

With Jesus in the Fight Our Battle Is Won!

March 9,
2025



First Sunday
in Lent

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Each of us battles with temptation daily, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled, yet was without sin...for us and for our eternal righteousness. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Lord, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION – CW, Pg.15



OPENING HYMN:

#337

DELAY NOT! DELAY NOT

****Please Stand for The Last Verse****



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.
Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

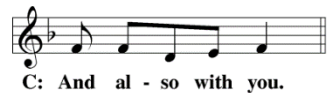
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C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

DEUTERONOMY 26: 5 – 10

With a mighty hand, the Lord granted victory over evil for His people, leading them out of slavery into the Promised Land. No longer enslaved to sin, we yearn for the Promised Land of a new heaven and new earth, the home of God's elect. There is no greater prize than the love and mercy of our God.

Then you will respond and say in the presence of the Lord your God, "My father was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt and lived there as an alien with just a few people, but there he became a great, strong, and populous nation. The Egyptians mistreated and afflicted us. They imposed hard labor on us. We cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice, and he saw our affliction, our labor, and oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm


and with great awe-inspiring acts and signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now, look as I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you have given me, Lord."

Then set the basket down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

PSALM OF THE DAY:


PSALM 91

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



Refrain

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD,*
“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.
If you make the Most High your dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 10: 8 – 13

Christ obeyed his Father in all things. Even in the midst of temptation, He fully obeyed where we could not. When He won the battle over sin for us, there was nothing left for us to do. Christ has completely fulfilled all the requirements of God's Law in our place.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

VERSE OF THE DAY

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

*****Please Stand*****

GOSPEL

LUKE 4: 1 – 13

It was the ultimate battle of Good versus Evil: the old evil foe battled the Son of Man while the fate of humanity hung in the balance. It almost feels clichéd to dramatize the temptation of Christ in such terms.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. So, if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here, because it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you. And, they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered him, “It says: ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’”

When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*****Please Be Seated*****

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#200

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er-tak - en. The old
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
He holds the field for - ev - er.
One lit - tle word can fell him.
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

SERMON TEXT:

LUKE 4: 1 – 13

SERMON THEME:

FIGHTING OUR DAILY BATTLE

****Please Stand****

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING –In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

****Please Stand****

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR LENT

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love, we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author, and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

SILENT PRAYERS

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#351

HAIL, O ONCE-DESPISED JESUS



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,
you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;
to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal
 You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -
 Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are
 Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -
 giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is
 plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for
 spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.
 the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.
 us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

THE SACRAMENT

****Please Stand****



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

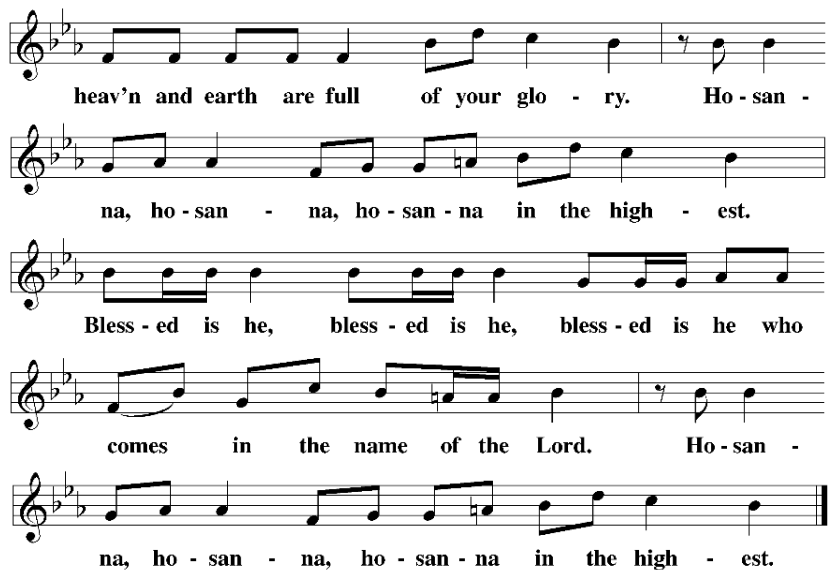
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#415

BE STILL MY SOUL



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;
When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,
When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
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WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary’s womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus’ redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we explore the book of Luke. Feel free to bring your questions; reading is always optional, and you're welcome to come and go as you please. We start at 9 a.m.

Grace 2025 Mission Outreach: Who doesn't love having an extra candy jar? Here's an opportunity to enjoy a treat (without feeling guilty about straying from your diet since it's planned and supports a great cause). Please take one of the candy jars from the back table, and when the candy is gone, refill it with your spare change or bills (or a check, if you prefer). Where does your donation go? Glad you asked! It will be sent to the Women's Mission Society-Pacific Northwest District 12, which will forward our gifts to the Peru Mission and the ELS Seminary Student Fund. You can make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with a note indicating your gift is designated for the Women's Mission Society. Penny Port and Mavis Vandelight have provided and filled 24 jars, and we hope to have them all filled and returned by Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Penny or Mavis.

Midweek Bible Study: We will suspend our Midweek Bible Study during the Lenten Season. We will resume on May 6 with a study of the Minor Prophets from the Old Testament.

Council Position: In May, our council president, Mitch Brayton, will have completed two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve another term. Please consider taking on this role. The requirements are as follows: You must be one of the primary signatories on all legal documents for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and collaborate with council members to oversee the congregation's administrative tasks.

Lent Services: The focus of our Lenten season is "Reflections on Repentance." We invite you to join us as you prepare your heart to remember when Jesus accomplished your salvation through His death and resurrection. Our Midweek Lent services take place on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m.

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