

# ***Grace Lutheran Church***

*February 25, 2024*

## ***Second Sunday in Lent***

*Pastor Phil Heinze*

*Organist, Kathy Painter*





# *Holy Communion*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

### Welcome and Announcements

Happy Birthday Ryan Chambers!

Happy Birthday Eileen Wirpsa!

Thank you to Pastor Phil for preaching at both Calvary and Grace today! You are truly a marvel!

We would like to put our Thrivent grant money to good use, and we need your help. We would like those who don't have grants available to have a chance to participate more directly by having a say in the projects we take on. So, if you know of any non-profits or an individual or family that could use a little boost, please let Mary Ann know.

If you are watching online, you can read along with the bulletin posted at the church website [fwgrace.org](http://fwgrace.org).

Prayer Requests: Richard Minarcik, The Family of Mark Dearborn (Debbie's friend), Carol Anderson (Linda's sister), Calvin and Fleeta Miller, Marshall McKee and family, Teresa Bassett, Jane Prater, Jack Prater (friends of Eng), Bob Ray (friend of Mary Ann)

# Confession and Forgiveness

*\*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

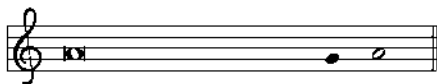
**\*Gathering Song** My Faith Looks up to Thee - ELW 759

## Greeting

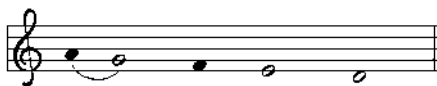
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

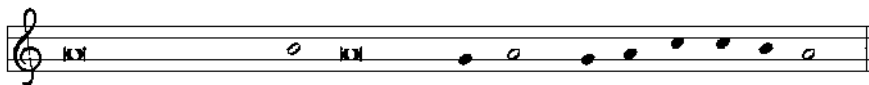
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



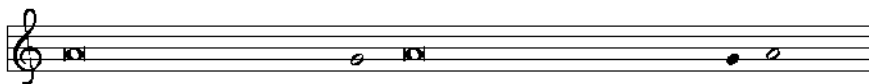
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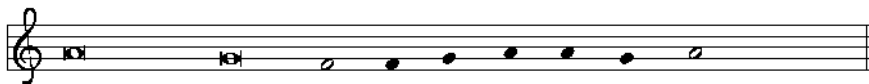
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



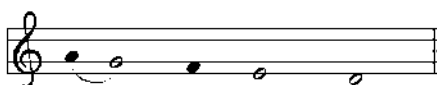
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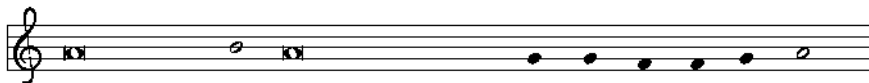
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

# Canticle of Praise: Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.




Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** (*be seated*)

## **WORD**

### **L First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

## ***Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31***

*<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.*

*Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.*

*<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;*

*but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.*

*<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;*

*I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.*

*<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,*

*Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!*

*<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;*

*all the families of nations shall bow before God.*

*<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.*



*<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;*

*all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.*

***<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.***

*<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,*

*saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"*

## L Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (*\*please stand*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: **Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

<sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** (*please be seated*)

## Sermon

**\*Hymn of the Day** Take My Life, That I May Be - ELW 685

A We confess the faith in which we were baptized.

**Apostles' Creed** (*\*stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*(If you are unable to stand or kneel for the prayers, feel free to be seated during this time.)*

*(After each petition of the prayers:)*

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*please be seated*)

# MEAL

## Offering

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1972-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray,

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

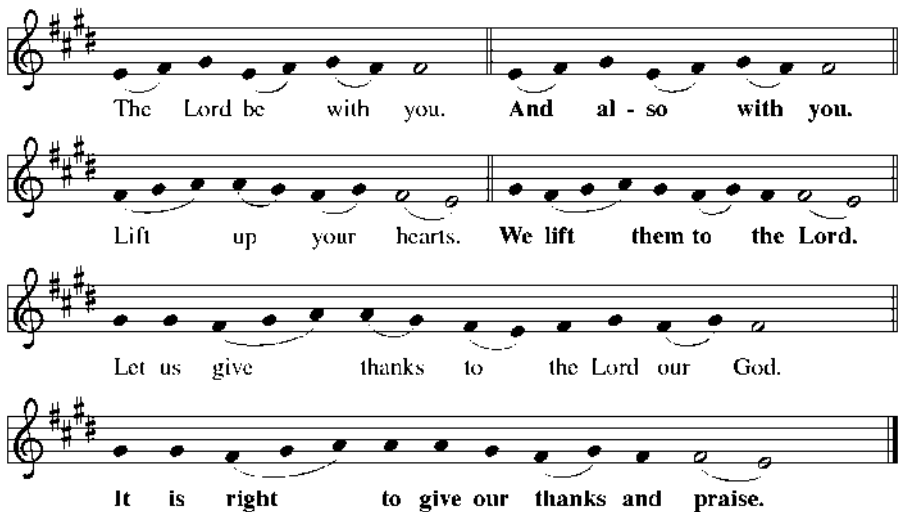
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C Amen.**

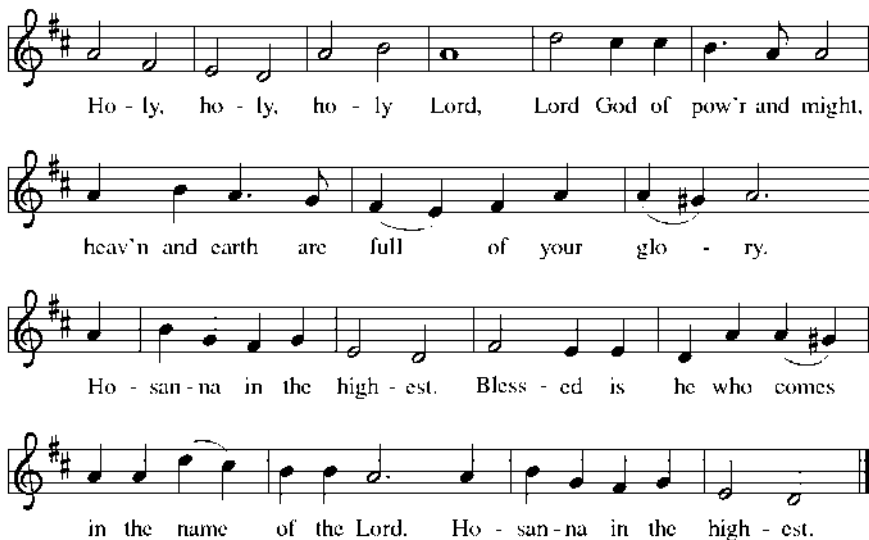
## Great Thanksgiving [II Timothy 4:22; Psalm 136]



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus [Isaiah 6:3]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer [Matthew 26:26-28] (Words of Institution)**

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

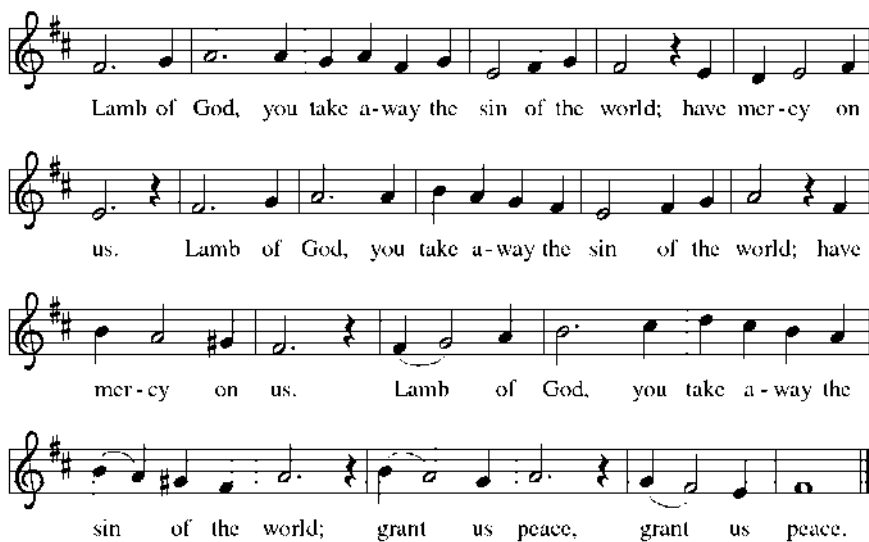
### **The Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]**

**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.**



## Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei [John 1:29]



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Table Blessing (*\*please stand*)

P The body and blood... grace.

C Amen.

## Post-Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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## Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## SENDING

**Blessing: Numbers 6:24-26**

P The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace  
**Amen.**

**\*Sending Song** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - ELW 325

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you to all who serve:

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Manning and Lynn Parks

Ushers: Greg Ruff and Malcolm Stephens

Assistant: JoAnn Chambers

Lector: Robert Grimm

Counter: David Buland

# **Upcoming Commemorations**

***Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921***

***Sunday, February 25, 2024***

*Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.*

***George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633***

***Friday, March 1, 2024***

*An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.*

***John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church***

***Saturday, March 2, 2024***

*These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.*

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