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# Grace Lutheran Church & School

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O LORD,  
ALL MY LONGING  
IS BEFORE YOU;  
MY SIGHING  
IS NOT HIDDEN  
FROM YOU.

*psalm 38:9*

# *Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Lent 4

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## ✝ ***THE ORDER OF WORSHIP*** ✝

**Worship Preparation:**..... *Psalm 38, TLH p. 132*

**Hymn:**..... *TLH 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word

We are gathered all to hear Thee;

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear Thee,

By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till Thy Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

Thou alone to God canst win us;

Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,

Light of Light, from God proceeding;

Open Thou our ears and heart,

Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;

Hear the cry Thy people raises,

Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to Thee and adoration!  
Grant that we Thy Word may trust  
And obtain true consolation  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

**Opening Liturgy:** ..... TLH pp. 5-6

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

C♯: Amen.

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.*



C♯: Who made heaven and earth.

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

C♯: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

*P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

C: O most merciful God, who has given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*P: The Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

C♯: Amen.

**Introit:**

*P: The Lord is my strength and my shield;*

C: My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

*P: The Lord is the strength of His people,*

C: A fortress of salvation for His anointed one.

*P: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;*

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever. Glory be to God!

**Gloria Patri & Kyrie:** ..... TLH pp. 6-7

C♯: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis:**

C♯: All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God that saved us by His grace, -  
All glory to His merit!  
O Triune God in heaven above,  
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,  
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

*P: The Lord be with you.*

C♯: And with thy spirit.

*P: Let us pray. [Prayer ...]*

C♯: Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:** ..... Luke 13:1-9

Repentance is the chief desire that the Lord has for sinners.

**Gradual:**

*P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,*

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

*P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,*

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*P: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,*

C: That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

C♯: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*P: [Introduction to the Scripture reading ...]*

C♯: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**Second Scripture Reading:**..... *Passion Harmony*

Pilate succumbs to the pressure that Jesus be crucified.

C♯: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Confession of Faith:**..... *The Apostles Creed, TLH p. 12*

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn:**..... *TLH 534: God of My Life, to Thee I Call*

1. God of my life, to Thee I call;

Afflicted, at Thy feet I fall;

When the great water-floods prevail,

Leave not my trembling heart to fall.

2. Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door  
Invites the helpless and the poor?

3. Did ever mourner plead with Thee  
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?  
Does not the word still fixed remain  
That none shall seek Thy face in vain?

4. Fair is the lot that's cast for me;  
I have an Advocate with Thee.  
They whom the world caresses most  
Have no such privilege to boast.

5. Poor though I be, despised, forgot,  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;  
And he is safe and must succeed  
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.

6. Then hear, O Lord, my humble cry  
And bend on me Thy pitying eye.  
To Thee their prayer Thy people make:  
Hear us for our Redeemer's sake.

**Sermon:** ..... *Psalm 38*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! <sup>2</sup> For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down. <sup>3</sup> *There is* no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor *any* health in my bones Because of my sin. <sup>4</sup> For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. <sup>5</sup> My wounds are foul *and* festering Because of my foolishness. <sup>6</sup> I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. <sup>7</sup> For my loins are full of inflammation, And *there is* no soundness in my flesh. <sup>8</sup> I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. <sup>9</sup> Lord, all my desire *is* before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You. <sup>10</sup> My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. <sup>11</sup> My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my

plague, And my relatives stand afar off. <sup>12</sup> Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me*; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long. <sup>13</sup> But I, like a deaf *man*, do not hear; And *I am* like a mute *who* does not open his mouth. <sup>14</sup> Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth *is* no response. <sup>15</sup> For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. <sup>16</sup> For I said, "*Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me." <sup>17</sup> For *I am* ready to fall, And my sorrow *is* continually before me. <sup>18</sup> For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. <sup>19</sup> But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. <sup>20</sup> Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow *what is* good. <sup>21</sup> Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me! <sup>22</sup> Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## HOPE WHEN YOUR HEART IS WEIGHED DOWN

**Offertory:** ..... TLH p. 12 f.

*P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**C♯:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Hymn:**..... TLH 651: *Be Still, My Soul*

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
 In every change He faithful will remain.  
 Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
 To guide the future as He hath the past.  
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay  
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Offering, Prayer, Lord's Prayer:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

C: 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.

**Benediction:**..... *TLH p. 14*

*P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

C♯: Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Hymn:**..... *TLH 532: Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord*

1. Thy way, not mine, O Lord,  
However dark it be.  
Lead me by Thine own hand;  
Choose Thou the path for me.  
I dare not choose my lot;  
I would not if I might.  
Choose Thou for me, my God;  
So shall I walk aright.



2. Choose Thou for me my friends,  
My sickness or my health;  
Choose Thou my cares for me,  
My poverty or wealth.  
Not mine, not mine, the choice,  
In things or great or small;  
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,  
My Wisdom, and my All.

## ✠ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✠

➔ **Events at Grace:** The decision was made this past week to postpone Sunday morning worship for March 22 and 29. An evaluation will be made of the circumstances as April begins. For now, an online package of spiritually edifying materials is being posted on Grace's website at [FridleyLutheran.org](http://FridleyLutheran.org). This includes:

1. A Sunday morning worship service from the archives
2. A brief family devotion recorded by Pastor
3. A brief children's devotion recorded by Pastor
4. Materials for a Sunday School lesson
5. A Bible Class from the archives

In addition, the following church events are postponed as well:

- Bible Class and Sunday School
- Midweek Lenten worship services
- Lord's Supper during public worship services
- Hospitality
- Soup suppers
- Easter breakfast
- Choir

In order to be aware of what's going on, please stay tuned by Pastor's email distribution list or by going to the Grace website.

Pastor is willing to serve private communion upon request. Instruction classes will continue so long as each individual desires to do so. Also, please feel free to communicate with Pastor regarding any spiritual need you may have. His number is 612-408-1635.

With all that is going on, the LORD is still merciful and gracious. His love never fails in spite of all that we hear or experience:

Romans 8:38-39: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ➔ **Offerings:** During this time when services are suspended, the Lord is still doing all His work to keep our souls and bodies in His keeping. His Gospel work never ends, even as our pastor and teachers continue to function in their divine calls. Therefore, our gratitude continues for the Lord's boundless and bountiful blessings. Please remember this by giving a thank offering to Him. These may be sent by mail directly to the church at:

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The Council will ensure these are accounted for and deposited.

- ➔ **Grace School:** Currently the holding of classes at school has been suspended indefinitely due to the Minnesota Governor's directive. Our teachers are pulling together lessons for the students to do work at home. While not as effective as holding classes, the hope is that the parents will be mindful of the need for their children to continue their education so they do not slip behind. One of the advantages at Grace is that the students can receive some personalized attention during this time, especially from Christian mentors.
- ➔ **CLC Nominations:** Nominations for CLC Officers and Board Members will be received from January 1 through March 31, 2020. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and any voter of a CLC congregation can nominate individuals to fill the four synodical offices: President, Vice-President, Moderator, and Secretary; as well as positions on the four synodical boards: Trustees, Missions, Regents, and Education & Publications. Go to this link: [www.clclutheran.net/nominate/](http://www.clclutheran.net/nominate/).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has the call to teach high school math and science at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Luthearn in Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. † Mrs. Sarah Ude of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #20 – Third Article, Part 2

*Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!*

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# MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

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[www.FridleyLutheran.org](http://www.FridleyLutheran.org)

## Some website links:



- Grace Lutheran Church: [www.FridleyLutheran.org](http://www.FridleyLutheran.org)
- Grace on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch)
- Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): [www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org)
- Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu)
- CLC Missions: [www.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.lutheranmissions.org)
- The CLC Book House (CLC book store): [www.clcbookhouse.org](http://www.clcbookhouse.org)
- The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): [www.lutheranspokesman.org](http://www.lutheranspokesman.org)
- The Branches (women's publication): [www.thebranchesonline.info](http://www.thebranchesonline.info)

## Check out the following online devotional materials:

- Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: [www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/](http://www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/)
- Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: [www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail](http://www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail)
- Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): [www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com](http://www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com)
- Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: [www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html](http://www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html)
- Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: [www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com](http://www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com)
- Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: [www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm](http://www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm)

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

**Facebook Page:** If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.

The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

*Please keep in mind that this schedule is tentative given the circumstances. Stay tuned by the email announcements.*

- Sun., Mar. 22:** Online Worship Service (Lent 4)  
**Wed., Mar. 25:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
**Sun., Mar. 29:** Online Worship Service (Lent 5)  
**Fri., Apr. 3:** Grace School Bible/Hymn Student Fair (Postponed)  
**Sun., Apr. 5:** **PALM SUNDAY**  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
**Fri., Apr. 10:** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service  
**Sun., Apr. 12:** **EASTER** (S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality Suspended)  
 9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service  
**Sun. Apr. 19:** Council Meeting (delayed due to Easter)  
**Sun., Apr. 26:** Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings (delayed due to Easter)  
 3:00-5:30 pm – Evangelism Workshop @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Thu., May 21:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer  
**July 20-24:** Vacation Bible School

**Last Week's Stats:** Mar. 15, 2020 Sun.: 68 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 35

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,325	CLC:	\$555
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,675	CLC:	-395
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$39,106	CLC:	\$9,715
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	44,000	CLC:	10,450
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,894	CLC:	-735
GLC Other: 50	Living Faith: 103	Tuition Aid: 475		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 20	Kinship: 60		
ILC Student Aid: 5	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$785			