

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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6th Lenten Midweek Service

March 25th, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8

*Celebrate
Teach
Share*

God's Grace



“Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures”

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

AS WE GATHER—“*The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus*”

What about this promise preached by Isaiah, that Abraham's descendants scattered here and there and everywhere, would be gathered once more to Jerusalem? Sure, in days of old the Lord brought the Israelites out of one nation, Egypt. But the prophet says here that another exodus is coming, one in which God will extend his hand to recover the remnant of his people not only from Egypt, but from Assyria, Pathros, Ethiopia, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the coastlands of the sea. How could these things be? How could the heavenly Father rescue his captive children from all over the globe, remove every barrier that stands in their way, build a highway for them to travel upon, and lead them safe and sound to the holy city? How could men and women, Jews and Gentiles, young and old, be so closely linked together that jealousy departs and harassment ceases? How is it possible that these folks could overcome every enemy, represented by Isaiah as Philistines, Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites? Stand beside giggling Sarah, Abraham's wife if you're so inclined, laugh at the seeming impossibility of it all, but remember who it is that always has the last laugh.

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.** 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 455 The Royal Banners Forward Go (Vs. 1-3, Sung to the tune of 655 “*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*”)

- 1 The royal banners forward go;
 The cross shows forth redemption's flow,
 Where He, by whom our flesh was made,
 Our ransom in His flesh has paid:

2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in the precious flood
Where flowed the water and the blood.

3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In sure prophetic song of old,
That God the nations' king should be
And reign in triumph from the tree,

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

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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

✘ WORD ✘

The Psalmody—*Psalm 2*

Pastor: ¹Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

Pastor: ³“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

People: ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Pastor: ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

People: ⁶“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

Pastor: ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

People: ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

People: ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

First Reading— *Isaiah 11:10-16*

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹¹In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. ¹²He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. ¹³The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. ¹⁴But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them. ¹⁵And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. ¹⁶And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading— *Luke 22:54-71*

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn 455 The Royal Banners Forward Go (Vs. 4-6, *Sung to the tune of 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"*)

- 4 On whose hard arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
- 5 O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
Proclaims the King of Glory now.
- 6 To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done;
As by the cross Thou dost restore,
So guide and keep us evermore.

Sermon—"The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus" (Isaiah 11:11-16)

Hymn 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (vs. 1-4)



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. 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

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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.

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

- L Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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

- C 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.

Elders

Readers

Acolytes

Communion Set Up

Linen Care

Thursday 6:30 pm

Heinz Poellet

Connie McKeag

Sunday 8:00 am

Mark Olen

Glenn Dotson

Madilyn Hundt

Lynn Buzzell

Sunday 10:30 am

Derek Poellet

Lisa Kamprath

Payton Weirich

Lyn Buzzell

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. Judy (hospitalized with stroke) Amber Kendrick's Grandmother; **Tiffany** (miscarriage) Amber Kendrick's friend; **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), **Julia Oelke** (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke's daughter; **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, **David** (seriously ill) brother of Suzie Miranda.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: 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, April 1st 6:30pm with Communion-Maundy Thursday: The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals, Exodus 12:1-14

Friday, April 2nd 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion

Friday, April 2nd 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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