# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin www.graceoakcreek.org

# 4<sup>th</sup> Lenten Midweek Service

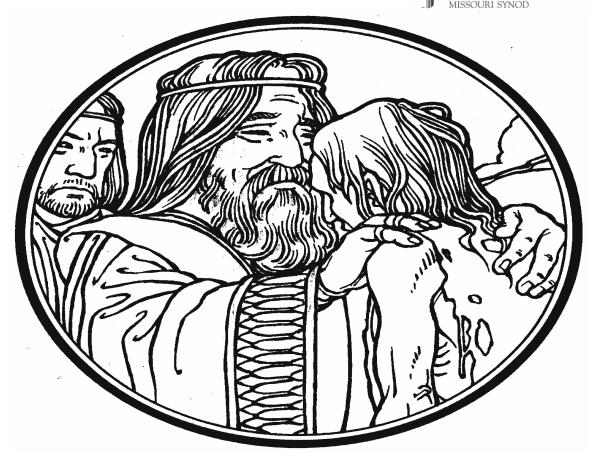
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

Celebrate Teach Share God's Grace

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures"

# Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

### AS WE GATHER—"Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son"

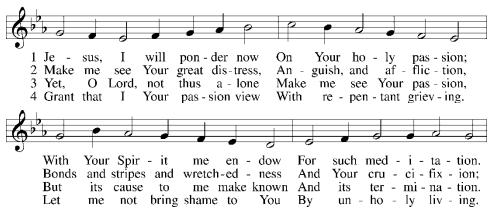
Out of Egypt God called Israel. Out of Egypt God has called you. Out of Egypt and into his kingdom. You are God's special treasure among all the peoples of the earth. You are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The dark days of exile have come to an end. The day of salvation has dawned, a day that never shall end. Though you were ungrateful, the LORD called you out of exile.

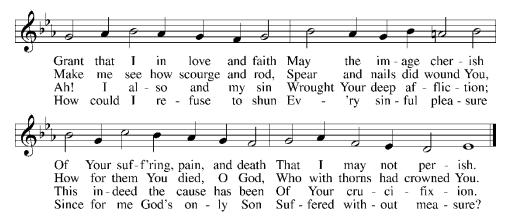
# Order of Service...LSB Service of Prayer & Preaching, pg. 260 We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

#### **№ PREPARATION**

# Opening Hymn 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (vs. 1-6)





- 5 If my sins give me alarm
  And my conscience grieve me,
  Let Your cross my fear disarm;
  Peace of conscience give me.
  Help me see forgiveness won
  By Your holy passion.
  If for me He slays His Son,
  God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
  Help me bear my crosses,
  Learning humbleness from You,
  Peace mid pain and losses.
  May I give You love for love!
  Hear me, O my Savior,
  That I may in heav'n above
  Sing Your praise forever.

Stand

### **Opening Versicles**

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle LSB 261

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people, proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

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The Psalmody— Psalm 77

Pastor: 11 cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me.

People: <sup>2</sup>In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out

without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. **People:** <sup>4</sup>You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>I consider the days of old, the years long ago.

People: 61 said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart."

Then my spirit made a diligent search:

Pastor: 7"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?

People: 8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time?

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"

People: 10Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most

High."

Pastor: 11 will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of

old.

People: 12 will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Pastor: 13Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

People: 14You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might

Among the peoples.

Pastor: <sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

People: 16When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

indeed, the deep trembled.

Pastor: <sup>17</sup>The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on

every side.

People: 18The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the

world; the earth trembled and shook.

Pastor: <sup>19</sup>Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your

footprints were unseen.

People: <sup>20</sup>You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

#### First Reading—Exodus 14:1-31

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's

horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Second Reading-Luke 22:35-46

<sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." <sup>36</sup>He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." <sup>38</sup>And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

<sup>39</sup>And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup>And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup>And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# Responsory

- L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Stand

#### Catechism

#### Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

C 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

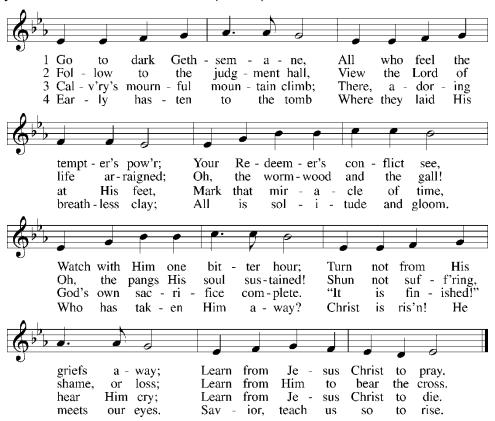
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# Sermon Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (vs. 1-4)



Sermon—"Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son" (Exodus 14)

Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1-4)



Offering During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: <a href="mailto:graceoc">graceoc</a> to 206-859-9405, use this <a href="mailto:QR Code">QR Code</a> or head to our web-site: <a href="graceoakcreek.org">graceoakcreek.org</a>. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



Stand

Prayer LSB 265

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ, **People: have mercy.** 

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ, **People: hear us.** 

Pastor: God the Father, in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us. People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us. **People: Help us, good Lord.** 

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;

by Your holy nativity;

by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation;

by Your agony and bloody sweat;

by Your cross and Passion;

by Your precious death and burial;

by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;

and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation;

in all time of our prosperity;

in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of Your Word;

to bless our prayer and meditation;

to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;

to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself;

to bless those who are instructed in the faith,

to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken,

the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;

to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;

and to have mercy on us all:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You;

to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear

our prayers:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, People:we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

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People: have mercy.

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People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Christ, **People:hear us.** 

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ, People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy. Amen.

#### Collect of the Day

- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- C Amen.

#### Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **Evening Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

#### **Announcements**

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

At this time we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.



#### Assisting with the Divine Service

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

Thursday 6:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Heinz Poellet Brandon Dachel Mike Huber Elders Suzie Mirenda Erica Vitek Beth Jackson Readers Madilyn Hundt Acolytes Payton Weirich Communion Set Up Lynn Buzzell Lynn Buzzell Linen Care

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Morgan Parker (healing & strength) Pauline Parker's Granddaughter, Logan (healing & strength) Great Grandson of Pauline Parker, Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law, Angela Strasse (cancer) friend of Taggatz family, Leigh Schmeiser (healing), Dave Vitek (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) and Milwaukee Police Officers, Norma Manoil (cancer), Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother, Cindy Riemer (cancer), Ronnie Boyd (healing & strength), Art Hartsmandorfer (healing & strength) friend of Doc Medek, Paul Carpenter (healing & strength) relative of Stephanie Gulizia, Valinda (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; Virginia Schmeiser (healing & strength); Pat Groth (healing & strength); Myles King (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; Bev Buretta (healing & strength); Sharon McCaigue (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron Savarino; Keith (stroke) Husband of Jean, a friend of Jim & Janine Pieper.

<u>For our Homebound Members at Grace:</u> Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue; Hear our prayer.

We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:

Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship: Church Office 414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line: 10am–3 pm Carol Thurber 414-762-9615
3pm-9 pm Pauline Parker 414-764-5574

### **Pastor Taggatz Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church**

 Monday
 8:30 am-1:00 pm

 Tuesday
 8:30 am-1:00 pm

 Wednesday
 8:30 am-1:00 pm

 Thursday
 8:30 am-1:00 pm

 Friday
 (Pastor's Day Off)

**Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons** 

For appointments, call Grace Lutheran's church office or Pastor's cell phone.

For emergencies, call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231

#### **Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church**

## "Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures."

Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Here is an overview of the series...

Thursday, March 18th 6:30pm-Lent 5: Exile and Return from Our Babylons, Ezra 1:1-4

Thursday, March 25th 6:30pm-Lent 6: The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus, Isaiah 11:11-16

**Thursday, April 1**st **6:30pm with Communion**-Maundy Thursday: The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals, Exodus 12:1–14

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Tenebrae Service-Good Friday: Christ, the Firstborn, Is Sacrificed, Exodus 12:21–32

Sunday, April 4th 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, No Communion

Sunday, April 4th 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion

# SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we "Celebrate, Teach, and Share" the Good News of God's Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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