



First Last and Last First  
March 1, 2020  
First Sunday in Lent



**Grace Lutheran is a community of faith...**

Gathering in God's Love  
Celebrating God's Presence through Life Events  
Caring for God's People  
Deeply Rooted  
Valuing Life-long Learning

If you are a first-time visitor to Grace, thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! If you wish to speak with the Pastor, you are welcome to do so after the service in the narthex, or join us downstairs for coffee and rolls in the Fellowship Hall.

The \* in our bulletin indicates the parts of the service where the congregation is asked to stand, if able. The abbreviation of **ELW** in this bulletin refers to our cranberry-colored hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**All are welcome to Holy Communion.** In addition to grape juice, gluten-free wafers are available. Simply indicate to the server your preference. Children who do not commune are invited to receive a blessing.



**Offering:** If you wish to make an offering today, please use the white envelope provided in the pew pocket, and place it in the basket before communion. If you wish to give electronically, you can scan this QR code.

If you would like to sponsor our radio broadcasts (KTOE 1420-AM, each Sunday at 10 a.m.) or support our missionary serving Wycliffe Bible Translators in West Africa and the Global Eye Mission, or to provide altar flowers on a specific Sunday; please stop by the podium near the elevator.

**Grace Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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# GATHERING

Prelude *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days/Lamb of God and The Glory of These Forty Days* by Mark Sedio

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Merciful God,

**Forgive us, for we have fallen short of your vision for humanity. We have put ourselves before others, ignored the vulnerable, and forgotten you altogether. We have missed the point of your kingdom. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Children, your God has not forgotten you. Jesus knows your weakness and sees through your presence. You are made whole simply by seeking forgiveness. Receive the Lord's pardon and believe that it is true, by the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Come, learn of the law of the Lord!

**It is renewing to the soul!**

The ways of God are perfect,

**And in them we rejoice!**

God's grace is all that's needed,

**To pardon and to save.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*Grace Alone*

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### Baptism of Zoey Deanne Petersen

### Welcome to Baptism Song

*Welcome, Child of God*

Screen

### \*Greeting

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.**

### \*Prayer of the Day

Saving Lord,

**You know there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Make us joyful in your promise of eternal life, which is ours because you choose to give it, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## WORD

### Scripture Introduction

#### Acclamation

*We are Turning*

ELW #205

#### Focus Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

### Children's Time

#### Musical Offering

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Voices of Grace Choir

#### Message

Rev. John Odegard

#### \*Hymn of the Day

*One Day As Jesus Was Traveling Through*  
[tune: "Be Thou My Vision ELW #793]

Screen

#### \*Nicene Creed

#### \*Prayers of the Church

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God... **Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, heal our world, and make the impossible come to pass, by the grace of Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

#### \*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



## MEAL

#### Offering & Offering Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW #674

#### \*Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #188

#### \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray together. O God ,

**Were we to place the whole of our fortunes upon your altar, still it would not be enough to buy our redemption. Only, accept these gifts as a token of our gratitude for all that you have already given us, and as offerings in service to your mission on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### \*Words of Institution

**\*Lord's Prayer**     *Traditional*

**\*Invitation to Communion**

In a kingdom where the first are last and the last first, make us humble to sit alongside all of our brothers and sisters, regardless of class, rank or background. Gather us now at your table: we come to enjoy what we could not earn, and what the world cannot take from us.

<b>Music during Distribution</b>	<i>O Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 208
	<i>Here Is Bread</i>	ELW #483
	<i>Knowing You</i>	Screen

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray together. O God,

**Remembering Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.**

**Amen.**



## SENDING

**\*Blessing**

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Set forth, liberated by our faith, embraced as a whole person--questions, complexities and all-- and blessed to be a blessing for all of God's beloved children everywhere. **Amen.**

<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>By Faith</i>	Screen
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**\*Dismissal**

Go in the light of God's presence, fulfilling Christ's mission for us.

**Through God's abundant love we will live and work to serve others.**

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Prelude &amp; Fugue in e minor by J. S. Bach</i>
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***Please pray for...***

**The needs of:** Randel Blasing, Loren Burkel, LaDonna Nelson, Margaret Burman, Vi Pierson, Robyn Menk, Andrew Johnson, Leona Wass, Milan Skarphol

**Those on active duty:** Ryan Vulcan, US Army; CW04 Helicopter Pilot Andrew Erp, US Army; and Lt. Col, Mike Zenk, USAF, A1C Airman Andrew Block, USAF

**Missionaries:** Edith White on furlough and those serving Global Eye Mission around the world.

**Worship Assistants**

Assistant Minister	Mike Pegram
Care Ministers	Pam & Del Vulcan, Arv & Jane Zenk
Coffee & Rolls Server	Earl & Audrey von Holt
Communion Server	Jean Anderson, Donna Krahmer, Marilyn Clarksean
Lector	Sam Anderson
Organist	Chuck Hoogland
Pew Pockets	Bill Anderson
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Rev. John Odegard
Property Steward	Bill Block
Technical Team	Jason Glaser, Tom Thompson
Ushers	Joe Rotering, Jon Block, Michael Sponberg
Vocalists	Voices of Grace Choir
Worship Steward	Jana Kurth

**Happy Birthday!**

Jill Anderson	03/02	Robert Krenik	03/03	Maureen Yunkers	03/05
Cathy Cooper	03/02	Jillayne McLean	03/03	Chandra Petersen	03/07
Connie Holmgren	03/02	Mark Hall	03/04	Pamela Sandland	03/07
Mark Hendrickson	03/03				



## On the Calendar

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion/Petersen Baptism	(Mark 10:17-31)
		10:00 am	Worship Radio Broadcast, KTOE-AM 1420	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>	10:00 am	GLCW Board Mtg	
		10:30 am	Staff Meeting	
		1:00 pm	Knit & Chain	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study at Happy Chef	
		1:00 pm	Prayer Group at Willow Brook Cooperative	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>	10:15 am	Devotions at Pathstone	
		Lent-Wed.	5:15 pm-Meal, 6:00 pm-Worship	
		7:15pm	Voices of Grace Choir rehearsal	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Mar 5</b>	9:30 am	Quilters	
		1:00 pm	Worship & Music	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 8</b>	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion	(Mark 10:32-52)
		10:00 am	Worship Radio Broadcast, KTOE-AM 1420	



For our journey together this season of Lent, we will be using five practices that may already be a part of your daily routine. The goal is not to add new jobs for us to do each day in order to be better and more holy, it is to be intentional about looking for God in some of the things we are doing already. Here is what we have put together for the five weeks of lent:

**Lectio Divina:** Reading for God between the lines. Reading is a great daily practice that many of us enjoy already, and in order to make this a spiritual practice all we need is the intentionality of reading through the lens of our faith. You don't necessarily need to be reading the Bible to connect your reading to spirituality. We will explore this practice together in the first week of Lent.

**Audio Divina:** Listening for God. Everyone knows that there is plenty of music out there meant to turn our hearts towards spiritual things, but what about the music you hear on the radio, or the music you listen to as you sit in your comfortable chair at home? Together we will explore how listening to music can be a spiritual practice, even if the music isn't the kind you would expect to hear in church.

**Visio Divina:** Look for the wonder all around us. For millennia, people have used paintings and icons to connect with the holy. This is a practice that connects many with their faith, but what if you don't have a religious painting or an icon from the middle ages sitting around your house? Together we will look for God in the art all around us.

**Prayer:** Talking back to God. Prayer seems like an obvious spiritual practice, but at times we can get so focused on the idea of an elaborate life of prayer that we discount of praying in simple ways that just pop up. Together we will experience prayer that comes from the heart, spontaneously, wherever we are.

**Gratitude:** Counting your blessings. Keeping a gratitude journal is popular for some people right now. Gratitude is an excellent way to see where God is at work in our lives, but what if it's not something I do already? Do I need to buy a fancy new book for this to work? For our final week of spiritual practices, we will see how some of the things we are already doing can be focused on gratitude and learn some easy ways to start counting our blessings.

**Sunday, March 15**  
**Genesis Small Group Gathering**  
at  
India Palace  
1511 Madison Ave  
5:30 pm

**Please RSVP to**  
Michael Sponberg  
by Friday the 13th.  
mrsponberg@aol.com  
or 507-625-3961

## *Baptism Blessings*

*Zoey Deanne  
Petersen*

Born:  
January 15, 2020

Baptized:  
March 1, 2020

Parents:  
Brock & Chandra Petersen

**Congratulations & Welcome!**



### **CELEBRATE, HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE BY HELPING GRACE'S EASTER GARDEN COME TO LIFE FOR EASTER 2020**

Envelopes will be in the pew pockets Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday for Grace members and friends to donate funds to help purchase beautiful Easter Lilies and colorful spring plants for Grace Lutheran's Easter Garden in memory, honor or celebration of your loved ones!

Take a plant home after the 10 AM Easter Service to enjoy for a gift of \$20 each or you may designate a gift of \$18 and your plant will be delivered to one of the people who are unable to generally make it to church and are on Grace's Visitation List.

**Lenten  
Wednesdays**

**March 4 to  
April 1**

**Join us for**

**5:15 pm  
Supper**

**and**

**6:00 pm  
Worship**



**Rend Collective Concert - For all ages  
Thursday March 12, 2020**

Grace Church Eden Prairie Campus  
Doors Open: 6:15 pm. Concert: 7-10 pm  
Group Rate 10+ Tickets then \$20 each after fees

Rend Collective is a Christian Folk Worship Band from Northern Ireland. The band is very entertaining as you'll see many different instruments played during a single song. Through the bands worship and storytelling, it's a fantastic experience. Some of their more well known songs are My Lighthouse, Build your Kingdom Here, and You Will Never Run.

**Let Ben (DSG@gracemankato.org) know if you are interested in going.** If we can get a group of 10 or more people they all can be purchased at once and get a discounted rate.

More information can be found at <https://rendcollective.com/>