

# Grace Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Take Up

Your

Cross

Mark 8:27-38

& Come Follow Me

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# ✠ Second Sunday in Lent ✠

✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Prelude

Processional Hymn

875 Father, We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our  
△ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.  
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, c. 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936 Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris  
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Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Versicles

260

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
**C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

## Introit

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
 for they have been | from of old.

**You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\***  
**He is their help | and their shield.**

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;\*  
 he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;  
 he will bless those who | fear the LORD,\*  
 both the small | and the great.

**We will | bless the LORD\***  
**from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
 for they have been | from of old.

## Collect

**L** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Chamber Ensemble

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*Boltze*

Old Testament

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I

am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

*Mark 8:27–38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly

charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles’ Creed

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offering (11:00 am)

## Sermon Hymn

### 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diancy  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67  
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## Sermon

### Lent Is All About Jesus

Mark 8:27-38

*Get Ahead of Me, Jesus*

*Rev. Timothy P. Halboth*

## Congregational Response

### 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

sts. 1-2



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872Text and tune: Public domain

## Offering (9:15 am)

### Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]*. . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Lord's Prayer

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** 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.

### Benediction

LSB 267

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

### Recessional Hymn

#### 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

sts. 1–2, 6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, A - mong us with Your love;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Grant stead-fast-ness and help us To reach our home a - bove.

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## **Second Sunday in Lent- February 25, 2024**

**WELCOME!** We are called by Jesus to take up our crosses of sin, worry, shame and fear and follow Jesus. While we believe that we cannot do that because of our weakness Jesus gets ahead of us as He died on the cross for us. "Lent is all about Jesus" and this morning we proclaim "Get Ahead of Me, Jesus."



<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Quilting - Fellowship Hall
	12:00 Noon	Women's Ministries - Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:15 pm	Fellowship Dinner - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Second Mid-Week Lenten Worship <b>St. John Passion</b> <b>What Kind of King is This?</b> <b>John 18:28-40</b>
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	10:30 am	New Member Class – Memorial Hall

**Next Sunday - March 3, 2024 - The Third Sunday in Lent** - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Lent Is All About Jesus: Disrupt the World, Jesus" based on John 2:13-22. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

**Next Wednesday - March 6, 2024 - Third Mid-Week Worship at 6:30 pm** - Vicar Spangler will preach on the theme "The St. John Passion: Whom Do We Follow?" based on John 19:1-16a. Please join us at 5:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Fellowship Dinner. The menu will be: Meatloaf, Potatoes, gravy corn, Salad and Bread.



Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



Please meet Vicar Spangler in the Narthex after Epistle Reading and proceed with him to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



There is still time to help us to beautify the Chancel once again for Easter. Please be sure to place your order **TODAY or NEXT SUNDAY**. Plants are \$20 each (the same as last year). The order form can be found at the Information Center. Payment is requested at the time of ordering. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. Please place payment in an envelope with your name on the front and place it in the black lock box next to the signup sheet.



On Tuesday, March 19, 2014, women from all across the Metro Detroit Area will gather at **The Mirage 16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township** to honor women chosen by their groups or churches as "Lutheran Woman of the Year." This year our Women's Ministries will honor Joan Calleja, and we congratulate her for her volunteer work among us! If you are interested in attending this wonderful annual event please speak with Sandy Crowe. The cost of a ticket is \$38.00 per person. **Deadline for ordering tickets is Wednesday February 28.**



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: April 7, 21, and all May Sundays.**

**THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.**

The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.

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Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

Join us for our annual Wednesday Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall. Serving will begin at 5:15 pm



**February 21** - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad and Bread.



**February 28** - Chicken Casserole, Salad and Bread.



**March 6** - Meatloaf, Potatoes, gravy corn, Salad and Bread.



**March 13** - Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and applesauce.



**March 20** - Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots and applesauce.

*The Staff of Grace Lutheran Church*

*The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior/Administrative Pastor*  
*Solomon Spangler, Vicar*

*Ian Boynton, Director of Music*  
*Erika Halboth, Church Secretary*

*Steve Robinson, Organist and Choir Accompanist*  
*Bonnie Karkheck, Asst to the Pastor -*  
*Children and Youth*

*Guest Organist: Jack Ellis*



*“The St. John Passion”*

*February 21, 2024 Midweek One*

*“The Two Interrogations”*

*John 18:12-27*

*February 28, 2024 - Midweek Two*

*“What Kind of King Is This?”*

*John 18:28-40*

*March 6, 2024- Midweek Three*

*“Whom Do We Follow?”*

*John 19:1-16a*

*March 13, 2024 - Midweek Four*

*“A Friend on the Cross”*

*John 19:16b-27*

*March 20, 2024 - Midweek Five*

*“The Battle is Finished”*

*John 19:28-42*

All Wednesday Services will be held at 6:30 pm.



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*Sunday Worship Hours at 9:15 am and 11:00 am*  
*“Lent Is All About Jesus”*



*February 18, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Get Behind Me, Satan  
Mark 1:9-15



*February 25, 2024*  
Get Ahead of Me, Jesus  
Mark 8:27-38



*March 3, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Disrupt the World, Jesus  
John 2:13-22



*March 10, 2024*  
Love Us, Jesus  
John 3:14-22



*March 17, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Serve Us, Jesus  
Mark 10:35-45