



Grace Lutheran Church

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor Sharayah Robinson

Organist, Kathy Painter



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

We are grateful you chose to worship at Grace and hope that you will experience the joy of God's life-changing love today. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian faith or just visiting, you are welcome here. If you are visiting for the first time today, we would be honored if you would sign the guest book located in the Narthex.

Grace Lutheran Church was established in 1905. After a century in Fort Worth, we remain energized by our mission to pass on the faith, serve our community, worship God, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life and join us as we live out our mission to serve God, our neighbors, and to proclaim the gospel.

Upcoming Commemorations

***Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883;
renewers of society***

Monday, March 10, 2025

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

Holy Communion

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome Pastor Sharayah Robinson!

Happy Anniversary Mary Ann & Scott Manning!

Happy Birthday Fay Gardner!

Please notice the day change - The Leisure Group will meet Monday March 17 from 9:30 am – 2 pm, and lunch will be purchased from Dominos.

Prayer Requests: Tom Lee, Linda Lee, JoAnn Chambers, Martin Noel and Brenda (requested by Jo), Lindsey Fender (requested by Lynn), Peggy Riedel, Fleeta Miller, Carol Anderson (Linda's sister), Loris Ros, Lynn Penn, Kim Conrow (requested by Debbie) Larry Snow (requested by Kathy)

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.

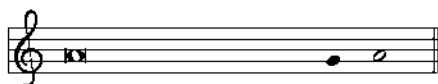
***Gathering Song** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - ELW 504

Greeting

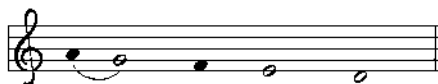
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

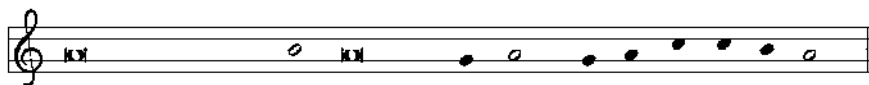
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



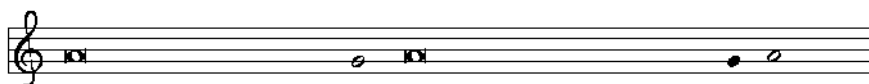
Lord, have mer - cy.



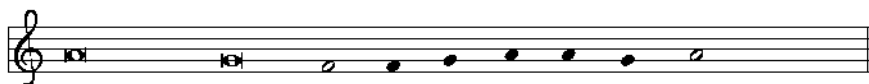
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



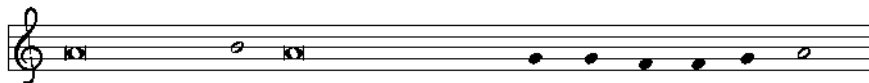
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



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



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 Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ *You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—*

² ***you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my
stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”***

⁹ *Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,*

¹⁰ ***no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.***

¹¹ *For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.*

¹² ***Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.***

¹³ *You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.*

¹⁴ ***I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.***

¹⁵ *They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor
them.*

¹⁶ ***With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.***

L Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one
believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with
the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who
believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand)



P The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

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

Gospel: **Luke 4:1-13**

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** The Glory of These Forty Days -
ELW 320

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



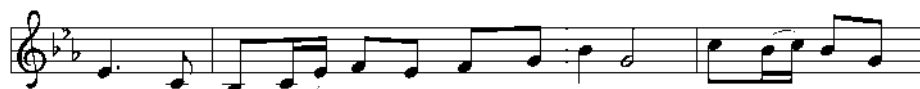
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

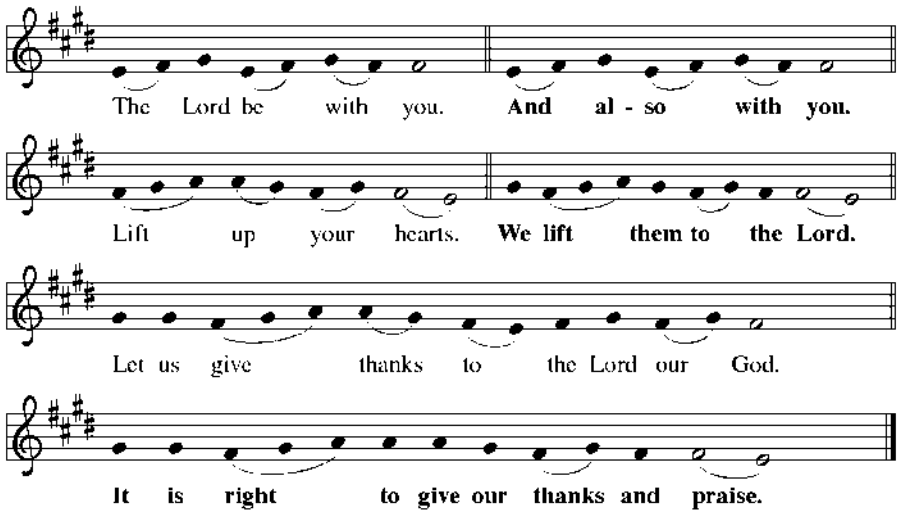
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Offertory Prayer

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

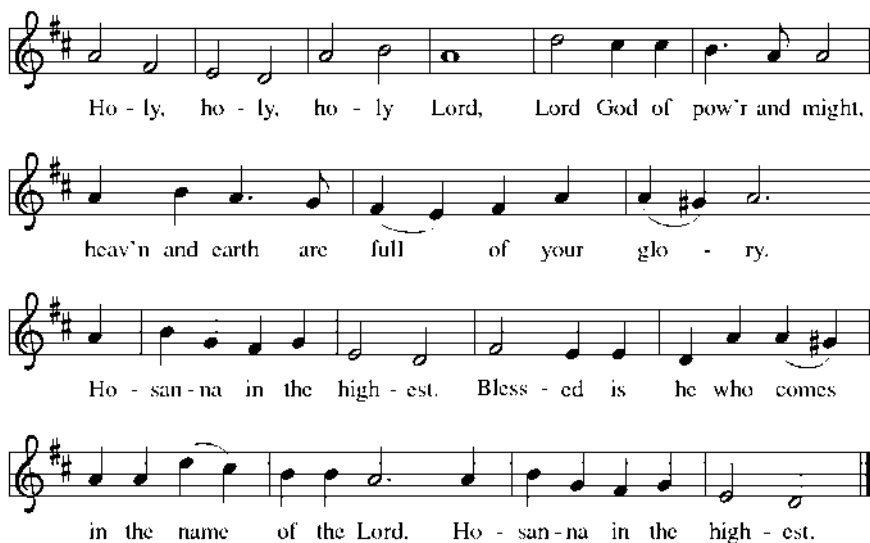
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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 (Words of Institution)

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

The Lord's Prayer

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



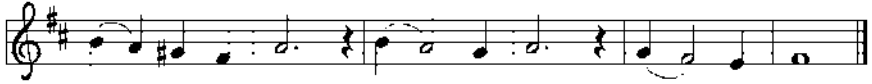
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

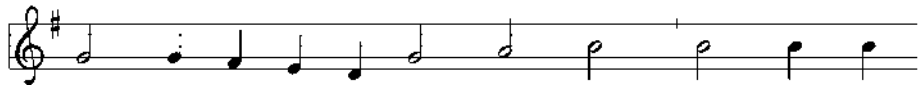
Table Blessing (**please stand*)

P The body and blood... grace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Musical: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

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

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to all who serve:

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Manning and Lynn Parks

Ushers: Greg Ruff and Malcolm Stephens

Assistant: Debbie Stilson

Lector: Diane Thompson

Counter: Diane Thompson