



**March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent  
Order of Worship  
Divine Service, Setting One**

**HYMN:        LSB 696        "O God, My Faithful God"**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:**        **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**Pastor:**        If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**People:**        **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**Pastor:**        Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:**            **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:**        Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**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 and fill us with Your peace.  
People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** Omitted during the season of Lent.

**SALUTATION and 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness<sup>[a]</sup> when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not

pleased, for they were overthrown<sup>[b]</sup> in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ<sup>[c]</sup> to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE**

**All:** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup> And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** LSB 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

**SERMON:** Luke 13:3 "First Response: Pray" Rev. Robert Herring

### **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.

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB pp. 160-161 (*spoken*)

**All:** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and shall call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You order and number our days according to Your wisdom. Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering. Let us hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, guard Your people against sexual immorality. Grant that our homes would be havens of godly instruction and chastity, and fill marriages with fidelity and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of all, You establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by Your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Faithful God, protect us when we are tempted. Guard us especially from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that You provide the way of escape. Strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until You deliver us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy God, remember Your people who cry to You for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort and strengthen them to look to You for help in their time of affliction. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

### COLLECT FOR PEACE:

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 23, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO  
Church: 417-678-3603 Pastor Ken Lampe Cell: 417-366-3597  
[pastor@gracelutheranaurora.com](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranaurora.com)

---

Family for the Week: Larry & Jodi Wright  
Immanuel, Lockwood - Rev. Kyle Fittje

### Prayers of Peace and Comfort

Family of Ernest Ramm – (Brother-in-law of Gladys Bauer on his passing)

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Cathy Munden – prayers of thanks for her recovery

### Prayers for Health and Healing:

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing from lasting heart problems)

---

## Complete Prayer List:

### Temporary

Bob Brents – (health and healing)  
 Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)  
 Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
 Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)  
 Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)  
 Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)

Steve Parker – (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing surgery)  
 Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
 Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
 Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)  
 Bill Thompson – (health and healing)  
 Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and healing)  
 Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

### Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)  
 Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
 Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
 Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
 Jane Goodman – (health & healing)  
 Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)  
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)  
 Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
 Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing, cancer)  
 Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)  
 Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)  
 Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother – health and healing)  
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
 Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
 Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)  
 Barbara Jean Wilson – Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Pizza – 5:30 pm</b> <b>Service - 6:30 pm – Pastor Jake</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b> <b>Lunch after Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b>

**Birthdays: Cindi Wolf and David Lampe-Mar. 24; David Hoaglan-Mar. 25;**  
**Kelsey Robertson-Mar. 26; Don Wolf-Mar. 29**  
**Anniversaries: Scott & Tammy Stafford-Mar. 25**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>03/23: Charlie &amp; Edee Chambers</b>		<b>23: Charlie Chambers</b>
<b>03/30: Emily Ernest &amp; Sue Doss</b>		<b>30: David Lampe</b>



**Choice Dollars:** Please use them or lose them by March 31. If questions, ask Pam.

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June are now available.

**New Member Church Directory:** We will be printing a new church directory in April. We will have a proof sheet for review of information. Please review the sheet and make any corrections as needed. You may also text me at 417-489-0413 or email changes to [chambers120@gmail.com](mailto:chambers120@gmail.com). Also, if you want a new picture, txt or email a selfie that you wish to include in the directory.

**Lenten Lunches Start on March 12 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Verona. (212 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)**

**Wednesday, April 9:** Grace Lutheran Church is responsible for serving the meal at the Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, April 9th. The meals are being served at the Catholic Church in Verona. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone wanting to help with this project. We will need soup, sandwiches and dessert for approximately 50 people. If you have any questions, contact Pam Bowling.

**April 5 (Saturday) Project Shine will be from 9 am to 12 pm at Camp Barnabas** to help get ready for campers this summer. Please sign up! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bowling.

**MEN:**

Build bunk beds

Build gate

Put up railings around Inspirational Point

Replace Smoke Alarm batteries

**LADIES:**

Clean ranch house downstairs

Wash windows in new dining hall

Clean bathroom floors in Well house

Wash and fold laundry in Well house

**LWML will meet April 7 at 1:30 in the chapel.** Our guest speaker will be Karen Millsap, a glass artist, from Mt. Vernon. She will be telling us about her work and about the role of the Mt. Vernon Regional Arts Council in our community. Please join us for this interesting program.

**The LWML Spring Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Stockton, Missouri.**

Registration begins at 2:30 pm. The gathering begins at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please let Edith Chambers know by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is on the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, ask Edith.

**Free Will Offering April 6:** Grace will be taking a freewill offering for Pastor to help with local requests for food, rent, utilities, etc.