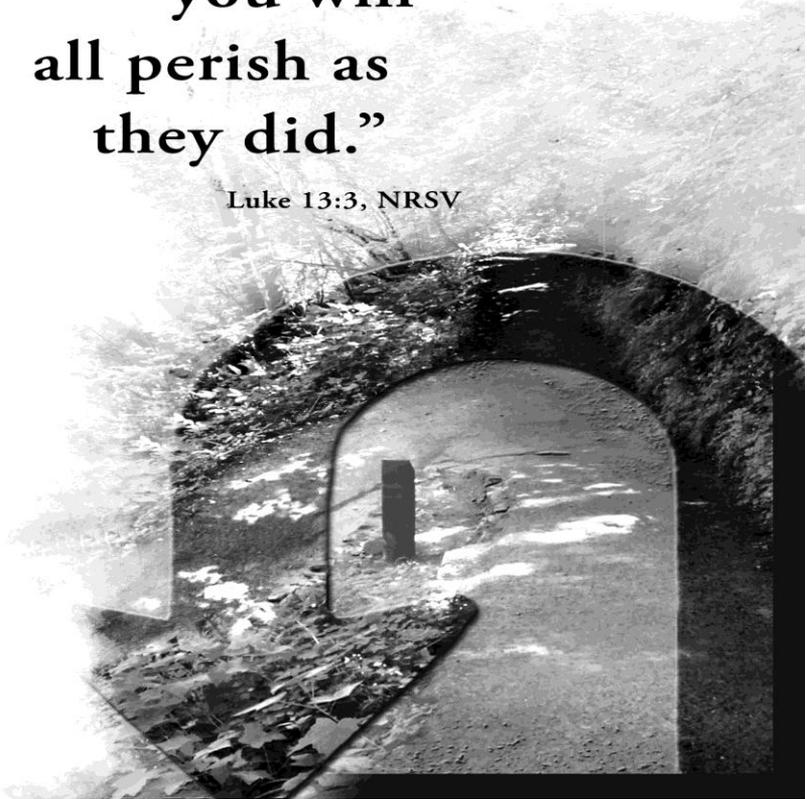


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**“... unless you repent,
you will
all perish as
they did.”**

Luke 13:3, NRSV



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2013

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

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.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** 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 there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

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

***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.*

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

Prelude

8:15

“Toccata”

by Johann Speth

10:45

“Near the Cross”

Behnke

Grace Bells

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Remember and Rejoice”

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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.

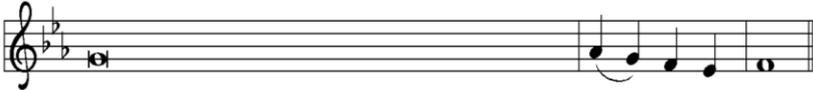
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



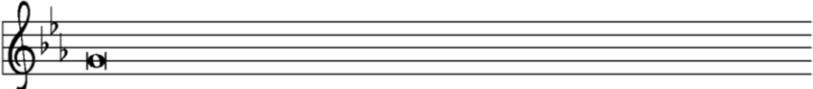
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



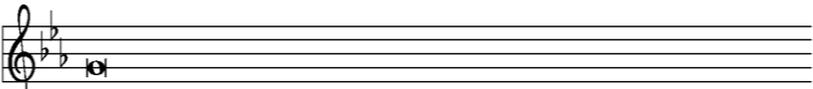
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: 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

Please be seated

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

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. ²Why 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. ³Incline 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. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the

peoples. ⁵See, 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. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 63:1–8

R 

 O God, ea-ger-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

¹O God, you are my God; eager-ly 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.

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

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

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. R**

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

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

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

⁸**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R**

8:15 Anthem

“Near the Cross”
Grace Bells

Behnke

10:45 Anthem

“Lenten Prayer”
(from *Salve Regina*)/Pergolesi, arr. Liebergen
Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God’s faithfulness.

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, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



C 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. Luke, the Thirteenth Chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 13:1–9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

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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 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.**

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send
us forth in mission. 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 “Lamentation by Henry Purcell” arr. by David Paxton

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.

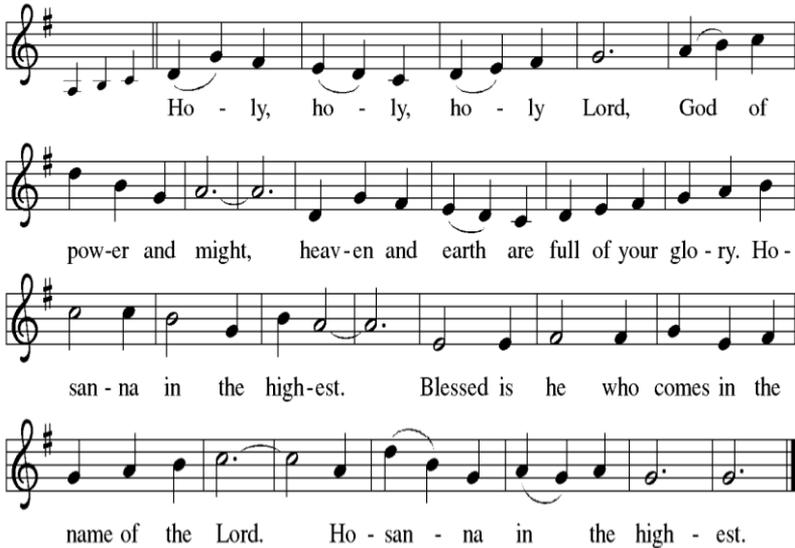
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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: 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 we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

Please be seated

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.

Distribution Hymns: 777, 623, 692

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our

way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through 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

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Trumpet in Dialogue”

by Louis Nicolas Clerambault

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements and Calendar

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Diane Jessen, Sandra Roehrick and the others we name before you...

Quarters placed in the offering plate this and every first Sunday are for Hunger.

Education Opportunities

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

Adult Forum

March 3 - Luther's Theology of the Cross – Rev. Ken Jones

March 10 - Meet and greet with our new custodian, Jack Larsh!

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

Wednesday night schedule changes

We won't hold Thursday night worship - join us for soup supper at 5 p.m. and informal worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Happy Birthday to: Renee Mulvihill, Matthew Heid, Kimberly Carballo, Sarah Merkwon, Brent Culp, Katherine Scholl, Pressly Reha, LaVonne Mitchell

Happy Anniversary to: Gus & Kari Berven, Paul & Diana Johnson



Grace Fellowship Features a railroad theme

Grace fellowship will kick off the first meeting of the year with a look at Iowa railroad history. Sunday evening, March 3 at 5 p.m. we'll gather in Grace Hall for a light meal. Then Denny Rehder will share stories and music from his 18 years performing "Grass Between the Rails" as a "Roads" scholar for Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the food.



The next **New Member Class** will meet Sunday March 10 from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Calling all Confirmation and High School Students: Please sign up to help with Cinnamon Roll Sunday and to pass out Plant Sale order forms before services in March. Sign-ups are at Volunteer Central!

Come, Study Jesus' Parables:

Where? Chapel

When? Sunday Morning Education Hour March 10, 17, and 24

Who? All are welcome. The class is taught by Rev. William Kallestad

What? The study is written by Rev. Harry Wendt, founder of Crossways International. The study covers parables such as the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the prodigal son. In the study Wendt uses a method of understanding the culture of that time. Then he applies the teaching of the parable to our situation and our time. Welcome

A friendly reminder for Saturday night, March 9:



Cinnamon Roll Sunday is just one week away!!!

On Sunday March 10 the 7-12th graders will be baking and selling warm frosted cinnamon rolls during coffee hour. You won't want to miss it! Plates of 4 cinnamon rolls will be available. Proceeds will go for the 2015 National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit, and High School Summer Trips.



Easter lily deliveries: Please consider delivering a lily or two to our homebound members. There is a sign-up sheet at Volunteer Central. Thanks for your ministry.

Find the Friendly Visitor. If you are picking up your newsletter, it can be found right in the entryway, on the brick wall over the radiator. There are also newsletters on the wall in the Hallway leading to Grace Hall, not far from the Fair Trade Coffee.

The Youth Garage, Plant, and Bake sale fundraiser will be Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Look for Plant Sale order forms between services – coming to you in March.
- Orders are due March 31st - Easter Sunday.
- Flowers orders will be available for pick up at the Garage sale.
- Start saving your garage sale items – look for details in the March and April newsletters!

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers –8:15 Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman, Jessica Rissman 10:45 Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Norm Trentman, Jay Wangerin

Liturgist – 8:15 Doug Johnson 10:45 Janet Habick

Lector – 8:15 Charlotte Neilsen 10:45 Karen Taylor

Children’s Sermon – Stephanie Johnson, McKenzie Carney

Communion servers – 8:15 Tim and Loree Nelson, Kate Schaller, Ardis Schmelzer

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler, Megan Riordan

10:45 Ben Wonderlin, Yaritza Marquez

Altar Guild – Jane Ridnour, Connie Heuton

Counters – 8:15 Mike Peterman and Jon Rissman 10:45 Alex Davik and Chris Lawson

Coffee –

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, March 3

- 8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice
- 9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 5:00 p.m. – Grace Fellowship Meeting

MONDAY, March 4

- 11:15 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. -Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. – Pastors Text Study
- 6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Knitter’s Guild
- 7:00 p.m. - Hannah Circle – Kitchen reserved

WEDNESDAY, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. - Willing Workers
- 4:30 p.m. – Grace Women’s Board
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- 5:40 – 6:10 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service
- 7:15 p.m. – Brass Practice
- 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. – Grace Bells

THURSDAY, March 7 *Deadline for newsletter, special Easter Edition*

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends

SUNDAY, March 10, *Daylight savings time, Cinnamon Roll Sunday*

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice

9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Chapel

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study/Parables – Rev. William Kallestad

9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. – Grace Fellowship Meeting

**During Lenten Worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing
a special sermon series**

March 6 – Wouldn't you like to get away?

March 13 – Our troubles are all the same

March 20 – Where everybody knows your name



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