

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2020 ♦ 9:00 am



"For God so loved the world"

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

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### GATHERING

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**C O Lord, who could stand?**

**P** But with you there is forgiveness;

**C so that we may worship and serve you.** (Psalm 130: 3-4)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**


**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**


- P** Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
 “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
 All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
 who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.
- C** **Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Lift High the Cross”


*Refrain*



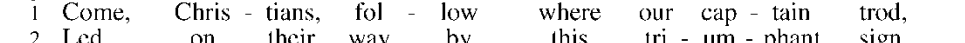
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till



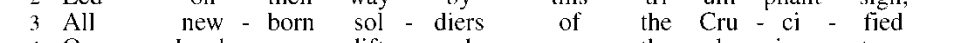
all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.



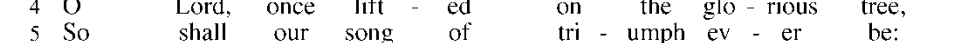
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our cap-tain trod,




2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,



3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied




4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

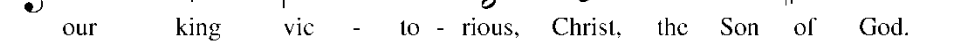


5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

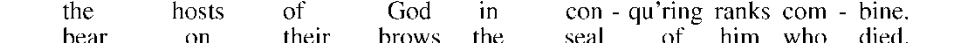
*Refrain*



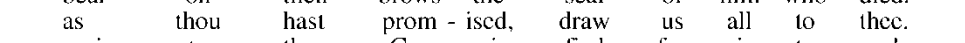
our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.



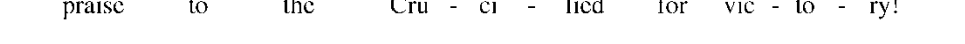
the hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.



bear on their brows the seal of him who died.



as thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to thee.



praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956  
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

## GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

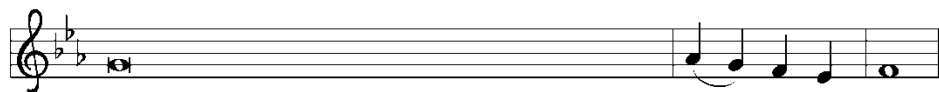
# KYRIE ("Lord, have mercy")



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



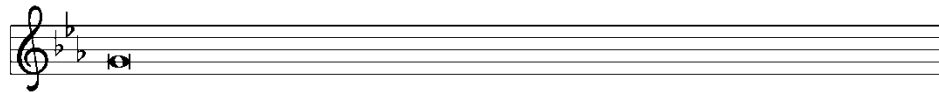
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



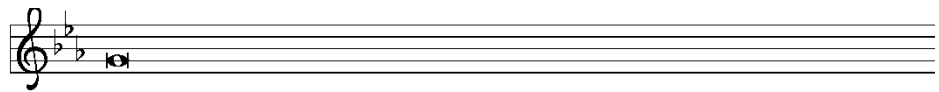
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**G** **O God, our leader and guide,**  
in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children.  
**Strengthen our faith in your promises,**  
**that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world**  
**through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and forever. Amen**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and

the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the

adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can

these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



# HYMN OF THE DAY "As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"

1. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up,  
 2. For God so loved the world he made,  
 3. God did not send Christ to the world made,  
 4. For God so loved the world he made,

so must God's Son be lift - ed high,  
 he gave his own be - lov - ed Son;  
 that he might then con - demn us all,  
 he gave his own be - lov - ed Son;

that who - so - ev - er will be - lieve  
 all who be - lieve in him will live—  
 but that the world by Christ's own death  
 all who be - lieve in him will live—

in him may live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 not die, but live for - ev - er - more.  
 might then be ran - somed from the fall.  
 not die, but live for - ev - er - more.

## SERMON

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by 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.

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

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Holy and generous host,

**All** you set a table where we feast as friends.

Prepare us to witness to your goodness

with every gift you have given us to share,

that all people may know your peace

through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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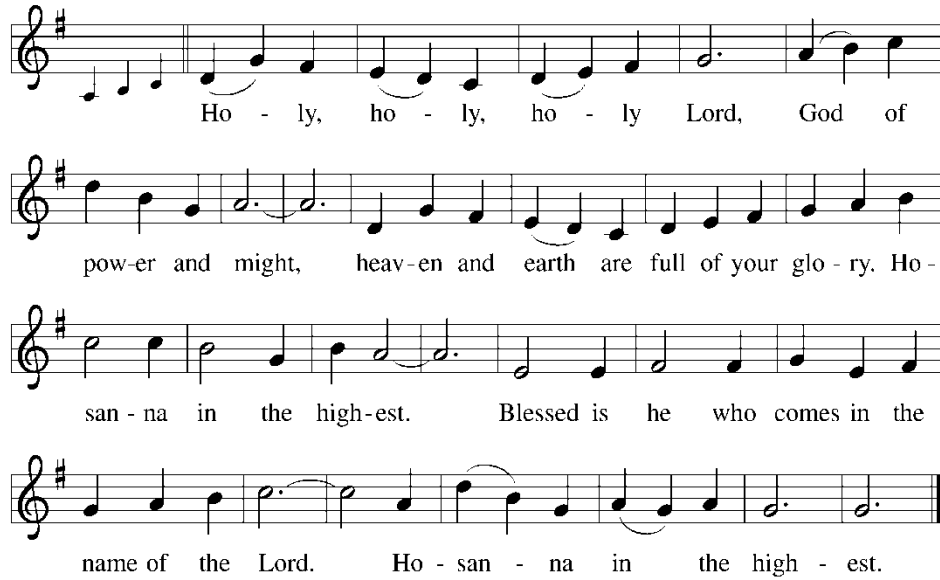
## INVITATION TO THE MEAL

**P** The Son of Man must be lifted up,

**C** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and return to you for you are gracious and full of compassion. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS "Holy, holy, holy"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. 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

- P** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All**



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

- P** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**All**



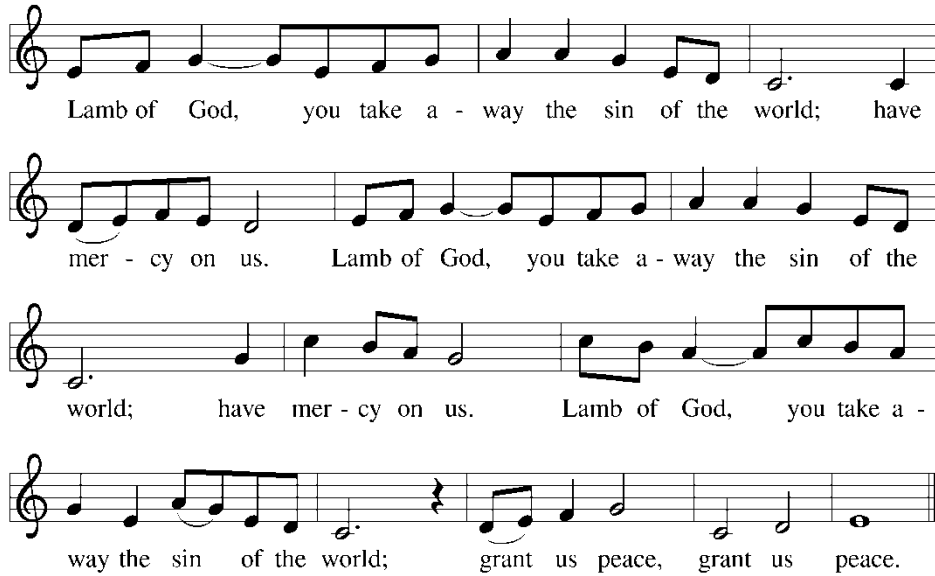
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- All** **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**

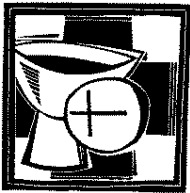


## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

# SONGS DURING COMMUNION “Now We Remain”

*Refrain*

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Liv - ing, now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ.

1 Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your cross we were saved; *Refrain*

dead be - came liv - ing, life from your giv - ing.

2 Some - thing which we have known, some - thing we've touched, what we have seen with our eyes, *Refrain*

this we have heard: life - giv - ing Word.

3 He chose to give of him - self, be - came our bread; bro - ken, that we might live; *Refrain*

love be - yond love, pain for our pain.

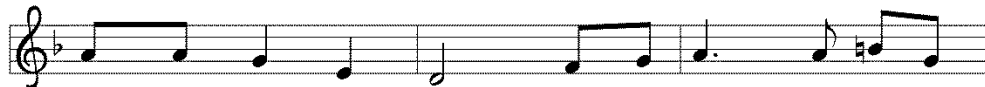
4 We are the pres - ence of God; this is our call; now to be - come bread and wine, food for the hun - gry, life for the wea - ry; for to *Refrain*

live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

# “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

## SENDING

### DISMISSAL

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.
- ☒ **Amen**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- ☐ Merciful God,
- ☒ **accompany our journey through these forty days.**  
**Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor,**  
**pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence**  
**and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen**

- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Worship leader   | Jon Marxhausen                |
| Piano            | Jill Olofson                  |
| Elder            | Doug Roome                    |
| Lector           | Roger Prigge                  |
| Ushers           | Darrel Smith/ Noel Smith      |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Ella Fahey                    |
| Greeters         | Shirley Muelken/ Eileen Ocone |

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## DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

We all take this journey of faith together. Take time to reach out to your fellow pilgrims.

# WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.

Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



## GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.



# CHRIST FOR ALL

*themes in the*  
*Gospel of* **MATTHEW**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

**TODAY at 10:15 am**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

| DATE    | ELDER         | ACOLYTE        | LECTOR           | USHERS                      | GREETERS                           |
|---------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3/8/20  | Doug Roome    | Ella Fahey     | Roger Prigge     | Darrel Smith/ Noel Smith    | Shirley Muelken/ Eileen Ocone      |
| 3/11/20 | Allen Warren  | Maren Sletten  | Cami Hartleben   | Errol Bartz/ Kathy Rehbein  | Dean Christenson/ Gail Christenson |
| 3/15/20 | Allen Warren  | Jake Richter   | Sue Hotzel       | Becky Vigstol/ Jenny Hanson | Bruce Gilman/ Audrey Gilman        |
| 3/18/20 | Chris Fallert | Kiernan Benson | Jeff Olofson     | Allen Warren/ Sally Warren  | Paul Hartleben/ Cami Hartlebn      |
| 3/22/20 | Chris Fallert | Maren Sletten  | Heidi Zetterwall | Bruce Gilman/ Jerry Corson  | Donna Pream/ Jean Strenger         |

# grace happens

March 8 - 15, 2020

## Sunday, March 8

9:00 am LENT 2  
Fellowship time after worship  
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

## Monday, March 9

6:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm Board of Outreach Meeting

## Tuesday, March 10

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 11

7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

## Thursday, March 12

11:30 – 1:30 LUNCH BUNCH

## Sunday, March 15

9:00 am LENT 3  
Fellowship time after worship  
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

# EASTER PLANT SALE

Lilies to decorate our worship space for Easter Sunday can now be ordered. Please use the sign-up sheet and payment envelope located on the table in the entryway to place your order. You may designate your lily in memory of someone who has died or in commemoration or thanksgiving of a special person or event.

You can also purchase gift cards to Gertens! Checks should be made payable to Grace of God Lutheran Church.

**This year's lily and plant sale helps support our 2020 Youth Mission Trip! DELIVERY IS APRIL 7**

Prices are:

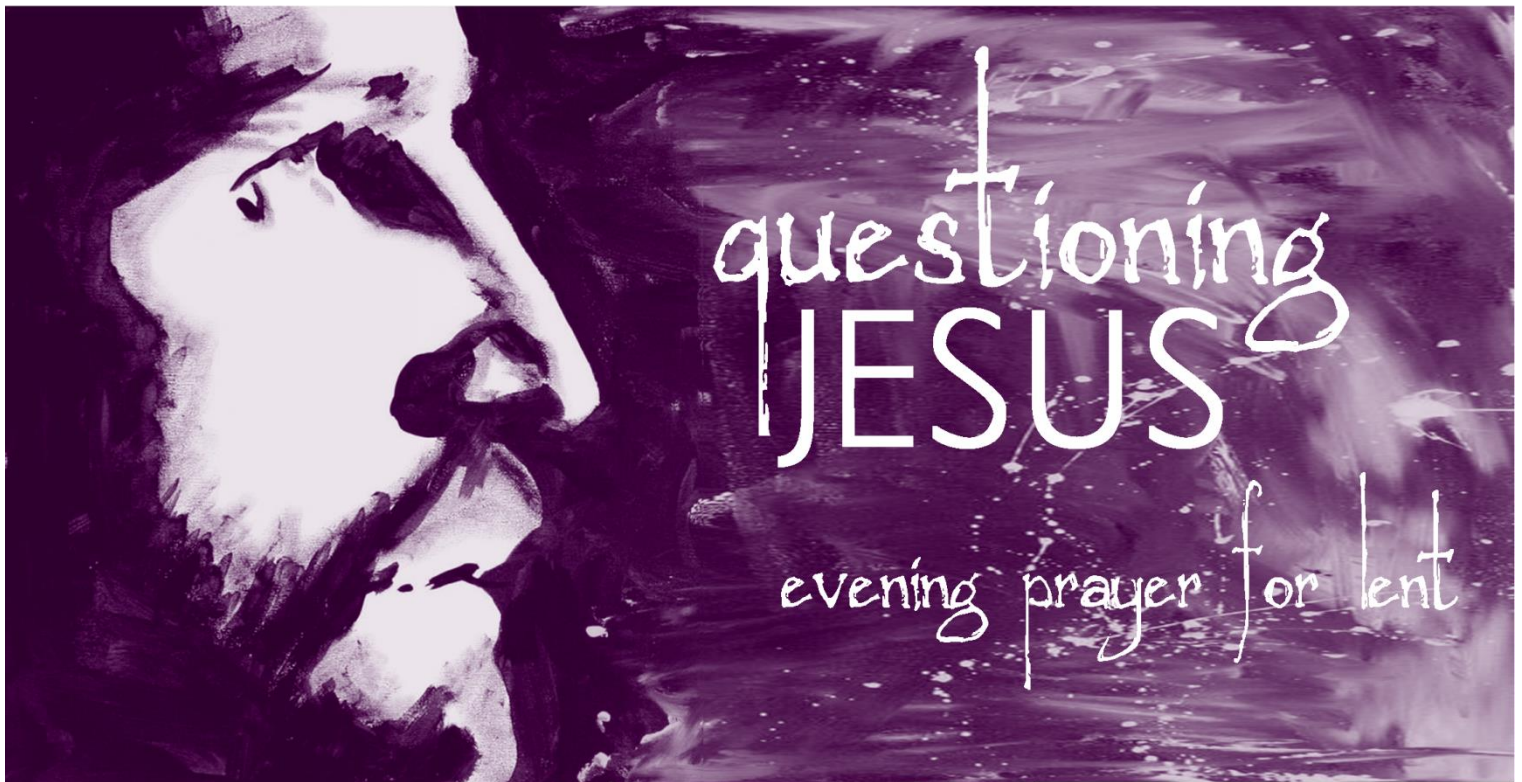
Traditional Easter Lily (2 sized) -- \$15/\$24 each

Yellow Cala Lily -- \$22.00 each

Pink Azaleas -- \$22.00 each

## CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

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|--------------|--|
| March 12-14  | TEAM 3<br>Roxanne Cleary/Jeff & Jill Olofson/Allen & Sally Warren    |
| March 19-21  | TEAM 4<br>Randy & Janice Henderson/Janice Roth/Bruce & Audrey Gilman |
| March 26 -28 | TEAM 5<br>Paul & Cami Hartleben/Bob & Rita Usselman                  |



**THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 at 7:00 pm**

### **LENT FELLOWSHIP**

We will enjoy a time of fellowship after worship on Wednesday evenings in Lent.

**Please sign up to serve a snack or desert after worship on Wednesday evenings.**

### **COINS FOR TANZANIA**

Going to school in Tanzania is not easy. The primary schools are free, but to continue into secondary school, there are tests to pass and fees to pay. Students Grace of God supports cannot afford these costs. Working shoulder to shoulder, in 2020 congregations in Saint Paul and Iringa are sending 1136 students to secondary school and certificate programs. (Bwana Yesu asifiwe! Lord Jesus be praised!)

Coin and cash donations collected during Lent will be directed to support students and other special projects with our partners in Tanzania.

We will collect our “alms” (loose change) during worship on Wednesday evenings. Alms bowls are available.

GRACE OF GOD'S

# Lunch Bunch

*You're invited*

Thursday, March 12  
11:30 – 1:30

For anyone available during the day.  
Need a ride? We'll help with that! Let Cindy Bartz know.  
Our project will be **finishing blankets for the LINUS PROJECT**  
All our welcome!



## NIGHT OF 100 Stars

SUNDAY,  
APRIL 26  
6 pm

**OUR ANNUAL YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**  
See Pastor Jon if you have a TALENT to share! (Yes. You do.)

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