

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**March 2-3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Ministers: Every Member of Spirit of Grace
Pastor Scott Hackler**

OUR MISSION

Proclaiming God's Love, God's Promises,
and the Abundant Life

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

LENT CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Isaiah 43:19-21)*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the wilderness of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship God and rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for grace that has saved us.

OPENING HYMN

Built on a Rock

Built on a rock the church shall stand, / even when steeples are falling; / crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, / bells still are chiming and calling-- / calling the young and old to rest, / calling the souls of those distressed, / longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands / God, the Almighty, is dwelling; / high in the heav'ns his temple stands, / all earthly temples excelling. / Yet he who dwells in heav'n above / deigns to abide with us in love, / making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, / built for his own habitation; / he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, / granting us life and salvation. / Were two or three to seek his face, / he in their midst would show his grace, / blessings upon them bestowing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day / that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. / We will rejoice, we will rejoice / and be glad in it, and be glad in it. / This is the day that the Lord has made. / We will rejoice and be glad in it. / This is the day, this is the day / that the Lord has made.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

"Fill The Earth with Music"

The Joyful Spirit Singers

PEACE PASSING

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Not Just Another Day" Pastor Scott Hackler

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song "

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; / I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go; / you alone are our life and our peace and our love. / Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. / May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. / May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. / Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, / to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. / For you saved me by giving your body and blood. / As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; / but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. / And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love, / we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

responses: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

Sat: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Tom Dorsey

Sun: 8am "What a Friend we have in Jesus"arr. Joel Raney

Sun: 10am "Just a Closer Walk" by Anthony and David Powell

OFFERING RESPONSE "We are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands / We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering. / Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, /
Lord use our lives they are yours, / We are an offering. / All that
we have, / All that we are, / All that we hope to be, / We give to
you, / We give to you. / We lift our voices, we lift our hands, /We lift our lives up
to you: / We are an offering, we are an offering.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you,

And also 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.

INVITATION "Come to the Table of Mercy"

Come to the table of mercy, / prepared with the wine and the bread. / All who are hungry and thirsty, / come, and your souls will be fed. / Come at the Lord's invitation; / receive from his nail-scarred hand. / Eat of the bread of salvation; / drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Holy, almighty and merciful God. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Amen.

Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved, you are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. / Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. / In my love's baptismal river / I have made you mine forever. / Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. / Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. / Here you heard my dear Son's story, / here you touched him, saw his glory. / Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. / Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. / Here my Spirit's power filled you, / here my tender comfort stilled you. / Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. / I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace. / I the Lord will be your Father, / Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Visitors, Guests and Friends! Let us know that you are here by using this QR code. We are so happy that you have joined us in worship.



WELCOME SESSIONS are an opportunity for new and long-time visitors to learn about our church and how you can be more connected and committed to our ministry. You will meet other prospective members, learn about our vision, mission and values, our plans and our various ministries. Our next Welcome Session is Monday, March 4th from 10am - noon. So that we may have sufficient materials, please call the church office (623-977-6000, ext. 100) to register. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S RETREAT, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 8:30am-7:30pm.

The focus will be the Sermon on the Mount and particularly the Beatitudes. How can we apply Jesus' words into our daily lives? Chaplain Cyndy Warnier will be your leader.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - The next gathering will be at 10am on March 6th. Based on her book, Resistant Hope: Fighting Back Against Suffering, Pastor Elaine Siemsen will be leading us next week. Where is God in the times of our suffering? The discussion will be about God, our suffering and where can we find Hope.

OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY: EXPERIENCING REVELATION Wednesdays — March 13 and 20, 10:00 -11:15. Come discuss the experience of the book of Revelation with Rev. Dr. Peter S. Perry on March 13 and 20 here at Spirit of Grace!

TICKETS FOR LIBERTY QUARTET CONCERT - We still have FREE tickets available for the LIBERTY QUARTET concert next weekend March 10 @ 6pm. Stop in the narthex and pick one up. Please return any not used. Doors will open at 5:15 next week for seating. Handicap seating available. Watch for the ushers outside who will direct you to the area to be seated.

THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL: TRAVEL TO GREECE AND TURKEY

The Wednesday, March 6th information meeting is postponed, and a new time will be set soon that will include the leader of the travel company by video. This trip is an opportunity to join Pastor Scott and visit the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in Greece and Turkey. The 10-day trip will include four-day cruise exploring Greek islands and a visit to Ephesus, Turkey. Go to the link on our website.

GRIEFSHARE

Thursdays until April 18th from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. To register Call: Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church (623)977-6000 or online at griefshare.org. Deborah Frusciano: 602-909-8369.

MARCH OFFERING FOR VALLEY VIEW FOOD BANK

Each month we come together with a special financial offering for our west valley food bank. Today marks the beginning of the March offering. Be sure to make clear on your check that it is to go to the Food Offering.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR
March 2 – March 10

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am Church Council Re-treat
5:00 pm Service

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am Service
10:00 am Service

Monday, March 4

8:30 am Women's Retreat

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am Staff meeting
12:00 pm Counseling Ministry
 *By appointment only
 with Dr. Joe Dramise
3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal
4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*
 *By appointment only
 with Dr Joe Dramise
10:00 am Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am Online Worship
 video recording
10:00 am GriefShare
1:00 pm Game Day

Friday, March 8

9:30 am Bulletin Assemble

Saturday, March 9

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am Worship
10:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Liberty Quartet
Concert