



WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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First Sunday of Lent

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON – On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. God promises the baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world. Won't you join the caravan of faithful, remembering our baptism and walking the way of the Lord?

TODAY'S THEME - Humankind, falling from God's grace and living God's ways, sins regularly. Yet God who is faithful and trustworthy calls us regularly to renounce sin and live out of our baptismal calling doing right and emulating Jesus.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP FROM HOME.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Where Charity and Love Prevail

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONAL LENTEN LITURGY

P O God, we come to this time of worship to seek your presence but also your forgiveness for what we have done and what we've left undone. We pray that you will reform our minds, hearts, and actions and mold us into evermore faithful disciples of Jesus. Show us your road to renewal. In the ways we think of others as less than ourselves,

ALL Reform us, O God.

P In the ways we pre-judge others according to appearance,

ALL Reform us, O God.

P In the ways we seek our own comfort at the expense of others,

ALL Reform us, O God.

P In the ways we excuse our own behavior because we don't want to admit we're wrong,

ALL Reform us, O God.

P In the ways we need to reach out to help rather than withhold what we could share,

ALL Reform us, O God.

OPENING SONG

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

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1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

ALL And also with you.

P Let us pray..... All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day worn by another week. In our journey to know and follow you, walk with us. For through the parched desert, we are empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P Turn toward God, follow the tumultuous path of righteousness. May the peace of the Lord encompass you.

ALL And you also.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 25:1-10 (*Living Bible*)

INTRODUCTION – God's paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who learn to walk in God's way. The Lord is gracious and merciful..

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

R Word of God; Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

What is Pastor cooking up today?
"Staying on God's Path"



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark.

Mark 1:9-15

ALL Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

INTRODUCTION - The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

MESSAGE FOR ALL

"The Road of Renewal"

Pastor Dawn Roucka

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Lent is usually perceived of and described as, a journey. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus journey as one forced by the Holy Spirit after his baptism. As God's baptized sons and daughters, what do we make of this journey in the wilderness of our worldly wandering?
- Have you ever been in a deserted area at night? What dangers did you feel in that "desert?" What does it feel like to be lost and alone?
- God leads us down right pathways and restores our soul. What renewal do you suppose God has in store for you as you journey this Lent?

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod, Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P In Jesus, God shows us the path to righteousness and everlasting life. God has written the law of love on our hearts. And so we become people of generous hearts – giving as Jesus gave to show the generosity, unwavering passion and grace of God.



PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.

You may mail offerings to Grace at 5N600 N. Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL 60175
or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website or a plate by the entryway.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs.
We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.
And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands.

ALL Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online.

Please let us know your prayer needs.

Please respond accordingly

P Hear us O God,

All Your Mercy is Great.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional)

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.

(Modern)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

ALL Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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P Go in peace. Share the good news.

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSONS

February 21, 2021

Traditionally, there are four readings weekly. We usually focus on 2 but often refer to the others so it may be helpful to have them at your fingertips. The lectionary is a three year cycle which gets us through hearing MUCH not all of the Bible, but not always in order.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 (World English Bible)

8 God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "As for me, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the livestock, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ship, even every animal of the earth. 11 I will establish my covenant with you: all flesh will not be cut off any more by the waters of the flood, neither will there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 It will happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh."

PSALM 25:1-10 ABOVE IN BULLETIN

The LORD heals the brokenhearted and leads the faithful on right pathways.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

18 Jesus died only once for our sin, like an innocent man who died for the guilty. He did this so he could bring us to God. His body died but, before his resurrection, he was alive in spirit. 19 Then, Jesus went and preached to the spirits of the dead in prison. 20 They were the people who disobeyed God when Noah built the Ark. God waited patiently for them. But only eight were saved in the waters of the Great Flood.

21 Baptism is like the water of the Flood. It saves you, not by washing you clean of dirt, but by begging God to give you a clean conscience. Its power comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 22 He went up to heaven and now is right beside God. All the angels and other spirits in heaven serve him.

Mark 1:29-39 After his baptism, *Jesus is sent out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit.* - See ABOVE BULLETIN

LENTEN CREED

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess this in Jesus the Christ. Amen

— from *Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

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Annual Meeting Minutes are available soon at Grace **and Online**

REAL NEWS TO USE DURING THESE TIMES

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Check out our updated website. **Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services**

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THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- For the healing of the divisions in our Nation and the quelling of fascism and white supremacy.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan to meet regarding the future of our congregation at our Annual Meeting

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams * Lucy Adams
 - * Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

Margaret Swanson

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

For George and Gloria and their family, at the death of George's sister, Linda Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. We grieve with her.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*

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GRACE'S MISSION IS

To share God's GRACE with all through our rich traditions of faith, family, and community.

Gospel – God's love shared in all we say & do

Respect for all God's people & creation

Action – response to the Gospel

Community – Loving God, neighbor, & self

Everyone – we are all God's children