

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Camp Sunday**  
**March 23, 2025**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.**  
*\*-the congregation is invited to stand*

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us during this Lenten season when we journey with Jesus to the cross. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which is found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

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*God gathers us in unity.*

**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

*arr. Philip Bliss*

*The assembly stands as able.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

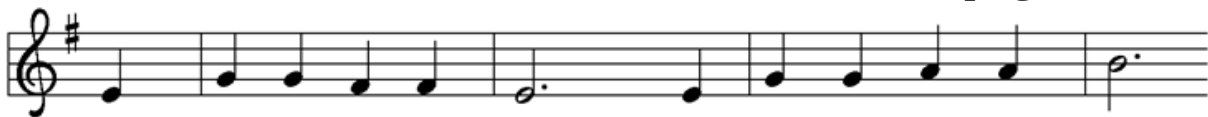
**Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*KYRIE**

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## **\*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**

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

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*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

**WORD**

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## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry  
and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> **My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that  
our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through  
the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in  
the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the  
same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock  
that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless,  
God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck  
down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we  
might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as  
some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat  
and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in

sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none.

Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup> He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Mike Youse, Exec. Dir. LCC

*The assembly may stand as able.*

## **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

[Jill & Justin Manlove]

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

## **Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*Sister and brother in Christ,*  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray  
for *these new members in their life in Christ?*

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **Welcome**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The Leader prays for the church/world and all in need.*

*Each prayer concludes:*

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

## **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*A greeting of peace is shared among the assembly.*

## OFFERING

*We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church.*

## CHORAL OFFERING

*Return to the Lord*

*Kenneth Korshe*

Grace Chancel Choir

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**MEAL**

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## \*SETTING THE TABLE

*Come to the Table*

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

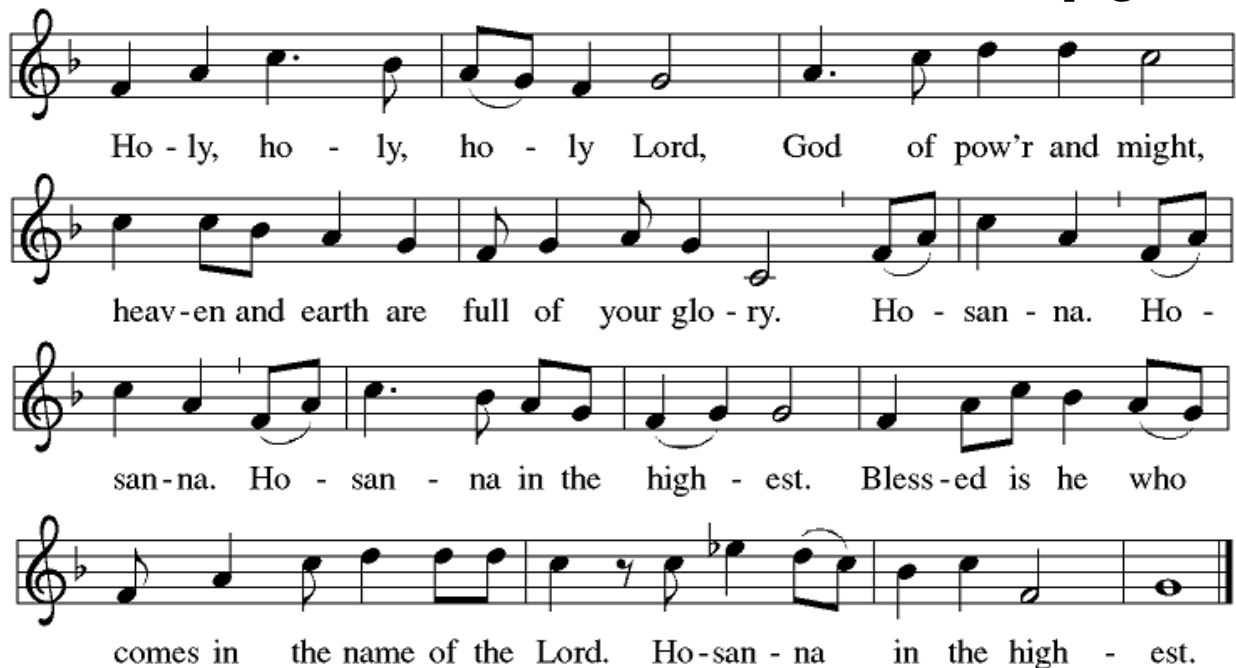
Praise and thanksgiving belong to you, God of every blessing, for you shaped all creation to grow into your abundant and eternal harvest.

You called a holy people to share life with you, and when they were captive in Egypt, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm you brought them out of oppression, through the temptations of the wilderness, into a land flowing with milk and honey.

In time, your Son came among us, facing wilderness and temptation and hunger to bring us out of bondage to sin and to taste and see that you, the Lord, are good. And so we thank you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn;

## **\*SANCTUS**

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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. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

God of mercy, you gave your people manna day by day during their time of testing; and because no one can live by bread alone, you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all. With your Spirit, bless this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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

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

Great is the mystery of faith

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

Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and death but accepted and finally overcame them, bring your disciples by the way of his cross to the joy of Easter. Strengthen your church to resist evil of every kind and turn from sin. With your mighty hand and outstretched arm, uphold those enduring trials and any who know their very life is at stake. Be with your children who are heavy laden, and all who labor beneath the misuse of power by another. Amid temptations to be successful, shape your children first to be faithful to your kingdom, until the day when in your resurrected glory there is one life, one sharing, one holy communion among all saints with you to whom all glory belongs forever, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **\*INVITATION**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Those communing in their seats and at home are led through each element.*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

*Please join in singing:*

### **AGNUS DEI**

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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.

## **\*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have  
refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and  
we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through  
this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one  
another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Kelvingrove*

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Presiding Minister .....   | The Rev. Chad Butz         |
| Preaching .....            | Mike Youse, Exec. Dir. LCC |
| Assisting Minister.....    | Randy Easton               |
| Lector .....               | Pat O’Neal                 |
| Acolyte .....              | Logan Walker               |
| Communion Assistants ..... | Rick Keen, Don Barlup      |
| Director of Music.....     | Kristopher Hartman         |
| Organist .....             | Emily Hartman              |

# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



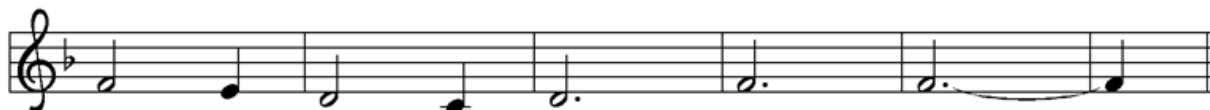
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## **Our Story**

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

***The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith***

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