

Habits **NOT** Heroics

Growing Faith

on Purpose

Encountering God's Word

Shaped by God's word - one day at a time.

March 1

Grace Lutheran Church

Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Prelude & Confession & Affirmation of Forgiveness

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 the Creator of the Cosmos, and, in this way, we limit the power you have in our lives. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: 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 not shown hospitality to the sojourner. Instead, we find security in protecting and preserving our abundant blessings for ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God.

A: 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.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus, the Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us into eternal life.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *Dearest Jesus at Your Word* **520**

The image shows a musical score for an entrance hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Greeting & Kyrie

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During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

A Kyrie may be sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



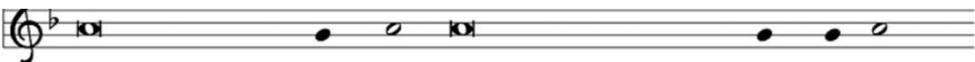
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, you spoke and all things came into being. The Spirit filled the voices of the prophets to proclaim your words of warning and redemption to your people. Over time, that same Spirit inspired others to pen your word on papyrus and paper so that we can read what you have spoken over the ages. Give us that Spirit, so that we will: open our hearts to desire this wisdom; open our minds to comprehend the depth of your teaching; open our ears to listen for your voice in our time; open our eyes to see the truth of your word in the working of the world; open our hands to honor your word by carrying to the generations to come. We ask this in the name of the Word-Made-Flesh, who is our sage and our salvation, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Nehemiah 8

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So, they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation.

They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

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

Psalm

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The teach- ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

**The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;**

*the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;*

**the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

*the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;*

**the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;**

*the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.*

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;**

*sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb. R*

Second Lesson

I Peter I

You have been born anew, not of what is perishable, but of an imperishable seed - through the living and enduring word of God. For:

*"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever."* (Isaiah 40:6-8)

That word is the good news which was announced to you.

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

Children's Sermon

Verse

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 Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 24

And behold, on the same day that the women had gone to the tomb and found it empty, two other followers of Jesus left Jerusalem headed for the town of Emmaus. They discussed the incredible convergence of events that was happening. While they were discussing this, Jesus came and walked along with them. However, the two followers did not know it was Jesus who had joined them because God kept their eyes from recognizing that it was him.

But Jesus said to them, "What topic are you debating as you walk

along?"

This question stopped the two followers in their tracks, and they stood there looking very sad.

The follower named Cleopas, said, "Really? You must be the only visitor to Jerusalem who is not aware of what has been happening here!

Jesus asked, "What are you talking about?"

So, they said, "Everything that has happened with Jesus, the Nazarene. In the opinion of God and all the people this Jesus had become a prophet powerful works and words. So much so that our chief priests and other leaders handed him over to the judgment of death and crucified him. However, we hoped that he was the one getting ready to redeem Israel. And besides all this, it is now the third day since that all happened to him, and some women of our group got us all excited when they came back from his tomb early this morning because they were speaking about how they did not find his body, but, instead, that they saw a vision of angels who were saying 'he lives!' Some of Jesus' other followers who were there with us went to the tomb and found it just like the women had described it, but they did not see Jesus."

Jesus then said them, "Oh, how confoundedly slow the heart is to gain faith from anything that the prophets have said! Wasn't it an essential part of God's plan that the Christ should undergo these things that happened and then, after them, enter into his glory?"

And beginning from Moses and going through all the prophets, Jesus revealed to them what the scriptures said about himself.

Then, as the three of them got close to the town to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he had no intention of stopping there.

But the other two tried hard to persuade him to stop, saying, "The sun is setting, and it will soon be dark, so, stay with us."

And Jesus went into town to stay with them. He even went to dinner with them. At dinner Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to the other two. However, in doing this the eyes of the other two were opened and they recognized who he was in the same instant that he became invisible to them.

The two followers said to each other, "Weren't our hearts set on fire while he talked to us along the way – as he made it possible for us understand the scriptures!?"

Even though it was now dark, they headed back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven apostles gathered together with some of the other followers of Jesus.

All of them were saying, "It is true! The Lord has been raised! Simon has seen him!"

Then the two who had returned from Emmaus told the whole group what

had happened on the road and how Jesus had been revealed to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: *The Gospel of our Lord!* C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *As Rain From the Clouds* **508**

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,

for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
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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,**

Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Presentation of the Gifts

685 vs. 1, 4 & 6

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use

every power as thou shalt choose

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

A: Let us pray:

C: Loving God, we give you thanks for the bounty and blessings of our lives, returning these offerings as signs of our gratitude. May these gifts further your work and sustain your kingdom among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en 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.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise, for even in the midst of our turning away from you, you call to us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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C: 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 - gainst 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, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

O Word of God Incarnate

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth 510

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

O God of Light

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1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,

shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,

and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,

and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Dismissal



Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday of Lent

Name Tag Sunday

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

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

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

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

3:00 p.m. Bible Study Lite – 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

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

Wednesday, March 4th

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

6:00 p.m. Bring-your-own dinner to the narthex

7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lenten prayer service

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Formed by the Cross
Habits not Heroics

The Sundays of LENT
8:30 & 11:00

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2/22 GATHER WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

3/1 ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

3/8 DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER

3/15 LIVE WITH A GOSPEL PERSPECTIVE

3/22 SHOW COMPASSION TO OTHERS

Great Prayers of the Bible

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

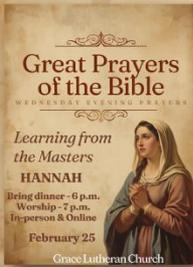
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WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Learning from the Masters
HANNAH

Bring dinner - 6 p.m.
Worship - 7 p.m.
In-person & Online

February 25

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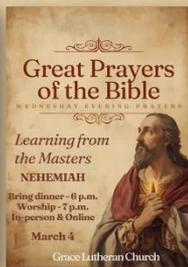
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NEHEMIAH

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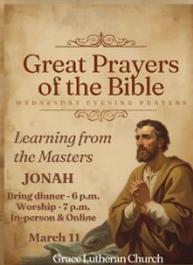
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Learning from the Masters
JONAH

Bring dinner - 6 p.m.
Worship - 7 p.m.
In-person & Online

March 11

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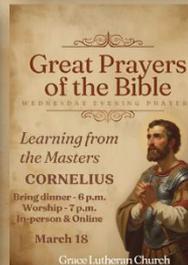
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WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Learning from the Masters
CORNELIUS

Bring dinner - 6 p.m.
Worship - 7 p.m.
In-person & Online

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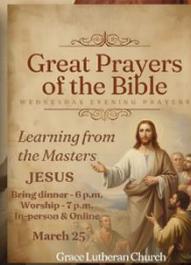
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WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Learning from the Masters
JESUS

Bring dinner - 6 p.m.
Worship - 7 p.m.
In-person & Online

March 25

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Every Wednesday Evening of Lent



Experience - Learn - Practice - Pray



Bring Your Dinner at 6 & Worship at 7

1st Communion Class

Who??

3rd Grade +

When??

March 18,

25, &

April 1st

4:30 p.m.



Interested??

Contact Pastor Chris Today!!

Email or Call Grace to Register

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