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**“Reflecting and Sharing Jesus Christ”**



If you would like a visit from Pastor Fred, to share a prayer concern, or have any questions about today's service please contact the church office.

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#### **Scripture Readings for: Contemporary Worship, March 17th, 2024**

Reading:	Psalm 102:12-17
Gospel:	Mark 13:1-8

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Service of the Word**  
**March 10th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**



**Mark 12:44** "For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

#### **Guiding Principles**

**Jesus is Lord**  
**We Welcome Everyone**  
**We Value God's Creation**  
**We Are Open to the Power of God**  
**We share God's love**  
**Through Worship and Service**  
**We Offer Forgiveness for All**

**Service of the Word**  
**March 10th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**

Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope that you will find a welcoming community and Christ-centered worship.

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

In our reading today, someone asks Jesus what the very best, or most important, commandment is. Can you guess what his answer was? Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. We have been journeying with Jesus as he draws nearer to the cross. Today Jesus shows us the very best that God has to offer and asks the very best of each of us.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and worship the one who wants your all.

**We come to worship the one who offers all.**

Come and worship with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

**We come and offer all that we have and all that we are in worship and in service.**

Come and be blessed and you pour yourself out in worship.

**We will worship wholeheartedly and with joy.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

**Bountiful Love, our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need.**

**Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others – all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

**Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE (Tree of Life)**

**Refrain:**

Grace and pardon beneath the tree of life.

Grace and pardon beneath the tree of life;

Root of wisdom, branch of peace,

Fruit of healing and release.

Grace and pardon beneath the tree of life.

Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus,

Singing praise to him who leads us on

From death into new life. **Refrain**

Flowing from this tree of grace and passion,

Oh how sweet the taste, How deep and rich

The wellspring of your love. **Refrain**

Come and drink the waters of salvation,

Come and die to sin, Rise up to life

Within the Reign of God. **Refrain**

Here beneath the branches of your mercy,

We invoke your name, Remember how your

Love has set us free. **Refrain**

Rooted in the rich earth of your Gospel,

May we hear the fruits your Word has planted

Deep within our hearts. **Refrain**

**GREETING (ELW p. 175)**

**KYRIE (Tree of Life)**

*the Lord*  
is my  
*Strength*  
and my  
*Shield*

Psalm 28:7



In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Refrain:** Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy,  
Mercy on us all.

Reign of God, and for peace  
Through the world,  
For the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For your people here  
Who have come to give you praise,

For the strength to live your word,  
Let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**  
Help, save and defend us, O God. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us.  
**Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN’S TIME, SONG AND PRAYER: WOV 664 – A NEW COMMANDMENT**

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall people know you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall people know you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.



#### **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the **LORD** your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the **LORD** your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the **LORD**, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The **LORD** is our God, the **LORD** alone. You shall love the **LORD** your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

#### **LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Return to the Lord, your God,  
Who is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
And abounding in steadfast love.

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 12:28 - 44**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, ‘How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ” David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?’ And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

#### **ACTIVITY**

#### **SERMON PRAYER**

#### **SERMON: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 612 – HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL**

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED (ELW page 217)**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world.*

Turn us from ourselves and towards our neighbors, God of love; teach your church how to love like you would have us love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 – V.1**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.**

Help us learn how to better live in harmony with our environment, God of love; bring healing where the earth is damaged.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 - V.1**

Grant wisdom and compassion to our leaders, God of love; keep us from over-consumption and injustice.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 – V.1**

Bring comfort and peace to those in turmoil, God of love; strengthen the fainthearted and bind up the brokenhearted.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 – V.1**

Heal those in any pain especially; Nels, Samantha, Kay, Jon, Erven, Hilda, Gerda, Laura, Holly, Wendy, Jordie, Martha, Frieda, Clayton, Linda, Frank, Brendan, Selma, Ervan, Gordon, Rene and Joan. God of love; fill them with the knowledge of your presence and care for them.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 – V.1**

We also pray for these members of Grace Lutheran Church; Bob, Joanne, Jennifer, Elmar, Colleen, Leon, Brent, Raeleen, Peyton and Kali. Bless our community through teachers, parents, foster parents, first responders, and other examples of loving the neighbor, God of love; watch over them and keep them in your care.

Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – V.1**

Encourage us through the example of the saints especially we remember Trevor Marshall, Ed Karlo, Raymond Woitt, Elsie Feldberg, Lena Boss and Lore Pohl. God of love; sustain us with your love shown throughout the generations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**ELW 751 – V.1**

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING SONG: ELW 686 - WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord, sometimes we feel like we have nothing to give. Sometimes we feel like this world just takes. It drains us dry, Lord. We sometimes feel like we just don't have enough to go on. Not enough money, not enough energy, not enough hope.

But we know better. We might not have cars and fame and bling; we might not have titles and positions; we might not have a home to call our own; we might not have a lot of free time. But we have you, and you give.

Lord, you give us so much. You give us shelter and daily bread. You give us families and friends. You give us hope, love, and faith. You give us yourself. You meet us where we are. It might be in prison. It might be in the boardroom. It might be in the ditch. It might be in the courtroom. It might be in a judge's chamber. It might be on the streets. It might be in our homes. It might be in a homeless shelter. It might be in a cathedral. It might be a storefront. You meet us and you give.

So, what we have, we give to you. Like the widow who gave all she had, we know we can't beat your giving. We have enough, and we give to you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 182 – sung left side)**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

Go to love God and neighbor.

**We go forth in the love of God!**

Go to welcome the stranger.

**We go forth with love for the world!**

## **SENDING SONG ELW 661 - I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love God and neighbor

**Thanks be to God.**



We ask you to pray each week for these Members and Friends of Grace who live in Senior's Home Residences. They are in **Peace Hills Lodge**: Margaret Forth, Irene Torgerson, Tillie Podloski, Brian Schultz, Clayton Murphy, Clara Meyer, Esther Dahms, Rene Faille and Esther Kaiser; in **Luther Manor**: Jeanette Martinoff; in **Seasons (Wetaskiwin)**: Dorothy Burghardt, Erven & Norma Heinz, Rene Thompson, Roxann Buskas, in **Sagebrush**: Erna Dux, Martha Miller, Frieda Minchau, Loraine Lowen; in **Long Term Care**: Gordon Stuart, Nels Buskas; in **Good Shepherd**: Gerda Kiel; **Wetaskiwin Hospital**: Laura Lukinak, Clayton Murphy, and Joan Woitt; in **Camrose Bethany Meadows**: Hilda Karlo; in **Seasons (Camrose)**: Ervan & Selma Stobbe



## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We are still looking for someone that would be willing to teach Sunday School on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having Sunday School on the second Sunday of the month including up to May 12, 2024.

The materials for lesson and craft will be available to pick up this Sunday in the church office.



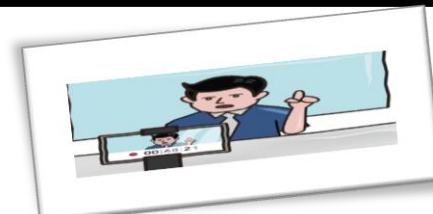
We will continue to need volunteers for April 14 & May 12. Please let either Pastor Fred, Dorothy Schmidt, or Joyce Schneider know that you are willing to volunteer.

Please don't forget to join us this **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** for Council/Staff/Missional Formation/Social Justice Retreat. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a bag lunch.



**Preschool Fundraiser**  
Purdy's Easter Chocolates Catalogues are available on the table in the Narthex. Delivery Date is between March 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support for the Preschool and enjoy the chocolate!!

**Pastor Fred at Synod Council @ Kuriakos – March 14 – 16, 2024**



We are once again looking for volunteers to step up to the plate and be willing to learn how to run the sound on a rotation basis for Sunday morning services. Either men or women can volunteer to learn this. We are down to 2 regulars and we are going to tire these people out. Who would be willing to learn and help out? Training will be provided. Let's get this filled. Please reach out to the office – Dorothy ASAP.

## **HOLY LAMENT – Lenten Worship Services**

Each of the midweek lenten services will be approximately 30 minutes long . We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



LENTEN SERVICES FOR 2024		
DATE	THEME	SCRIPTURE
March 13	Individual Laments	Psalm 13
March 20	Communal Laments	Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26



We are still looking for people to fill non-executive council positions. Please contact Vivian to discuss this possibility. Ph. (780)352-1246

### WEEKLY CLEANING SCHEDULE

I will be working on the Weekly Church Cleaning Schedule. If there is anyone who wishes to pay for an Alternative Church Cleaner for the year 2024 please let me know as soon as possible. Funds for this cleaning must be in before an Alternative Cleaner can be scheduled. The cost will remain the same as last year which was \$75.00 per week.

Let's get my phone ringing. We do appreciate your willingness to help in this important area of our church ministry. **We are still in need of more donations for the cleaning schedule for 2024.**

**Office Coordinator – Dorothy Schmidt**



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Come and Worship with Us**

March 24	Palm/Passion Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
March 28	Maundy Thursday/Lord's Supper	7:30 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday	10:30 a.m.
March 31	Easter Breakfast	9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.

We are needing some **food items** to make the breakfast a delight for all. Also, we are looking for some help in **setting up** and for **cleaning up**. If you are willing to serve in this way, please use the **sign-up sheet** in the entryway.



### Parish Worker Part Time

We have an exciting and diverse opportunity for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to use their gifts, skills, and experience in supporting our congregation. You will organize and carry out activities and programs related to working with all members of our congregation from the youth to our more mature members.

**Responsibilities and Duties**

You will be working in collaboration with the Pastor and the Grace Lutheran Church team to assist with planning and coordinating Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Vacation Bible School. Duties may also expand to include Member Visitation with communion privileges, providing Grief books to families and Stephen Ministry.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

Experience with Youth/Children

Leadership/Organizational Skills

Spiritual Background

Compassion

Teaching Experience

People Management Skills

Experience with Microsoft Office Suite and Google Office

First Aid (Preferred)

Vulnerable Sector Clearance as well as a clear Background Check

Salary/Hours

Weekends and evenings will be required. Wages \$25 per hour up to a maximum of 12 hrs. Per week. No benefits however, CRA deductions will be made. Two weeks holidays after one year.

**How to Apply**

Submit your cover letter and resume via Email or mail to Grace Lutheran Church Office by

April 1, 2024. To Email: [office@glcw.ca](mailto:office@glcw.ca) or Address: 4218 – 56 Avenue, Wetaskiwin, AB

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**Friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry-  
Edmonton Annual Banquet,  
Saturday, March 16, 2024,  
at Trinity Lutheran Church,  
10014-81 Avenue**

**Reception: 5:00 PM; Greetings & Dinner: 5:30 PM**

There is no charge for the banquet—this is our gift to you—but donations are gratefully received and charitable receipts issued.

Donations can be made online via e-transfer

to: [lutherancm.edmonton@gmail.com](mailto:lutherancm.edmonton@gmail.com)

To confirm that you will be attending,

RSVP by **March 11th** to: [rfreimer@ualberta.ca](mailto:rfreimer@ualberta.ca)

**Today's Worship Participants:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Fred Schneider
<b>Accompanist</b>	Tammy Kennedy
<b>Lector</b>	Marlene Thompson
<b>Usher</b>	Dale Woitt
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Larry Coroluick
<b>Projector</b>	Susan Woitt
<b>Counters</b>	Lorrilyn Forth
	Bonnie Bukkems
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Connie Maygard

**Next Week's March 17TH, 2024 – Worship Participants:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Fred Schneider
<b>Accompanist</b>	Colleen McGinnis
<b>Lector</b>	Rene Faille
<b>Usher</b>	Connie Maygard
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Larry Coroluick
<b>Projector</b>	Marilyn Zielke
<b>Counters</b>	Donna Zurbrigg
	Connie Jensen
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Lorrilyn Forth
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Bonnie Bukkems
	Bernice Scholtze
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Dale Woitt/Vivian Holtby
	Kathy Coroluick

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE: March 10th, 2024 – March 17th, 2024**

<b>Today:</b>	10:30 a.m.	Service of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Coffee
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Class
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool Class
	4:30 p.m.	Policy Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Out
	10:00 a.m.	Leduc Cluster Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Growing in Grace: Open House and Registration
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Class - Gymnastics
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool Class - Gymnastics
	7:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
		Individual Lament
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Class - Gymnastics
	4:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Campus Ministry – Annual Banquet
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

**The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

