

WELCOME



To our visitors - We are glad you have joined us to share in the gifts of our gracious Lord as we worship Him together in spirit and truth by receiving His Word and Sacraments. Please give us an opportunity to get to know and serve you. Kindly silence your cell phones and please join us for fellowship following the service in the courtyard. If you have any questions concerning the Christian faith or the Lutheran tradition, please let us know as our pastor would love to speak with you.



Children are welcome in our services. Grace is a church family and we believe like any family we learn by doing things together. Bulletins are available for children that coincide with the liturgical calendar and scripture readings. We encourage parents to guide their children throughout the service, helping them to learn the language of the faith through the liturgy. A nursery is available and located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to the left just before the glass door to the courtyard.

HOLY COMMUNION



Our fellowship in the Lord’s Supper follows the Lutheran tradition grounded in the teaching of Holy Scripture. As one baptized into the Name of our Triune God (Matt 28:19) and confessing the real presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Supper for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor 10:16–17), you are warmly invited to join us around the table for Holy Communion. If you are not communing but wish to be blessed by the celebrant, then simply cross your arms at the rail and remain at the altar until you are blessed.

AS WE GATHER

People have struggled throughout the centuries to understand the identity of Jesus. Some say He was just a good man, others say He was a religious charlatan, and some say He is a good example for us to follow. Like Peter, we confess exactly who Jesus is: *He is the Christ, the Son of God*. After Peter's bold confession, Jesus tells His disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's reaction indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus must travel. As Peter struggled to wrap his head around it, so also do we. But God's promises are true, even in the darkness of our ignorance. God's Word speaks surely, even in Jesus' suffering and death. He is the Christ.

Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Music Director Beth Schleusener

SERVING 2/28/21 AT 8:00 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Connor Russert
Cantor Dennis Hooks
Usher Heath Russert

10:30 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Thomas Family
Crucifer Lily Thomas
Cantor William Baker
Lector David Yow
Usher Steve Hollman
Counter Renee Thompson

SERVING 3/7/21 AT 8:00 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Leigh Ann Bozung
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Cantor Dennis Hooks
Usher Harold Nichols

10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer Claire Latham
Cantor Richard Segarra
Lector Andrew Burke
Usher Harold Nichols

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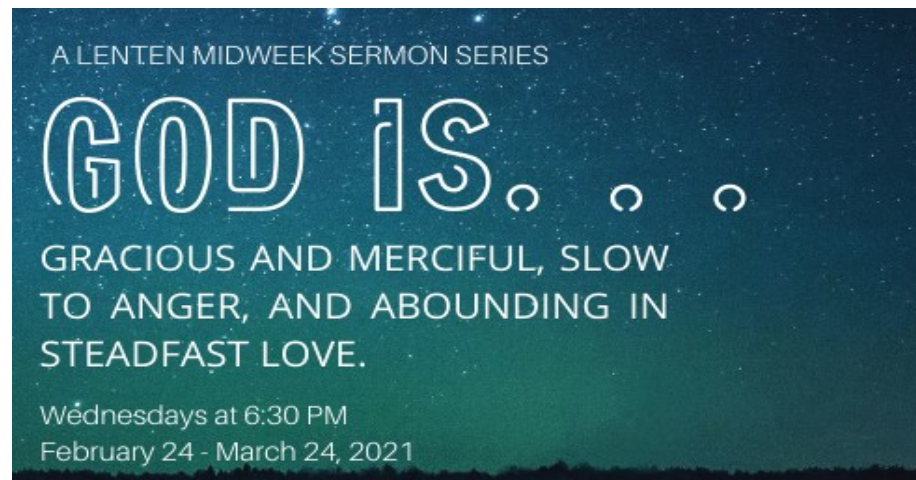
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY AT 9:30AM: The Person of Christ

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK 10:00AM: Buddhism

Join us for fellowship and worship on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Soup Supper at 5:45 pm. Lenten Vespers at 6:30 pm



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH

Victoria, Christy, Walter, Joyce, Dave, Bill, Dennis, Steve,
First Responders, Police Officers and Firefighters

PRAYERS AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF A CHILD OF GOD

Jeremy & Jessika Belgau, Josh & Ashley Mellor

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. James May (Kenya), Daniel Conrad (Central America),
Rev. Dr. Ron & Mary Anne Rall (Papua New Guinea),
Rev. Dr. John & Melinda Bombaro (Latvia)

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

William Baker, Andrew Burke, Tajy George, Jack George, Jr.,
Philip Hawthorne, Dylan Jensen, Jack Ogden, Josh Martin,
Matthew Morgan, Gavin Robillard, Heath Russert, Linka Schleusener,
and Holly Schmidt

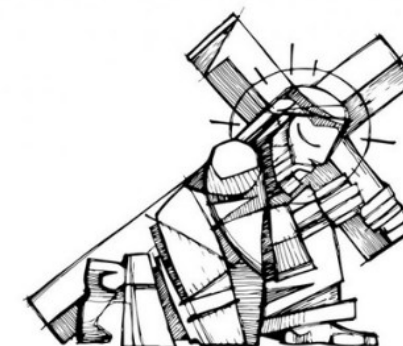
PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Lorna Winterstein, Joyce Rochester

LENT II

February 28, 2021

8:00 and 10:30 am



Who do you say that I am?

- Mark 8:29