



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, March 21, 2021 \* 9 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



***Fifth 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** – God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**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**

As of March 7<sup>th</sup>, worship will be held in Grace Sanctuary, following social distancing, wearing of masks are required. RESPONSE to reading and SINGING are discouraged; however, if you do respond or sing, please be very quiet as a whisper. This is to adhere to CDC and ELCA MCS recommendations.

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### **PRELUDE**

### *Epilogue*

*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: Grace-giving God, asking for forgiveness is hard for us. It's hard because it involves admitting that we're wrong. It's hard because it involves approaching someone whom we have hurt. It's hard because it involves depending on others for mercy. Forgiveness takes so much humility, and yet the possibility that it brings for mending relationships and a fresh sense of gratitude and transformation is beyond measure.

P: So we take a moment to ask forgiveness, and all that it involves, in the hope that such change will come to us all. For those times we have turned from what builds up others to what will benefit ourselves,

**ALL: Forgive us, O God,**

P: For those times when we have neglected some opportunity to bring relief to others out of our own abundant resources,

**ALL: Forgive us, O God.**

P: For times when we have intended to hurt others to feel better about our own problems,

**ALL: Forgive us, O God.**

P: For times we have turned away from the needs of your natural creation,

**ALL: Forgive us, O God.**

P: For times when we have viewed people different from us with suspicion or disdain,

**ALL: Forgive us, O God.**

P: For all this and more, forgive us, O God. May we embrace what it takes to turn from what was and back toward the life to which you are calling us. Amen.

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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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..... O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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.**

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*INTRODUCTION – The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R Word of God; Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God.**



### THE HOLY GOSPEL

according to St. John.

**John 12:20-33**

**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 – Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor Jane Perkolup

TIME

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Lent is usually perceived of and described as, a journey. What and how does time play a role in your Lenten journey?
- 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?

SONG OF DAY

*Now The Green Blade Rises*

*LBW 148 vs 1-3*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

#### **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/>

### **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.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude and faith, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us, trusting you will provide for what we need, and knowing you will use them to share your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves. Help us to live with generous hearts, with open hands. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord we pray.

**ALL** Amen.

### **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



## 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

### Christ the Life of All the Living

**LBW 97 vs 1-3**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf-fered great af-flic-tion and have borne it pa-tient-ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe:  
e-ven death by cru-ci-fix-ion, ful-ly to a-tone for me;  
for the an-guish in the gar-den, I will thank you ev-er-more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer-it life e-ter-nal I in-her-it.  
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent-ed.  
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy-ing,



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.  
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.  
for that last tri-um-phant cry, praise you ev-er-more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**ALL** Thanks be to God



## ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSONS

March 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.*

### Psalms 51:1-12

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

### Hebrews 5:5-10

- <sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
- <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."
- <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21, 2020

# Last Chance Easter Lilies

If you are still looking to order an Easter Lily, please see Kathy Hooey

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**PALM and EASTER SUNDAY service will require Reservations,**

***\*\*please register at :***

***<https://signup.com/go/wUsXALo>***

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10:30 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. <https://zoom.us/j/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlcVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09>

**LAST MIDWEEK LENTEN JOURNEY VIA ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95615147239?pwd=TIY5QnV4bkV3ZFRQaHk2RVhPeTJMdz09>

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**Annual Meeting Minutes are available at Grace**

## **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.

### **FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

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

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

- \* Glenn Adams and Lucy Adams son and daughter-in law of Mark and Renee 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**

**Fred Alstadt, Vicki Barclay, Russ Bohlin, Ken Deutschmann, Carl Ekstrom, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Lisa Leyden, Jeannine Luchs, Joan Mortenson, Jan and Mike Myers, Mark Myers, Ray Navarro, friend of Pam Bohlin, Ken Patterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Rex, Chris Richards, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Margaret Swanson, Shirley Turner, Donald Overby.**

### **FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

For George and Gloria and their family, at the death of George's sister, Linda  
The family and friends of Pete Prevenas  
Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. We grieve with her.  
Pat Hill Family, upon her passing.

*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

