

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**TODAY:** Chancel Choir, 9:30 AM  
Lent IV Worship Celebration, 10:30 AM  
Coffee Hour, 11:45 AM (Social Hall)  
Bible Study, 12:15 PM

**MONDAY:** AA, 7:00 PM

**TUESDAY:** Ash Wednesday Drive Thru, 4:00-6:00 PM  
Boy Scouts, 7:00 PM  
Cub Scouts, 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY:** AA, 7:00 PM  
Church Council (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), 7:15 PM

**SUNDAY:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 AM  
Lent V Worship Celebration, 10:30 AM  
Coffee Hour, 11:45 AM (Social Hall)  
Bible Study, 12:15 PM

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Matthew Schmidt  
Vice-President: Glenn Davis  
Secretary: Glenn Miller  
Treasurer: Kamilla Szklarska  
Financial Secretary: Linda Keil

#### Council Committees:

Outreach: Susan Roetz, Jeannie Saenz  
Worship: Mal Lichtenberger  
School Liaison: Sandra Ortega

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#### Office Hours:

Tues & Fri: 10-1:00, Wed & Thurs: 2:30-5:30

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#### March & April Birthdays,

Hesterine Pittman 3/3, Reid Bladow 3/3  
Sheryl Gibson 3/4, Madison Ramirez 3/25

# Grace Lutheran Church and Learning Center



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## ORDER OF MASS

### Lent IV Worship Celebration

March 30 2025

Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. David O. Guss, Fr., Ph.D.  
Dr. Kamilla Szklarska, Director of Music  
Mrs. Marcia Reyes, Learning Center Director

## ***THIS CHURCH WELCOMES EVERYONE***

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

***Open doors, Open hearts: Loving, Learning, Living in Christ***



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Someone's Praying, Lord* by Douglas E. Wagner  
(Worshippers are encouraged to engage in quiet prayer and meditation.)

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. David O. Guss

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the Name of the (+) Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
(*A time for personal confession and prayer*)

P: Let us pray together: Most merciful God

**C: You asked for my hands, my mouth, and my eyes to serve. I've given only a small part of my life to you. Forgive me, renew me, and send me into the world with a changed heart, O God, that I might live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the (+) Father, and of the Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

### EACH SUNDAY - COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP

Come and enjoy the fellowship and Coffee in the Social Hall after worship. **ENJOY Birthday Celebration every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Submarine Party every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Pizza every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday!!!** If you would like to provide special refreshments for one week, please contact Kamilla; [kamillaszklarska@gmail.com](mailto:kamillaszklarska@gmail.com).

### BIBLE STUDY

As we continue to extend and expand our Fellowship Hour opportunities after worship, Bible Study will no longer be meeting after Coffee Hour.

### THURSDAY – APRIL 10 - 7:15 PM - CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council members, please plan to attend our next Church Council Meeting scheduled for April 10 at 7:15 PM.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED – PLAN TO ATTEND!

Apr 13 Palm/Passion Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM, Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Mass 7:30 PM, Apr 18 Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30 PM. Apr 20 Easter Festival Mass 10:30 AM

### RECEIVE GRACE LUTHERAN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive Grace's weekly E-NEWS newsletter, please send your email address to [grace33166@outlook.com](mailto:grace33166@outlook.com). If you are not receiving E-News, resubscribe by copy & pasting in your browser: [CLICK HERE: Subscribe or Re-subscribe to the weekly parish news.](#) (then, click on link).

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

Consider donating to the church emergency discretionary fund. These funds provide emergency assistance (food, bus pass, gas) to those in need.

### "OPEN THE DOOR" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Grace has been blessed with a benefactor who has made a \$1000 grant available to Grace to *open the doors* to the church's front entrance. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this worthy cause.

### Facing cross during the processional & recessional hymn & Holy Water

Our Lutheran tradition encourages members and friends to face the cross during the processional and recessional hymns. Holy Water is available to those who would like to bless themselves upon entering the church as a reminder of their baptism.

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Would you like to speak with Pastor? Call 305-888-2871 or email [grace33166@outlook.com](mailto:grace33166@outlook.com)



**ACCLAMATION:** (sung)  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**ACCLAMATION:** (sung)  
**A-men, A-men, A-men**

### **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 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.**

This is the table of Jesus, and we all come at his invitation – young and old, the assured and the doubting, the wise and the foolish, and the in-between. Jesus makes no exceptions, and neither do we. **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE! COME TO THE FEAST!**

**LAMB OF GOD** p. 174

**COMMUNION HYMN** *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* **ELW #484**  
**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray

**C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Christ, the Life of the Living* **ELW #339**  
**THE DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Rondo* by Fenton Groden

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *nWhen I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **ELW # 803**

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also, with you.**

**KYRIE** p. 165

**C: PRAYER OF THE DAY** **INSERT**  
*(Congregation, please be seated)*

**THE 1st READING** Joshua 5:9-12 **INSERT**  
A: The Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE PSALM** Psalm 32 **INSERT**

**THE 2nd READING** II Corinthians 5:16-21 **INSERT**  
A: The Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE LENTEN SENTENCE** *(Please Stand)* p. 171

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 **INSERT**  
P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**  
*(Please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *Jesus Can Make Us Complete Brand New*

**HOMILY**

*For Those Who Are in the Distant*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* **ELW #608**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND INTERCESSIONS**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**We Pray for:**

Karl, Chuck, Sheryl, Manny, Madelyn, Beth, Nathan , Trey, Mal, Steph, Nanette, Tom, Holly, Lois, Linda, Sandra, Bruce, Judy, Helen, Rasma, Hesterine, Neal, Barbara, Cathy, Glenn, Sofia, Carlos, Kaylee, Kalismary, Edwin, Keith ..... and all those we name in our hearts before you.

**OFFERING** *How Great Is Our God* arr. by Andy Albritton and Dave Black

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks and praise, and so with all the angels and saints, we sing your unending hymn:

**SANCTUS:**

**San-to, san-to, santo, mi co-raz-o'n te-ado-ra,**

**Mi co-ra-zon te sa-be dec-ir; San-to-e-r-es Se-nor**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you,**

**My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people. Do this in remembrance of me.