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**WELCOME to ALL who are gathered in this place!**

**Please visit [www.gracecolumbiacity.org](http://www.gracecolumbiacity.org) for updates,  
calendar, contact the staff, preschool information and more!**

**We are glad you are here.**

**March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday in Lent**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**     *The Glory of These Forty Days (ELW 320)*

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### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **LENTEN LITANY**

During Lent we wander, as though through a wilderness  
**with our ancestors in the faith, with Christ to the cross.**

We come face to face with our sin.

**We see starkly our needs and those of our neighbors.**

Yet we are never alone.

**We journey with God's sure and certain promises.**

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.

**So shall your descendants be.**

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand

**and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.**

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground

**that you, O Lord, have given me.**

O God, you are my God. 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.**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters,

**and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!**

The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna;

**they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.**

The 40 days of Lent are a journey with promise:

**God's promises of the full table, the salvific cross and the empty tomb.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*[The assembly is seated]*

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as the place where the name of God dwells. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and the LORD brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM:PSLAMS 91:1-2,9-16

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8B-13

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the <sup>1</sup> mouth of God. (*Matt. 4:4*)

### **GOSPEL: LUKE4:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered the devil, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, the Lord alone shall you serve.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘God will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered the devil, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*[The assembly is seated]*

### **SERMON**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *When We Are Tested* (ACS 922)**

**(in the back of the bulletin)**

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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 INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(other prayers may be offered at this time, silently or loud.)*

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray; Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

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.

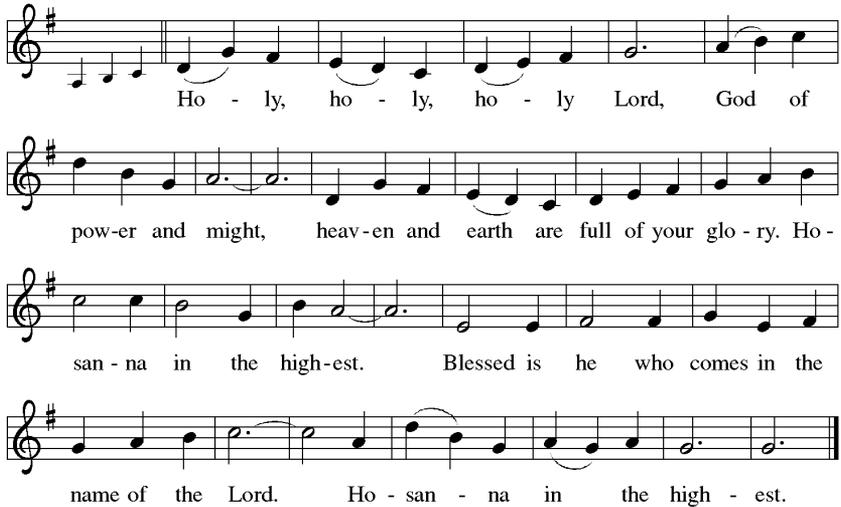
The image shows a musical score for a dialogue. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

## PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# 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

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world. 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. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)**

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

**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**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

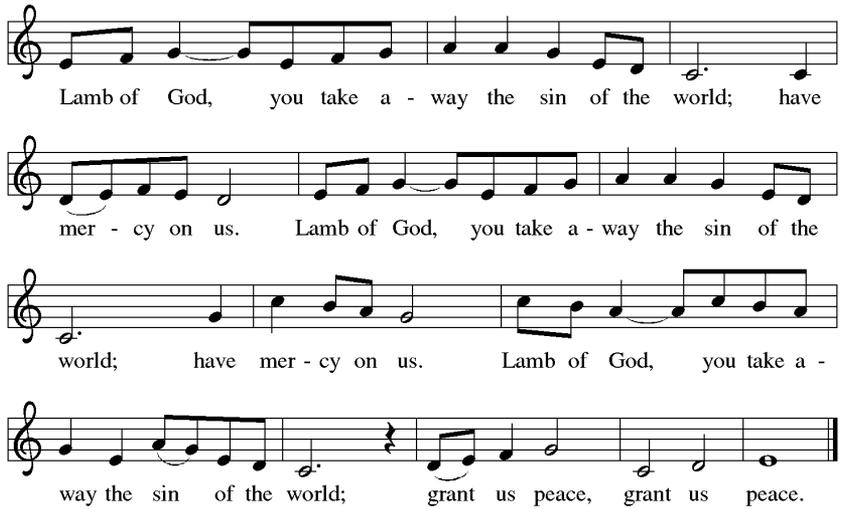
*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen*

*[The assembly is seated]*

**COMMUNION** *(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)*

## COMUNION 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.

### **INSERTED MUSIC *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)**

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### **INSERTED MUSIC *Guide My Feet* (ACS 987) (in the back of the bulletin)**

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*[Please stand as you are able]*

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 113)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*SENDING* God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

# **SENDING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)* (ELW 504)**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
Thanks be to God.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adelphai ladies will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30AM.  
This is a planning meeting, please bring your program ideas.**

**The ladies of Adelphai have some funds that they are willing to share with other groups. Request funds Forms can be found in the WELCA mailbox; across from the office. If you are a member of a group or know of a group that could use some funds; please pick up a Request funds form. Return the request funds form to the WELCA mailbox by March 20,2022**

**The Care Team will meet also on Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30AM.**

**The Preschool is looking for donation of kids snow boots size 6-12 and snow pants youth size extra small to med.**

**Mid-week Lenten Service, Online**

**If you feel that your child is ready for first communion please contact the church office. 260-244-7118 or [office.gracelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:office.gracelutheran@gmail.com)**

**Fundraiser to support the Preschool: Shop with Scrip through the RaiseRight App or through the website shopwithscrip.com.**

**→Buy gift cards for places you already shop at with reloadable gift cards, e-cards or physical gift cards. There is no extra charge to you.**

**→Example: If you shop at Walmart for groceries, you can purchase a gift card for \$100.00. You can purchase a physical gift card that will be sent straight to your house, or you can choose a reloadable card that will be put right on your App. You are already spending that money at the grocery store**

so why not buy a gift card before you go to the store to help the Preschool?  
Organization name: **Grace Lutheran Church Preschool**  
Enrollment Code: **AL22LAE586216**

**Save the dates, Important dates for Grace Lutheran  
Open house /Registration nights (preschool)**

**March 29,2022 6-7:30pm**

**March 30,2022 6:30-8pm**

**Weekly agenda at Grace Lutheran church**

**Monday March 7,2022**

Parents of addicted loved ones (PAL) 6pm

Cub scouts 3082 6pm

Property team 6:30pm

Hannah group 7pm

Alcoholics anonymous 7:30pm

**Tuesday March 8,2022**

T.O.P.S 9-11am

Sigma Eta Fine Arts Sorority 7pm

**Wednesday March 9,2022**

Men's breakfast 8am

Food pantry 12pm

Food voucher distribution 4pm

**Thursday March 10,2022**

Helping hands 12:30-2pm

AA/AL anonymous 7:30-8:30pm

**Friday March 11,2022**

*Pastors day off*

Food pantry 12-2pm

**Saturday March 12,2022**

Pack 3082 blue and gold 10-4pm

**Sunday March13,2022**

*Daylights saving time begins*

Worship at Hope 8:15am

Worship at Grace 10am

# When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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# Guide My Feet



Leader  
1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual