

Learning Lent in

I Believe



Son

FATHER

FEBRUARY 25

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

IN-PERSON & ON-LINE

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prelude & Confession

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Most holy and merciful God,*

C: we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

C: We diminish our respect and awe of You by not putting our relationship with you on the top of our priority list. We relegate You to being our god of convenience and comfort rather than Creator of the Cosmos, and, in this way, we limit the power you have in our lives. Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We let other voices speak to us of fulfillment, hope and peace.

C: We have been tempted to turn away from the truth you offer us. We have doubted your presence, your power and your promise. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We have shut our ears to your call to love and serve others with the same compassionate love and service Christ offers us.

C: We have not been diligent in staying keenly aware of how we can be a source of comfort, hope and sustenance to those who suffer, or are in despair, or deprived of what they need to live. We have found security in protecting and preserving our abundant blessings. Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We misuse and abuse the role you have given us in and over creation.

C: We exploit and squander the earth's resources without inconveniencing ourselves with consideration for the sustainability of life in the future. We assume the power of gods, but fail to seek the wisdom of God in the use of our power, focusing too much on our satisfaction in this moment rather than comprehending the full scope of our actions. We privilege our lives over the lives of other creatures without respect for the depth of the interconnectedness of all life. Have mercy on us, O God.

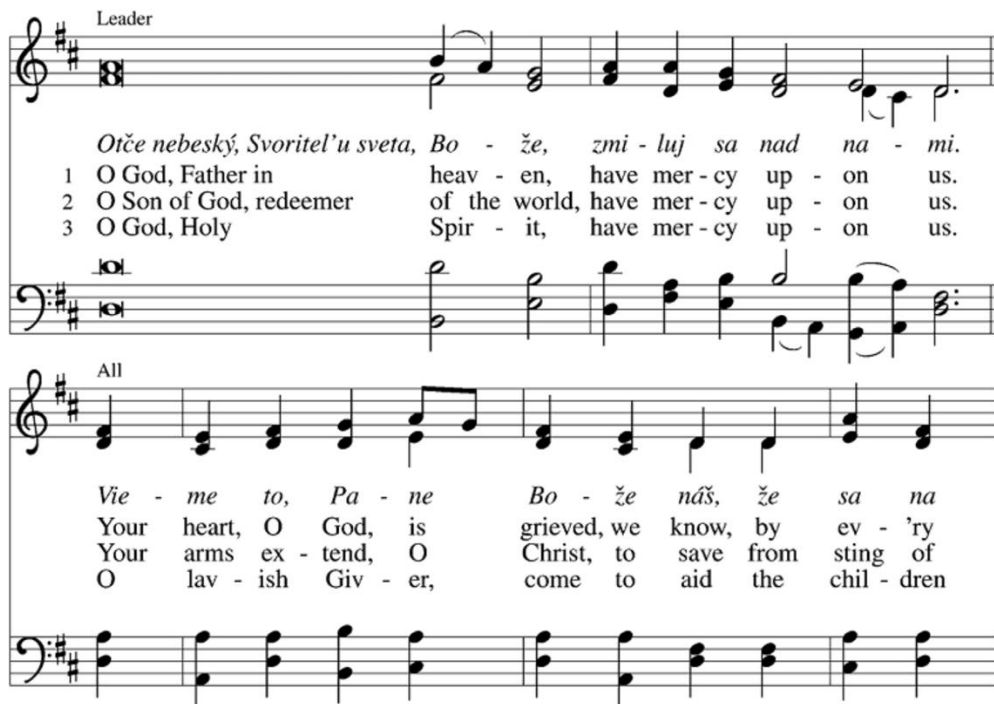
A: We do not always own our own problems, nor do we take enough responsibility for working to solve them.

C: We scapegoat, we make excuses, we get distracted. We do not bring them to you and open ourselves to the Spirit's guidance through unexpected voices and resources. We become discontented because we resign to empty contentment. We default to following the norm rather than clinging to the distinction of being a Child of God. Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Kyrie

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Leader



Otče nebeský, Svoritel'u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.

2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All

Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry

Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of

O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren

nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
 e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and

ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

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.

Hymn of Praise

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1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:

with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,

may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, In an age so full of skepticism and doubt, we still come to you in faith, believing that the teachings of Jesus give us the understanding, perspective, vision and hope we need to live each day in contentment. Send us your Spirit now as we gather around your Word, at his table and in our fellowship as brothers and sisters in faith, that our faith will be sustained so that we can endure in the midst of the temptations and trials that lead us to doubt. We ask this in the name of the one whose perfect faithfulness led him to suffer, die and rise as the promise of our salvation, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Hebrews 11-12

Now “faith” is the essence of things being hoped for - practical proof that is not being seen. For, to this kind of “faith” the patriarchs of old bore witness. “Faith” understands that by the Word God creates the eons - the worlds were prepared by the word of God - so that what is not apparent becomes seen.

Faith – It was a superior sacrifice that Abel, rather than Cain, offered to God and through this there was a witness to righteousness – even God is witnessing this about the gift - and through this, in his dying Abel still speaks.

Faith - Enoch was taken so that he did not see death; and *"he was not found, because God had taken him."* For before “The Taking,” it was witnessed that “he had pleased God,” but, without Faith there is no power to please God, for it is necessary to have believed to be able to be approaching God – believed that God is – then whoever seeks God is among “The Rewarded.”

Faith – Noah, having been warned about what was not yet being seen, and having constructed the ark with reverent obedience for the salvation of his household - by this the world was condemned and by this, according to Faith, “Righteousness” became the inheritor of the world.

Faith – When summoned, Abraham obeyed and went out from his home to the place which he received to live in as an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was to go! Faith - Living as a sojourner in the “Promised Land” while it belonged to others! Living in tents - as did

Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise - anticipating, then, the city having foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Faith - And Sarah, herself taken barren of "The Power," "The Heritage-laying," and "The seed-germinating," because Abraham was regarded as faithful to what God has been promising, therefore, from one (and this "one" was dying), generations innumerable come - "just as the stars in the heaven - "The Multitude" - and just as the sand that is on the shore by the sea." Faith - Abraham, when he was tested, offered Isaac, "The Only Son," the one given according to the promise, of whom Abraham had been told, "Your descendants will come through Isaac. . . "

Faith - Moses, when he was born, was hidden by his parents for three months because even when they saw that the child was beautiful, they were not afraid of the Pharaoh's edict. Faith - Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called "A Son of Pharaoh's Daughter," choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. . . Faith - Moses left Egypt, unafraid of the Pharaoh's anger, for he persevered as though Moses saw God who is not invisible. Faith - Moses kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. Faith - The people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. Faith - the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. Faith - Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

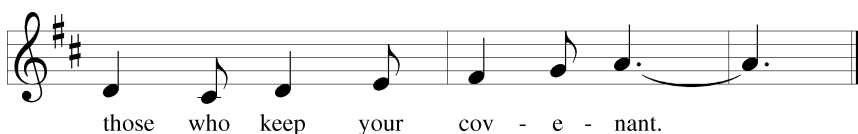
And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. . .

And therefore we - since there is such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us - unburdening ourselves of every weight that slows us and the hinderance of sin, with endurance may we run the race being set before us, fixing our sights on the one "Hero and Wholeness of Faith," Jesus, who for the joy being set out before him, endured the cross, having disregarded the shame, and taking the place at the right side of the throne of God. Indeed, contemplate him enduring this kind of opposition by the sinful so that you may not weary your souls and be faltering.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths. R

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,

and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way.

The Lord leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble The Way.

All the paths of the Lord

are steadfast love and Faithfulness,

for those who keep the Lord's covenant and his decrees. R

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who are being protected by the power of God through faith into a salvation prepared for revelation in the final critical moment. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the fulfillment of your faith, the salvation of your soul. . . Therefore, prepare your minds for intense work – center yourself - set all your hope on the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ and like obedient children, do not be conformed to the interests that you used to be drawn to when you were in ignorance. Instead, as Jesus who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Verse (Sung 2x)

S 205b

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Mark 8

Jesus continued on with his disciples, going into the villages of Caesarea Philippi.

On The Way Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And the disciples spoke to him saying, "Some say you are John, "The Baptist;" and others say that you are the great prophet of old, Elijah; and others say you are any one of the prophets."

Then Jesus asked the disciples, "But, who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered him by saying, "You are the Messiah."

The Jesus rebuked them. In this way, they would not tell anyone about him.

And Jesus began to teach the disciples that it is a divine necessity that the Son of Man suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise. And Jesus spoke this Word boldly! But taking Jesus aside, Peter tried to rebuke Jesus.

But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get back behind me, Satan! Because you do not have the evaluative point of view of God, but of man."

And calling the crowd to gather with his disciples, Jesus said to them all, "If someone is determined to follow after me, they must reject themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Those determined to save their soul will destroy it, and those who destroy their soul on account of me and the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and sell their soul? For what can they give in barter for their soul? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *My Faith it is an Oaken Staff*

1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.

My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield - ing grass - y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.

I'll trav - el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car - ried on, their joy un - spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -

word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour - age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

Apostles Creed

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived of 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 into hell. 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

S 161

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 right . . .

S 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God . . .

The Lord's Prayer

S 163

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

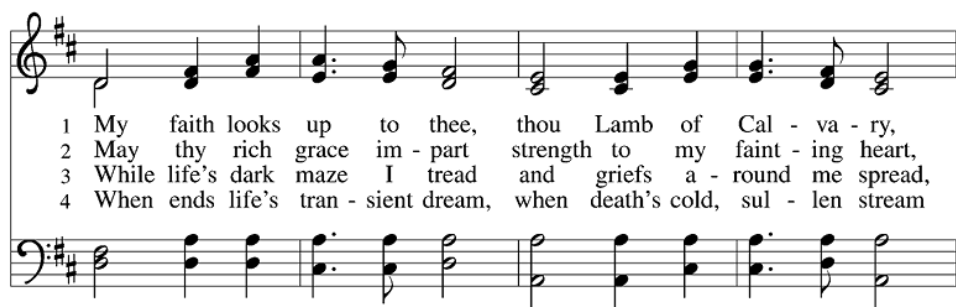
Lamb of God (Angus Dei)

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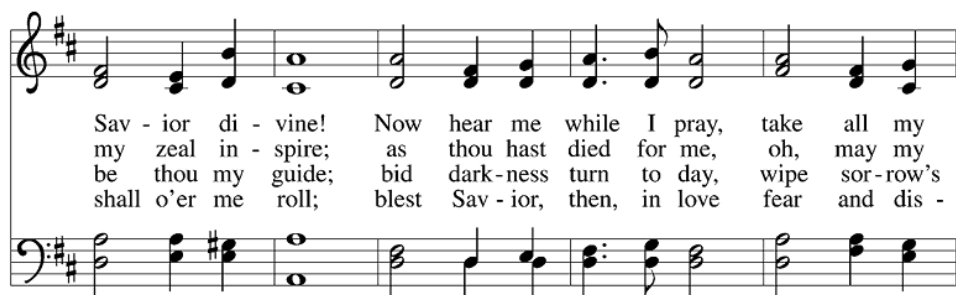
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution Hymns


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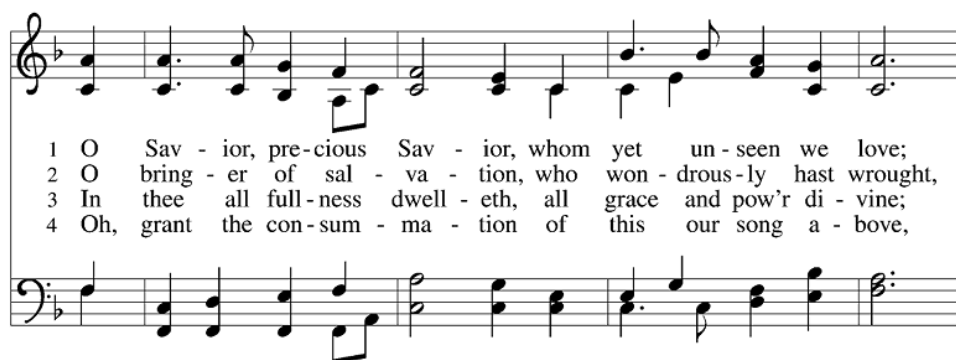
1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous-ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full-ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con-sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



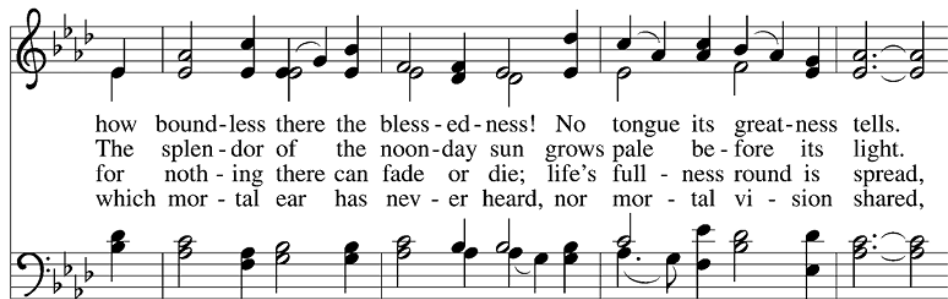
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!




1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
 2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
 3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
 4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless-ed-ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.
 The splen-dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be-fore its light.
 for noth-ing there can fade or die; life's full-ness round is spread,
 which mor-tal ear has nev-er heard, nor mor-tal vi-sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev-er-
 The might-y sun that goes not down, be-fore whose
 and like an o-cean, joy o'er-flows, and with im-
 which nev-er en-tered mor-tal thought, in mor-tal



liv-ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
 face clouds nev-er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
 mor-tal mer-cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
 dreams was nev-er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
 the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal



Sunday, February 25

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
Class

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 26

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting – in person only

6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner Soup & Sandwiches – in the narthex

7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer

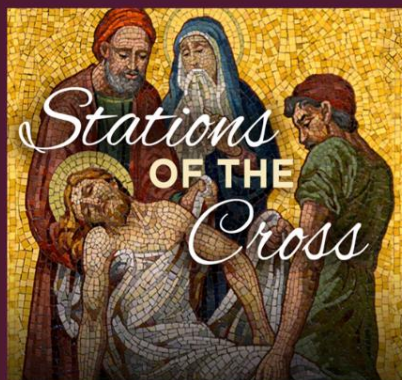
8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 3

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal



Lenten Wednesday Prayers

Bring Dinner 6:30 P.M.
Worship 7:00 P.M.

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Lenten Wednesday Dinners

6:30 p.m.

Gather in the Narthex

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A banner for Easter flowers featuring a row of tulips in pink, white, and yellow against a light blue background. The text "Easter Flowers" is written in a large, white, cursive font with a yellow glow. Below it, a green box contains the text "Order by March 10th" and "Hyacinth \$20 Lily \$20 Tulip \$20" in yellow. The Grace Lutheran Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

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**Don't
give Up!**

Bible Study Tuesdays



6:30 a.m.

Breakfast &
Bible Study in-person
Reading

11:00 a.m.

Inperson & Online
Reading Luke

7:00 p.m.
Online

*Reading Stories of
The Old Testament*

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