



Welcome to Worship

The First Sunday in Lent

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quiet to Prepare for Worship – Ringing of our Bell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #624 Jesus, Still Lead On

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in unison)

C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy

angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalms 25:1-10 (Read responsively)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My 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.

⁴**Show 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.

⁶**Remember, 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.**

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

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: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN SINGING

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, and he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Hear us, O God,
C: **your mercy is great.**

PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with those around in whatever way you are most comfortable.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We will collect the offering at this time. The children will also be collecting coins at this time for the Childrens' ministries or ELCA water project. You may send your giving to the church office or give through the link to our Vanco site that is easy to find on our website: gracelutheranelroy.com.

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion at Grace Lutheran is open to all who believe in Jesus our Lord.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn by speaking:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*In the night in which he was betrayed . . .*)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

SHARING THE MEAL

**COMMUNION HYMNS: #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me;
#324 In the Cross**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one
loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless
you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage,
and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #504 A Mighty Fortress is our God

Quiet pause for the ringing of our bell

BENEDICTION

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.



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**Come Grow
in Grace**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of Clara Plamann's Birthday.

SIGN UP FOR LENT SOUP SUPPERS IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

Soup Suppers will begin on February 21st. Supper at 5:30 pm. Worship at 6:30 pm. This Lent our worship services follow the theme "Wandering Heart," which focuses on the life of Peter. These services use language we can all relate to. Consider inviting a friend who has struggled with church sounding too "churchy".

GRACE IS GOING BOWLING Sign up to bowl with us on Sunday, February 25th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Hooterbowl in Hustler. Deadline to sign up is TODAY!

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are available in the Narthex. Orders are due by March 3rd.

FREE MOVIE: ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING, Saturday, March 2nd at 2:30 pm at the Elroy Theater. Sponsored by Bethany Lutheran – Mauston and Thrivent. Contact Kris for more information or to receive your free tickets.

A PANCAKE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST will be hosted by the Royall FFA TODAY, from 8 am-12 noon at the Royall High School Cafeteria. A free-will donation will be received for the meal, which includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and milk. OR bring two non-perishable food items (per person) for the food party and eat for free! Bring the whole family and support your local FFA Chapter! Afterwards, join us for the 2nd Annual **OLD-FASHIONED EUCHRE PARTY**, beginning at 1:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Come enjoy an afternoon of card playing and socializing. Prizes will be given. There is no charge for the card party.

WE PRAY FOR: Holly Hinzpeter, Kandy Hagen, Suzanne Soltvedt, John Thompson, Dawn Ertel, Dorothy Klipstein, Ethel Mae Baldwin, John Miller, Hunter Clark, Hank Benthouser, Dean Burmaster, Bob Brod, David Denter, Ed Miller, Adda DeMarco, Lynne Rudy, Henry Schmid, Megan Braund, Helen Milne, Sam Loizzo, and Joy Bever