

Grace Lutheran Church

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Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Absolution

From Psalm 139 we read, **“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”.**

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

Hymn 608 “Softly and Tenderly”

WORD with the Children & Noisy Offering

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 588 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Offering

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Hymn 773 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

I know the plans I have for you.

~ God, *Jeremiah 29:11*

Prayer Requests:

Laurie Johnson
Dawn Fuhs
Rachel Blowers

Chris Farmer
Brad Lund
Vicki Carlson

Tom Dingwall
Bob Hefti

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Pikkaraine Family
Acolyte: Jorja White
Reader: Violet Pikkaraine
Coffee/Fellowship: Wright Family
Musician: Rebecca Heyn
Song Leader: Heyn Family

Dates and Happenings:

Monday, March 10

4 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Bible Study - Faith

Tuesday, March 11

9:30 am Bible Study
1 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, March 12

6 pm Lenten Meal - race
7 pm Lenten Service - Grace

Thursday, March 13

9 am Quilting
9:30 am Pastor at Prayer and Share - Faith
1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

Sunday, March 16

9 am Worship
10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship - Faith

From Last Sunday: Two mountains; two men radiant – one Moses, the other, Jesus. The message: “Listen!” We’re too quick to respond and react to the noise around us. God asks us to listen for His discerning and shepherding voice of guidance.

Today’s Noisy Offering is for Helps International to support their community stove and water filter programs. Several members of Grace have traveled to Guatemala to work beside these humble people installing efficient wood-burning cookstoves, assembling water filters, whitewashing kitchen walls, and pouring cement floors in the small homes.

Lenten Worship (this week): 7 pm at Grace. Light meal served starting at 6 pm. Freewill offering supports camperships and youth mission trips.

Confirmation students (Grade 5-9) are required to attend all Lenten services and complete weekly assignments that are due Sunday mornings. This includes First Communion students.

Flower Time! Order your **Easter Flowers** in memory or in honor of someone. Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonias or Mums. Order form is outside the church office. Deadline is Sunday, March 30.

Don’t forget! If you’re an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Grace in mind. **Deadline is March 31 to direct dollars for last year.** For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.” Or online at: thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Faith’s 4th Annual Scandinavian Supper is Saturday, March 29, 4:30-7 pm. Menu: Potato Sausage, Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Lingonberries and Swedish Almond Cake. Freewill Offering with all proceeds supporting Habitat for Humanity and Outreach Food Shelf.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is passed and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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