

Grace Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 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 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. Communion bread is gluten free.*

Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be available in the Upper Room on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer. **Exception: There will not be a Stephen Minister in the Upper Room on Palm Sunday or Easter.

Prelude

8:15

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. by Bill Ingram

Grace Bells

10:45 “Rondo Espressivo by C.P.E Bach” arr. By Thomas Chesterton

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: Despite our best efforts, we fail to understand you. We are guided by anger or fear. We put our own needs before the needs of others. Forgive what we have thought, done, and said, and what we have failed to do or say. Cleanse our hearts and restore us to your favor. 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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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.

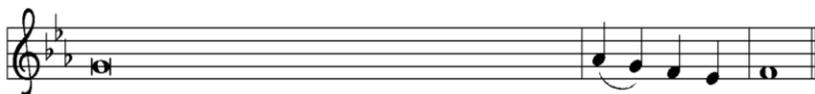
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



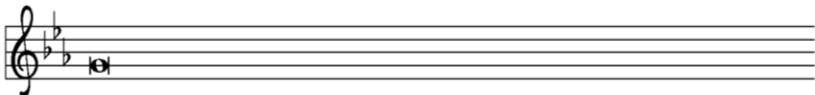
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



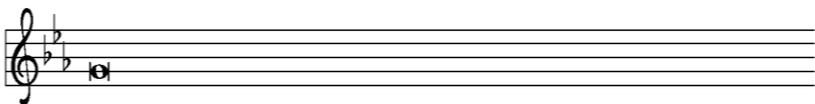
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Teaching God, your son, Jesus, set an example for us when he washed the feet of his disciples. Make us examples of service for others, so that all may know you through us, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Psalm 51:7-12

R: 
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

R ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur-^{er} than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spir- it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your boun- tiful Spirit. R

Anthem

8:15 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” arr. Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

10:45 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. by Bill Ingram
Grace Bells



Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Thirteenth Chapter.

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

Gospel: John 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean.

And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have

washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With gratitude for your mercy, we humbly lift our prayers to you, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior and 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 "Footsteps of Jesus" arr. By Albin C. Whitworth

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.

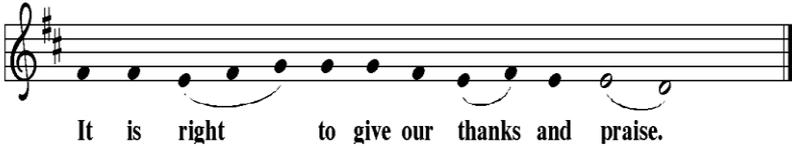
C: Amen.

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.



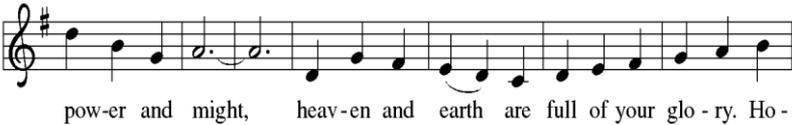
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



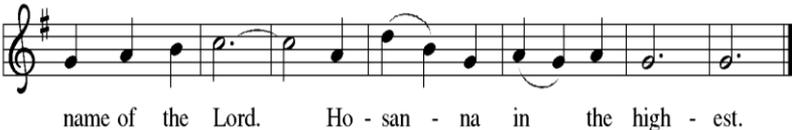
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



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 as 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

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: 479, 708, 742

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our 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 “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” #729

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Agincourt Hymn” by John Dunstable

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!



In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Delores Larson, Brian Vance, the family of Duleep Singh, and the others we name before you...

Quarters received today and every third Sunday are designated for the Food Pantry. ***Want to see the work that the ELCA Malaria Campaign is doing in Malawi and Zambia? Check out the videos that are playing in the Gathering Hall.***

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



Happy Birthday to: Kathy Bowermaster, Beth Flannery, Melissa Swanson, Benjamin Honsey, Joann Jensen, Thomas Selander, Robert Sauerman, Emma Ashton, Diane Westercamp, Haley Turner, Karen Taylor, Janet Kjellberg, Susan Miller, Angela Allen, Louie Anderson

Happy Anniversary to: Jeff and Anne Farrell, Ed and Jane Ridnour



Education Opportunities

March 16: No Sunday School or Adult Forum today! These will resume next week at 9:30 a.m. Instead:

Irish Breakfast: 9-11 a.m. Welcome, Welcome!!

Make your life a little easier on this lovely morning!

Enjoy an Irish Breakfast sponsored by the Companion Congregation Committee. Fellowship time for all as there is no Sunday School this morning. Free will offering appreciated.

The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study meets 9:30 – 10:30 in the café. Join us!

March 23: Time for Fellowship

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. There will be **no Tuesday evening Bible study** for the time being.

There will not be **Stephen Ministry supervision** on March 17 due to Spring Break.



Please note the Wednesday evening schedule has changed. Midweek Lenten services continue each Wednesday until Holy Week with a soup supper from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and a worship service at 6:30 p.m.

You can find the current weekly schedule on the Grace website at gracedm.org or in the acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hall each week.



The Wednesday Soup Supper on March 19 will be served by Social Ministry.



Baskets of Promise: Keep this in prayer: Next week we will begin our LWR drive, running from March 23 to April 6. Visit the basket display in the Gathering Hall to see the work of Lutheran World Relief. Pick up a yellow envelope from the pew for a donation. We are collecting toothbrushes (in original packaging) and monetary donations. In Sunday school, we will make 200 personal care kits! Be there!

DOLLARS

2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars

During the February meeting, the Grace Council decided how this year's Thrivent Choice Dollars will be distributed. ***The first \$400 will be used to pay the annual dues to LSI for the First Circle of Friends program. The remainder of the donations will be directed to the Evangelism Committee and used to cover the costs for a new church directory, to be completed this year.*** Thrivent members have until March 31st to direct any remaining 2013 Choice Dollars. Thank you for your continued support of Grace and its ministries.

Hunger Working Team

The Southeastern Iowa Synod has taken on the designation as the "Anti-Hunger Synod". With that designation, synod leadership is working to encourage all congregations in the synod to "grow their lawns" rather than mow their lawns. We at Grace have been doing just that for 5 or 6 years donating most of our harvest to the Food Pantry. Our garden team is gearing up for the 2014 growing season with plans to further amend the soil and continue doing what we have been doing to provide healthy food to hungry people.

Another focus of the synod is to encourage each congregation to develop a Hunger Working Team. Grace's Social Ministry Team devotes much of its focus to hunger issues, but doesn't focus exclusively on hunger. There is much more that we could be doing, so we have begun developing a team. At this time we have commitments from 3 people.

Our Hunger Working Team would like to invite you to prayerfully consider being part of the team, collaborating with the garden group and Social Ministry to work to end hunger in Des Moines and the world. If you think you would like to be part of the Hunger Working Team at Grace, contact Julie Honsey at 282-8817 or honsey.julie@gmail.com.



The deadline for ordering an Easter Lily is Tuesday March 18.

This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by purchasing either an Easter lily or a spring flowering plant to decorate the altar.

They are \$12.75 each. Flowering plants will include tulips, hyacinths and mums in spring colors. Order forms will be available in the church office and the bulletins on March 9 and March 16.. Payment and the order form need to be received by the office no later than this date to assure your request gets ordered. The ordering form can also be found on the website, too.

Indicate on the order form if you would like the plant delivered to a homebound member. Otherwise, you may pick up your plant after the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter. We often have plants that don't get picked up, so please considering giving your plant to one of our homebound members. Volunteers will happily deliver these and they are enjoyed so much!



NCAA Bracket Fundraiser

March Madness is approaching! Selection happens on March 16th. So, do you feel lucky? Local and regional charities hope so! We will hold the church pool again this year. There will

be a \$5 entry fee and the winner will choose which charity will receive the pool monies. Last year, Sue Anderson won and was able to give the \$210 pool to Visiting Nurse Services. So far we have given away a total of \$460 due to this annual charity!

To enter simply fill out a bracket and turn it in to the church office between Sunday, March 16 and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20 with the \$5 entry fee. You should also note your chosen charity when you turn in the bracket. Brackets will be available in the church office or you can print your own. You could also scan your bracket and send it to revschmidt@live.com Please either include cash, or make the check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with NCAA in the memo field.



A quarter a day keeps malaria away... Have you picked up your quarter folder for the malaria campaign yet? Or have you already filled one and want to see who in your family can fill another one the fastest? Each folder at the Social Ministry table holds enough quarters to purchase a \$10 mosquito net. Take one home with you and then return it anytime between now and the end of April. We are asking for all to be returned by April 27 for World

Malaria Sunday. Our goal by that date? To raise almost \$2000 more to reach our challenge goal of \$10000. We can do this! Campaign envelopes are available in the pews as well. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to give.

Do you have a desire to help people from all cultures and backgrounds gain the skills and tools they need to thrive in a new country? LSI is still looking for ESL (English as a Second Language) volunteers. LSI will provide extensive training and all curriculum and teaching materials needed. Previous teaching experience is not required, and a one-year commitment is preferred. Pick up a flyer at Volunteer Central, and contact Lauren Gentry at Lauren.Gentry@lsiowa.org or 271-7387 for more information.

Are you looking for a way to make Lent a meaningful season for your family? ELCA World Hunger has an easy to use discussion guide that is designed for families with children. Each day includes a topic, bible reading, or activity. Pick up a copy on the long table by the display cabinet in the Gathering Hall.

Active Grace 30-Day Challenge

A person can do almost anything for 30 days. Even documentaries have been made that are guided by this premise. So, we figure it would make for a great challenge for Lent. We will begin together today, March 16th and continue through April 14th .

The challenge is simple, try something different for 30 days. This is not about giving something up, but rather about adding something for 30 days. It could also be adding something or taking on a goal like reading, or walking, or praying every day, or even putting something into savings. What is something that you have always wanted to either do more or not at all? Lent would be a great time to start.

At the Photo Wall Bulletin Boards there is a place for you to share your goals, and any lessons you have learned, how accomplishing any part of your goals makes you feel. Check it out, it's time to get started!

Congregational Lunch and Meeting on March 30th

Whether you have been at Grace for 9 weeks or 90 years, there are stories to share. So, let's share them. That is the focus of the congregational lunch and meeting that will take place in Grace Hall on March 30th following the 10:45 service. We will gather in fellowship around a meal and will then spend time talking about our experiences at Grace Lutheran Church. Bring your stories of this community of faith and what all has happened along the way. Do you remember, or have stories from the 20s? 30? Or any other decade? Can you remember more than one pastor? Not sure who the current pastor is? Come, be fed, and share. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Lutheran Lakeside Camp
21st Annual Quilt Auction
April 5, 2014**

St Mark Lutheran Church
5200 Glenn Ave
Sioux City, IA

Quilt Viewing and Lunch 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Auction 1:00 pm Faith Lutheran Church, Odebolt is matching funds for the auction. For every \$3.00 raised, they will match with \$1.00 up to \$7,000. If you can't make it to the auction and would like to help reach our goal, please send donations to Lutheran Lakeside Camp, 2491 170th St, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. Thank you!

Camp news: Volunteers are needed to help with the remodel of the camp house. The camp needs help tearing down walls to get ready for putting in new high comfort rooms, and they can save on carpenter costs if some of the walls can be taken down before the contractor begins.

Dates volunteers are needed are March 29, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 13, and May 14. Contact Carolyn Fritsch at Carolyn@lutheranlakeside.com or 712-336-2109 so that lunch can be ready for you.

Luther College Symphony Orchestra performs March 25

The Luther College Symphony Orchestra of Decorah, Iowa will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway in West Des Moines, Iowa. The performance is part of the symphony's spring tour of the Upper Midwest and is open to the public with no charge for admission. A freewill offering will be taken.

The 2014 Symphony Orchestra tour program includes selections from the Introduction and Gopak from "The Fair at Sorochinsk" by Modest Mussorgsky, Suite. No. 2 for Small Orchestra by Igor Stravinsky, "Masquerade Suite" by Aram Khachaturian and Symphony No. 1 in C minor by Johannes Brahms. For more information, visit luther.edu/music/symphony-orchestra or email kate.haller@luther.edu.

Welcome to Grace!

Pastor – Rev. Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 John Farver, Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman

10:45 Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin

6:30 Wednesday: Jay Wangerin, Kevin Krause

Children's Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Liturgist – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Kristina Hutton

Lector – 8:15 Ro Zimany 10:45 Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 8:15 Jan Gross, Carla Peterman, Jenie Schmidt,
Karen Taylor

Acolytes – 8:15 Haley Dostalick, Sarah Voelker 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

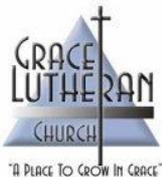
Altar Guild – Cindy Peeler, Loree Nelson

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Carter Woodruff

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Chris Lawson

Wednesday the 19th : 6:30pm Mark Stumme and Carter Woodruff

Coffee – Companion Congregation Committee



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John 13:1-17

Key Verses: “Jesus said, ‘So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’” John 13:14-15

Time: 33 CE

Background: It was customary for a servant in a hosting household to wash the feet of traveling guests before a meal. It would have been highly unusual for Jesus to take the role of servant, washing the feet of his disciples. In John’s gospel, the foot washing became the central event at Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. The meal became much more a teaching event, where the disciples were invited to learn more about their role in the world after Jesus was to leave them. Peter didn’t understand what Jesus was doing and didn’t want to take part in this reversal of roles. He did, however, want his share, and was willing to go to any length to get it. Thankfully, Jesus did not need for them to understand fully. He just asked that they participate, listen, and learn.

Community: How have you and others in your community fallen into your roles? When and how have you questioned those roles? Is it time for a change?

At Home: When was the last time you served another? When did you last allow someone to serve you? Since giving and receiving can bless both parties, find opportunities to do both this week.

Read This Week:

Monday, Mar 17, *The Woman Caught in Adultery*, John 7:53-8:11

Tuesday, Mar 18, *Jesus the Light of the World*, John 8:12-20

Wednesday, Mar 19, *Jesus Foretells His Death*, John 8:21-30

Thursday, Mar 20, *True Disciples*, John 8:31-38

Friday, Mar 21, *Jesus and Abraham*, John 8:39-59

Saturday, Mar 22, *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*, John 10:22-42

Next Week: Sunday, Mar 23, *Peter’s Denial*, John 18:12-27