

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## Lenten Midweek 2

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

*"By His Grace you are saved through faith"*  
Ephesians 2:8



*Image: "The Ten Commandments"*

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

**WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS**

**Worship bulletins & worship activity bags** (age 2-8) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again! If your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the **Prayer Request Sheet** found on the podium in the narthex.

**We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

**As We Gather—*“Catechetical Series: The Ten Commandments,  
Commandment Eight”***

When Jesus came into the world, He not only took all of our sin upon Himself, but He also experienced what it's like to be sinned against. Bearing in His body the brokenness of the world, our Lord was broken by the deceitfulness and the lies of wicked men. As we focus on the Ten Commandments during our midweek worship services, let us ponder the depth of Christ's sacrifice for us as He placed Himself under the curse of the Law. Despised and rejected by the leaders of His own people, Jesus willingly went to the cross so that we may be accepted into His Father's family. Let us rejoice in His saving work!

**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.

## Order of Service—as outlined in your bulletin

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” (LSB 435 vs. 1-4)

*Stand*

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 4:12; 1 John 1:9*

**Pastor:** Hearing the Word of God to receive its comfort and power, let us first come before the Lord and examine our lives in light of God’s commandments as we have learned them.

**People:** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray together.

**People:** Heavenly Father, from Your First Commandment telling us that we are to give You first place in our lives, to the Tenth Commandment telling us to be content with what we have, we have sinned against all of them in thought, word, and deed. Instead of speaking the truth in love, we have spoken falsely against our neighbors, tearing others down instead of building them up. We know from Your Holy Word that You are a God of mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sin by His precious blood.

Pastor: God has told us in His Word, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**VERSICLES** (*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1, read responsively*)

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

*Sit*

### ☩ READINGS ☩

**RESPONSIVE READING** *Ephesians 4:25; Proverbs 11:13; James 4:11a; Proverbs 31:8-9; 1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 Peter 4:8*

Pastor: Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

People: **Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.**

Pastor: Do not speak evil against one another, brothers.

People: **Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.**

Pastor: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

People: **Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Psalm 15:1-5*  
*(The blameless speak truth.)*

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

**Lector:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**VERSE** *Joel 2:13*

**People:** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 26:57-68*  
*(Jesus appears before Caiaphas and the council.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God,

tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **LENTEN RESPONSORY** *LSB*, p. 231

**Pastor:** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**People:** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**Pastor:** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People:** 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.

*Sit*

**SERIES HYMN “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” (LSB 581 vs. 1, 9, 11-12)**

**SERMON “Commandment Eight” (Matthew 26:59-61)**

### **CATECHISM**

**Pastor:** What is the Eighth Commandment?

**People:** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

### **OFFERING/ATTENDANCE**

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also 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 by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our website at [graceoakcreek.org](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or 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*

**CANTICLE** (*Psalm 141:2 LSB, p. 231, read responsively*)

**Lector:** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**People:** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**MAGNIFICAT** (*LSB, pp. 231-32, read responsively*)

**People:** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

**Pastor:** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

**People:** 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.

✠ PRAYER ✠

**KYRIE**

**People:** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**People:** 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.

### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **COLLECTS**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. God of truth, You handed over Your Son, Jesus Christ, at the false testimony of sinners that He might die in our place as the atoning sacrifice for our sin. Grant that Your Word of truth may constantly be on our lips so that we may show forth the love of our Savior in word and in action; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Cleanse us of all gossip and falsehood, that we may speak truthfully of both You and our neighbors. As You defend us from the fear of our enemies, enable us to live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **BENEDICTION** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

(LSB 923 vs. 1-3)

**Announcements**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.*

**All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issues;** Hear our prayer. We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing: [Paulinemom@aol.com](mailto: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

## Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church *"Catechetical Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments"*

Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series... During Lent, this season of reflection and repentance, we will take a close look at the Ten Commandments our Lord has given to us. Not only do these commands of our Father guide our behavior, but, most important, they remind us of our deep need for the redemption our Father's Son, Jesus Christ, has come to bring by His death and resurrection. How great is our need for forgiveness! Even more so, how great is our Savior who nourishes us with His body and blood and washes us clean!

- Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 2: Commandment Eight, Matthew 26:59–61
- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 3: Commandment Seven, John 12:1–8
- Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 4: Commandment Six, 2 Samuel 11:1–5
- Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 5: Commandment Five, 2 Samuel 11:1–27
- Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Lenten Midweek 6: Commandment Four, Luke 2:41–52
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday (with communion): Commandment Three, Mark 14:12–26; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 12pm - Good Friday Worship (no communion): "From a Distance" Matt. 27:55
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service (no communion): Commandment Two, Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunrise (no communion) 6am: Jesus Is Risen! Bodily! Matt. 28:1–10
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Day 8:30am & 10am (with communion): Commandment One, Mark 16:1–8

## 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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