

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP



March 11, 2026

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question.

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICE

Theme: **“Honest Repentance: Repentance”**

March 11, 2026

Today in Worship

- Honest repentance means becoming more human, not less. Honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our genuine humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them.

Ringing of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #430, vv. 1-4
“My Song is Love Unknown”

Invocation & Sentences

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P O Lord, open my lips

G and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

G make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our Salvation.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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Psalm 86:1-7

P Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,

C **for I am poor and needy.**

P Preserve my life, for I am godly;

C **save your servant, who trusts in you – you are my God.**

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C **for to you do I cry all the day.**

P Gladden the soul of your servant,

C **for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

P For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

C **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C **listen to my plea for grace.**

P In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

C **for you answer me.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

P O Lord, hear my prayer

C **and let my cry come to You.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

L The Old Testament Reading is from Jonah, chapter three.

¹ Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,

² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the

message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

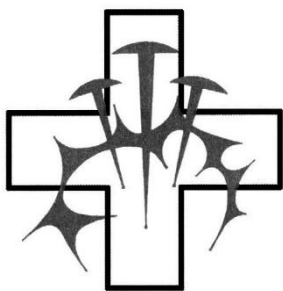
¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings drawn from the Four Gospels



Part I: The Lord’s Supper

Part II: Gethsemane

Part III: The Palace of the High Priest

Part IV: The Praetorium

Part V: Calvary

The Apostles Creed

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #430, vv. 5-7

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Sermon

Offering

“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”

– Psalm 86:5



We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Offertory *(after the offering)*

Lutheran Service Book #785, v. 3

"We Praise You, O God"

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Stand

Responsive Litany

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** Give thanks to the God of gods,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
C **for his steadfast love endures forever.** *(Ps. 136:1-3)*
- P** Hear our prayer, O Lord.
C **Let our cry come to You.**
- P** Almighty God, in the fullness of time, You sent the promised offspring, Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save us.
C **By His redeeming death, He has crushed the serpent's head for us.**
- P** Saved from sin, death, and the devil by His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death,
C **help us to find healing in His wounds**
- P** and grant us eyes of faith
C **to see that His cross is, for us, the tree of life.**
- P** Throughout these forty days, O Lord, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus
C **and help us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us,**

P until the day when we and all the faithful rest and rejoice with You in paradise

C and experience the fullness of Your peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #878, vv. 5-6
"Abide with Me"*