account of God giving the Ten Commandments.)*

²⁰And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *(Paul reminds us of the importance of faithfully proclaiming the message of the cross.)*

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate. ²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the

wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22 (*Jesus drives the merchants and money changers out of the temple.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: LSB 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" vs. 1, 2, 6 & 7

SERMON: Colossians 1:19-20 "Guided to Peace"

NICENE CREED:

All: 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.

PRAYERS

OFFERINGS

COMMUNION CONFESSION *(1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 11-23-32)*

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has fulfilled all righteousness for us and taken our punishment so we might have forgiveness and salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy *(Music in hymnal LSB page 161)*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and Earth. You deal with us in mercy, showing Your steadfast love to generations of those who love You and keep Your commands. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God *(Music in the hymnal LSB page 163)*

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: LSB 560 "Drawn To The Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"
LSB 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord *(Music in hymnal LSB page 164)*

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgivings. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that we shall ever put our hope in Jesus, who fulfilled the Law for us and who died to be our Savior; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LSB 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 3, 2024

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Grace, Aurora - served by Rev. Ken Lampe

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanks:

Harvey Gilbert – (Pastor Ken's brother-in-law)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Sandra Whalen – (health and healing from back surgery on March 5th)

Complete Prayer List:

Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)

Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)

Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)

Jim Troyke – (health and healing from surgery)

Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)

Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)

Norma Kaiser – (friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)

Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken hip)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell's mother – health and healing)

Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)

Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)

Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)

Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)

Dean Hadley – (health and healing)

Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health and healing)

Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)

Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)

Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)

Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)

Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)

Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)

Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)



THIS WEEK

Sunday	March 3 rd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service with communion
Monday	March 4 th	No Braille in Freistatt LWML in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	March 5 th	Pastor in Office Pizza – 6:00 pm Service – 7:00 pm with Pastor Sletten
Thursday	March 6 th	Pastor in Office
Saturday	March 9 th	E2 Conference at Faith Lutheran Springfield, MO 9:00AM – 12:30PM Time Change – Spring forward
Sunday	March 10 th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service

Birthdays: Katelyn Foley-3/02; Stan Crandall-3/02; Bill Munden-3/08; Sharon Crandall-3/08; Garrett Dean-3/09

Anniversaries: NONE

LWML will meet on March 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the chapel. Our speaker will be Pastor Ken Lampe. In his role as leader of our Braille workshop, Pastor Lampe will talk about the importance of volunteers and their role in printing books of the Bible in Braille. A business meeting will follow the program. All are welcome to attend.



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The event date and details will be set shortly. Please consider signing up to help out.

BABY SHOWER - The Dorcas Ladies Aid/LWML will have an ingathering of baby items for the Springfield Lutheran Family and Children Services on Sunday, March 3rd, and Sunday, March 10th. Items needed by LCFS Hope Chest to serve their clients include:

1. Diapers, any size - They are receiving diapers through a diaper bank but it is not enough to meet the need.
2. New or gently used clothing, size 0 to 3 toddler
3. Onesies, especially long sleeve, **always needed**
4. Pacifiers, **always needed**
5. Baby wash/shampoo, **always needed**
6. Baby wipes, **always needed**
7. Diaper rash ointment, **always needed**

- 8. Baby lotion
- 9. Fingernail clippers
- 10. Teethers
- 11. Flannel receiving blankets
- 12. Baby quilts

Baby wipes are the biggest need at the present time.
 Monetary donations are also welcome.

New Church Directory: Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in hope, peace, trust and perseverance. The services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live out our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

Mar. 3	Colossians 1:19-20	"Guided to Peace"
Mar. 10	1 Timothy 1:15	"Guided to Trust"
Mar. 17	Ephesians 6:18	"Guided to Perseverance"
Mar. 24	Duncan Cox	
Mar. 31	John 2:1-18	"Guided to New Life"

"Words That Last Forever" is the theme for our Midweek Lenten Services. We will listen to Jesus as He speaks from the cross 2000 years ago. And we will ponder the meaning of His words for our own lives in the 21st century.

Mar. 6	John 19:25-27	"Behold"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 13	John 19:30	"Finished"	Ken Lampe
Mar. 20	John 19:28	"Thirst"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 28	Luke 22:19	"For You"	Ken Lampe (Maundy Thursday)
Mar. 29	Luke 23:46	"Hands"	Ken Lampe (Good Friday)

Lenten Devotion booklets are available under the mailboxes.



March

GREETERS:

- 03/03: Emily Ernest & Darlene Lampe**
- 03/10: Bill & Joanne Michel
- 03/17: Bill & Diane Thompson
- 03/24: Stan & Sharon Crandall
- 03/31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS:

- 03/03: Rob Springer**
- 03/10: David Lampe
- 03/17: Harold Lampe
- 03/24: Charlie Chambers
- 03/31: Bill Michel