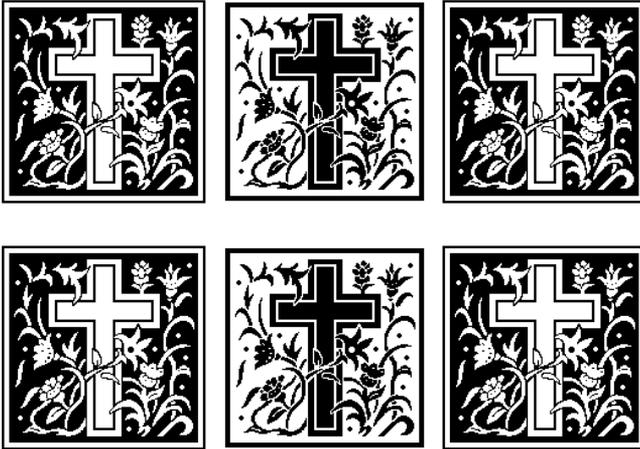


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



Second Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2012

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of
God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection
to all to be free to be the people of God.*

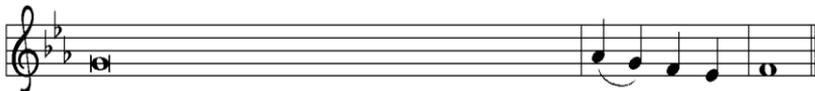
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



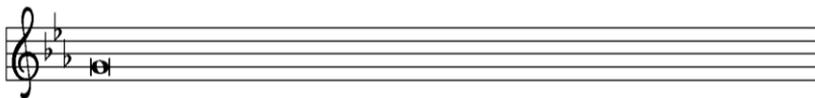
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



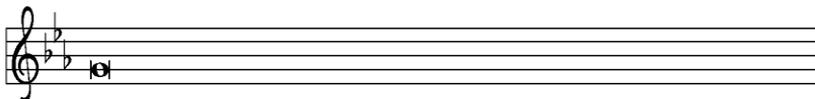
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



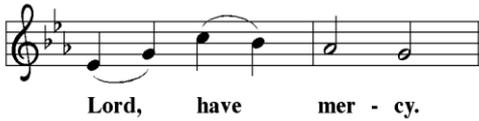
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

First Reading:

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. ²And I will

Primera Lectura:

El pacto y la circuncisión

¹ Cuando Abram tenía noventa y nueve años, el SEÑOR se le apareció y le dijo: —Yo soy el Dios *Todopoderoso. Vive en mi

make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

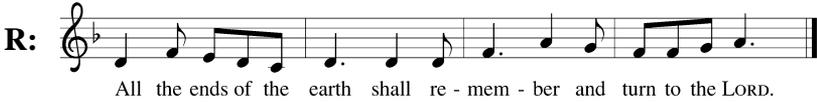
presencia y sé intachable.² Así confirmaré mi *pacto contigo, y multiplicaré tu descendencia en gran manera. ³ Al oír que Dios le hablaba, Abram cayó rostro en tierra, y Dios continuó: ⁴ —Éste es el pacto que establezco contigo: Tú serás el padre de una multitud de naciones.⁵ Ya no te llamarás Abram,^[a] sino que de ahora en adelante tu *nombre será Abraham,^[b] porque te he confirmado como padre de una multitud de naciones.⁶ Te haré tan fecundo que de ti saldrán reyes y naciones.⁷ Estableceré mi pacto contigo y con tu descendencia, como pacto perpetuo, por todas las generaciones. Yo seré tu Dios, y el Dios de tus descendientes.
¹⁵ También le dijo Dios a Abraham: —A Saray, tu esposa, ya no la llamarás Saray, sino que su nombre será Sara.^[a]¹⁶ Yo la bendeciré, y por medio de ella te daré un hijo. Tanto la bendeciré, que será madre de naciones, y de ella surgirán reyes de pueblos.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 25:1–10



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face ¹hidden from them; but when they cry out, ¹the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹live forever! R**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow ¹before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹to the LORD, who rules o- ¹ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹yet unborn, saying to them, "The ¹LORD has acted!" R

Children's Sermon

"Abba Father"

by Acappella

Interpretive movement piece

Andy Anderson, Sean Anderson, Leslie Denton, Adam Dostalík, Haley Dostalík, Natasha Voelker, Sarah Voelker

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Lyrics:

Somebody feels hopeless

Somebody despairs

Somebody walks a path alone

Watching others walk around in pairs
Somebody's in the street now
Somebody's in doubt
Somebody has no place to go
Somebody cries out saying

Abba, Father, take me higher
Abba, Father, take me home

Somebody is hungry
Somebody's in pain
Somebody sleeps alone in fear
Somebody's in shame
Somebody needs a friend to lean on
Somebody's not there
Somebody's looking at the end
Somebody's in prayer, praying

Abba, Father, take me higher
Abba, Father, take me home

Please be seated

Second Reading: Romans 4:13–25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

Second Reading:

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on

Segundo Lectura:

¹³ En efecto, no fue mediante la ley como Abraham y su descendencia recibieron la promesa de que él sería heredero del mundo, sino mediante la fe, la cual se le tomó en cuenta como justicia. ¹⁴ Porque si los que viven por la ley fueran los herederos, entonces la fe no tendría ya ningún valor y la promesa no serviría de nada. ¹⁵ La ley, en

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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and

efecto, acarrea castigo. Pero donde no hay ley, tampoco hay transgresión. ¹⁶ Por eso la promesa viene por la fe, a fin de que por la gracia quede garantizada para toda la descendencia de Abraham; esta promesa no es sólo para los que son de la ley sino para los que son también de la fe de Abraham, quien es el padre que tenemos en común¹⁷ delante de Dios, tal como está escrito: «Te he confirmado como padre de muchas naciones.»^[a] Así que Abraham creyó en el Dios que da vida a los muertos y que llama las cosas que no son como si ya existieran. ¹⁸ Contra toda esperanza, Abraham creyó y esperó, y de este modo llegó a ser padre de muchas naciones, tal como se le había dicho: «¡Así de numerosa será tu descendencia!»^[b]¹⁹ Su fe no flaqueó, aunque reconocía que su cuerpo estaba como muerto, pues ya tenía unos cien años, y que también estaba muerta la matriz de Sara.²⁰ Ante la promesa de Dios no vaciló como un incrédulo, sino que se reafirmó en su fe y dio gloria a Dios,²¹ plenamente convencido de que Dios tenía poder para cumplir lo que había prometido.²² Por eso se le tomó en cuenta su fe como justicia.²³ Y esto de que «se le tomó en cuenta» no se escribió sólo para Abraham,²⁴ sino también para nosotros. Dios tomará en cuenta

was raised for our justification.

nuestra fe como justicia, pues creemos en aquel que *levantó de entre los muertos a Jesús nuestro Señor.²⁵ Él fue entregado a la muerte por nuestros pecados, y resucitó para nuestra justificación.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Eighth Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 8:31–38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

Gospel

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to

el Evangelio

Jesús predice su muerte

³¹ Luego comenzó a enseñarles: —El Hijo del hombre tiene que sufrir muchas cosas y ser rechazado por los *ancianos, por los jefes de los sacerdotes y por los *maestros de la ley. Es necesario que lo maten y que a los

rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843

tres días resucite. ³² Habló de esto con toda claridad. Pedro lo llevó aparte y comenzó a reprimirlo. ³³ Pero Jesús se dio la vuelta, miró a sus discípulos, y reprendió a Pedro. —¡Aléjate de mí, Satanás! —le dijo—. Tú no piensas en las cosas de Dios sino en las de los hombres. ³⁴ Entonces llamó a la multitud y a sus discípulos. —Si alguien quiere ser mi discípulo —les dijo—, que se niegue a sí mismo, lleve su cruz y me siga. ³⁵ Porque el que quiera salvar su *vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mi causa y por el *evangelio, la salvará. ³⁶ ¿De qué sirve ganar el mundo entero si se pierde la vida? ³⁷ ¿O qué se puede dar a cambio de la vida? ³⁸ Si alguien se avergüenza de mí y de mis palabras en medio de esta generación adúltera y pecadora, también el Hijo del hombre se avergonzará de él cuando venga en la gloria de su Padre con los santos ángeles.



Creed (8:15 only)

**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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45 only)

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Baptism of Grace Calhoun and Welcoming of New Members Laura Ziesman, Sean Calhoun and Linda Moravec.

Parents of Grace are Laura Ziesman and Sean Calhoun. Sponsors are Christopher and Joyce Evans.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

P: Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

All: God of love, pour out your unifying Spirit upon us. We give you thanks for the blessing of this community of faith. Continue to awaken your gifts in us so we can faithfully build up the body of

Christ. Strengthen us to answer the call to the work of your ministry here at Grace. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

“O Lamb of God Most Holy”

Telemann

Please stand as you are able

Offering prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



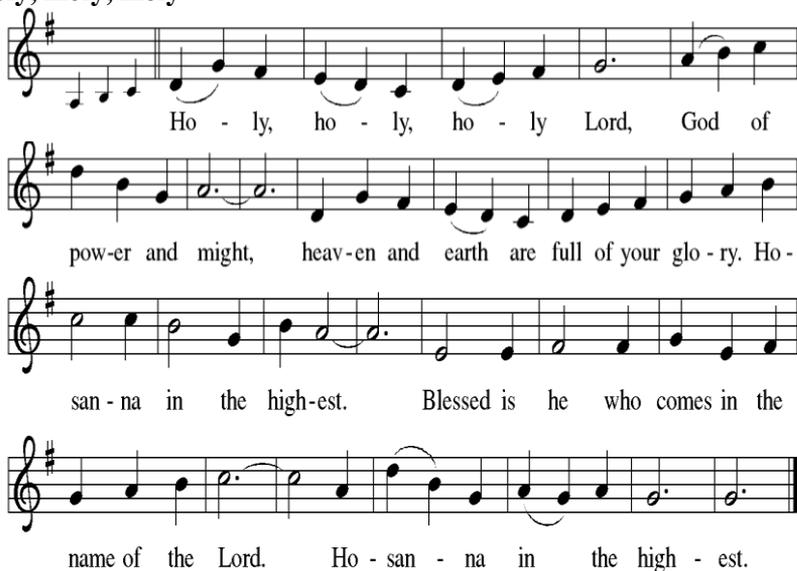
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: 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.**

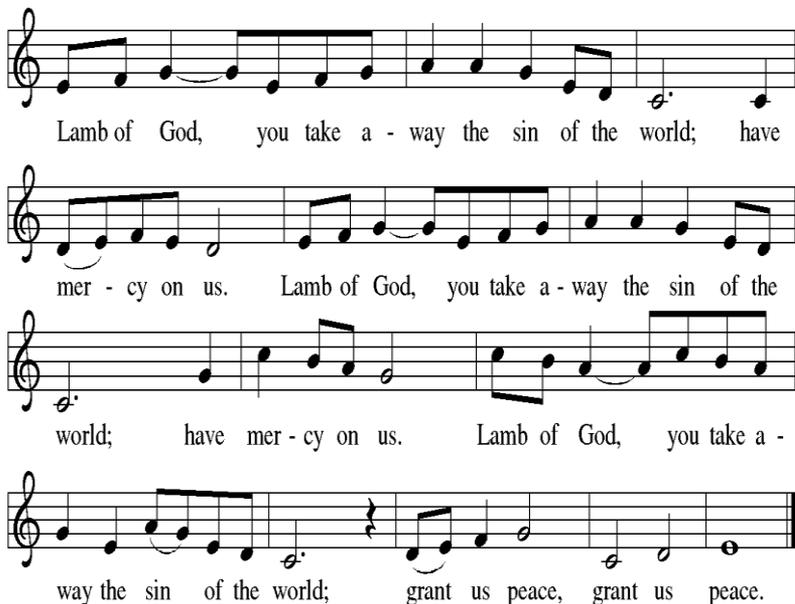
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated

Communion Song



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.

Distribution Hymns: #335, #608, #616

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Rise, Shine, You People”

#665

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

Campra

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

A nursery is available if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If you don't see anyone in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.

If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastors will commune you in your pew.

Communion – We welcome all people to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing.

When by intinction: Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).

When by pouring chalice: Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.

In our prayers: Ellen Batten, Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Tom Russell, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Stuart Turner, Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, the family of Marilyn Vesey, the family of Ruth Peck, and the others we name before you...

Quarters placed in the offering plate this morning, and every First Sunday, are for Hunger.

A Stephen Minister is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum

Mar 4 - Pastor Mike on Lenten or liturgical practices - GHI
Making the Most of Marriage – Esperanza Café

Mar 11 – Cathy Barks on Lutheran World Relief – GHI
Making the Most of Marriage – Esperanza Café

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall, or Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Cafe. Pastor Mike leads this study. *If there is anyone who needs a ride on Tuesday mornings, please call the church office for the names of volunteers drivers.*

During Lent Wednesday night activities will be as follows:

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- 5:40 p.m. – Youth Bells
- 6:20 p.m. – Hymn Sing
- 6:30 p.m. – Holden Evening Prayer Worship
- 7:15 - 800 p.m. – Grace Bells
- 7:15 p.m. – Grace Brass



During Lenten Worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing a series on “Ministry in Mark, More than a Motto”.

Wednesday, March 7
Mark 2:13-17 “We’ll Leave the Light on for Ya”

Wednesday, March 14
Mark 2:23-3:6 “Just Do It”

Wednesday, March 21
Mark 8:1-9 “Keeps Going and Going and Going”

Wednesday, March 28
Mark 8:22-26 “A Little Dab’ll Do Ya”



Classes and related activities for children wishing to begin receiving Communion will be taking place in March. Classes will be March 14 and 28 from 5:15-6:15pm. Optional enrichment opportunities include painting chalices at the Whatta Dish studio in Valley Junction on March 25 (\$17/chalice) and a full day camp experience led by Lutheran Lakeside staff at Grace on March 31 (\$35/child). Look for details to be sent home with your children. Questions? See Stephanie Johnson.



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Kimberly Carballo, Sarah Merkwon, Brent Culp,
Katherine Scholl, Pressly Reha, La Vonne Mitchell,
Patty Flannery, Nadine Garcia

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Gus and Kari Berven, Paul and Diana Johnson



6:20 – 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays before worship.
Please place your favorites and suggestions in
the box in the gathering Hall for the week
ahead. The organist thanks you!

The Senior Members invite you to play “Whoopie” tonight!

A light supper will be served first at 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Senior Members.



Roll up your sleeves and grab your cleaning supplies! Grace is having a spring cleaning day on Saturday, March 10 from 9am-noon. We'll have a list of to-do items on that day, and youth through adults are welcome to jump in. Many hands make light work, so come one, come all!



The next New Member Class will meet Sunday, March 11, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



March 4: Cinnamon Roll Sunday!
Come hungry for fresh, warm, sweet delicious cinnamon rolls. The High School youth will be here bright and early, baking just for you.

Plant Sale: Pick up an order form today, and extras for friends and neighbors. Order forms due Sunday March 25. Pick up will be Saturday May 5. Mother's Day is Sunday May 13...

May 5: Annual Grace Youth Garage, Plant, and Bake Sale
Mark it on your calendar and watch for more information in the weeks to come!

Food rescue training opportunity: The Food Rescue Planning Team, consisting of community and Grace members, has been working on expanding food rescue efforts in Des Moines. If you would be interested in receiving training on approaching restaurants about possible food donation, you are welcome to come to a training session about that on Monday, March 12 from 8:30-9:30am at Central Iowa Shelter and Services. Please contact Stephanie Johnson if you are interested in attending.

Plan to Attend

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Hall

7:00 to 10:00 AM



Free Will donation

Sponsored by The Men in Mission

A portion of the proceeds will go to Lutheran Lakeside Camp

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