



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Word of Truth

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJV

Lent 5

April 6, 2025

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew

Videographers: Dale Bernthal, David Maas

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WELCOME visitors and members!

We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service, or telephone Pastor Nolting's cell: 507-201-5524. Visitors: please sign the guest book in the entryway.

VIDEO FEED: For overflow or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.

Quiet Bags: Parents—borrow a bag that hangs in the entryway to help your child's quiet endeavors during the sermon. Please return the bags to their hooks after the service. Thank you!

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 43 NKJV

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! For You are the God of my strength; why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Pre-Service Prayer: O LORD God, please watch over me this day as I worship. Instruct my mind with Your truths, fill my heart with your love, and open my lips to sing Your praise. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgy music: TLH p.5ff.

We Prepare to Meet Our LORD

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS WHOSE GRACE WE TREASURE!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

The Lutheran Hymnal 143:1-5

Invocation

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

ALL (sing): Amen.

Our Confession of Sins & God's Absolution

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

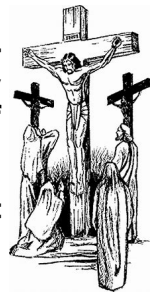
ALL (sing): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

ALL (sing): And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Ps.32:5)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

ALL (sing): Amen.

We Praise Our LORD

Bible Reading: Psalm 38:1-2, 21-22 NKJV

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath:

All: Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

P: For Your arrows pierce me deeply:

All: And Your hand presses me down.

P: Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

All: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! Glory be to God!

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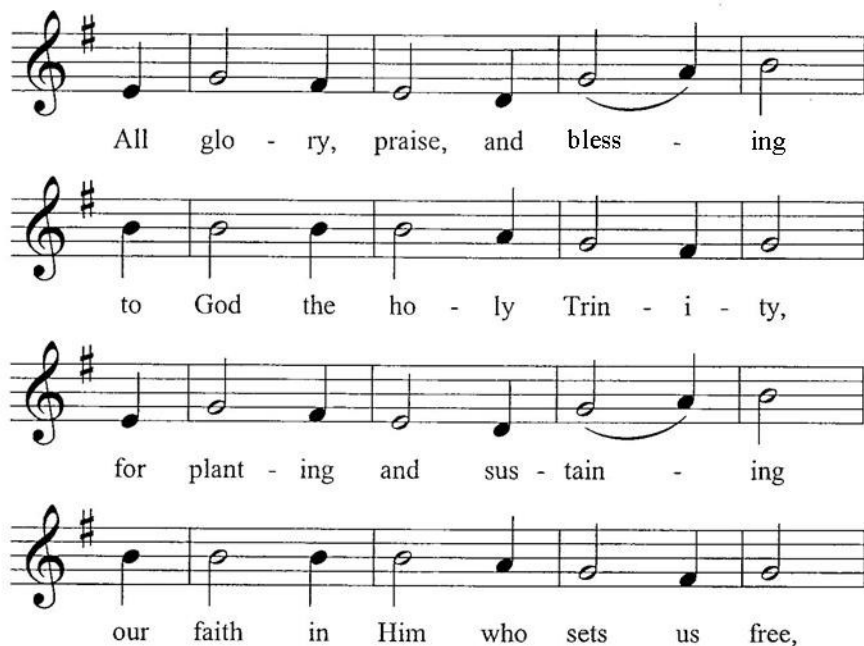
ALL (sing):

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



on whom our trust is found - ed,

our house built on a rock,

our life by grace sur - round - ed,

our Shep - herd's pre - cious flock,

dear chil - dren to Him cling - ing,

who, wel - comed once a - gain,

join saints and an - gels sing - ing,

"A - men, A - men, A - men!

Tune: TLH #316

Text: Stanza 5 of *Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren* as found in *Gemeinde Lieder*, No. 2 attributed to Königsberg 1548.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Thess.3:16)

Congregation (sings): And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL (sing): Amen.

Our LORD Speaks to Us

God's Word as Read in: Psalm 130

This penitential psalm cries out to the LORD for His mercy and forgiveness and urges all believers to place their hope in Him!

ALL Praise (sing): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's Word as Read in: Luke 18:9-14

ALL Welcome (sing): Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus reveals through His parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the temple, that the gift of forgiveness is received by faith as individuals humbly confess their sins.

ALL Respond (sing): Praise be to You, O Christ!

Our Confession of Faith in the Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Hymn: *"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"*

The Lutheran Hymnal 144

Sermon: Text - Romans 5:17-6:4 NKJV

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so

through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

LET US NOT ABUSE THE GRACE OF GOD!

We can avoid such abuse if we...

I. ...learn from history!

II. ...if we live with Christ!

We Offer Ourselves to Our LORD

Offertory: ALL (sing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Offerings of Thankful Hearts

We give You but Your own in any gifts we bring;
All that we have is Yours alone, a trust from You, our King.

May we Your bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, Lord, as You bless us, to You our first-fruits give!

Tune TLH 441

Prayers

Our LORD Blesses Us!

Benediction (Num.6:24-26) **ALL (sing): Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Worship Supplement 723

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CLC **CLC CALL NEWS** Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert have **accepted** their calls from Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

Final Midweek Lenten Service: This Wednesday Grace will host its final midweek Lenten Service. Our overall theme this year has been "Singular Events in Jesus' Passion." This final week's theme will be "an Unsolicited Confession" based upon the conclusions of the Roman centurion in charge of Jesus' crucifixion. Please come and join us as we meditate upon our Savior's passion and the blessings that flow to us through it!





Grace Fellowship Meal: The Grace Fellowship Group will host its monthly meal this Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The meal will have a color-based theme. See the church bulletin board for suggested colors and sign-up. Please join us for the fun as well as the fellowship!

Weekly Calendar: April 6-13, 2025

Today	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's WORSHIP in Mission
	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School @ Grace
	10:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Confirmation in White River
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study/Sunday School @ St. Paul's
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten WORSHIP @ Grace
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Grace Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Church Council Meeting
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study @ Grace
	10:30 a.m.	White River Health Care Bible Class
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's WORSHIP in Mission
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Fruits of Faith—March 30-April 4, 2025

St. Paul's—Worship Attendance: 7 Communed: 6 Offering: \$520.00

White River Health Care Center Bible Study Attendance: 10

Grace—Worship Attendance: 51 Online Views: 16 Bible Class: 18

Sunday School: 17 Midweek Lenten Attendance: 30 Online Views: 8

Friday Family Breakfast Bible Study Attendance: 12

General Fund: \$2,882.74 School Tuition: \$3,050.00

Debt Retirement: \$250.00 Pastor Sharing: \$600.00

Mission Development Fund: \$100.00