

Sunday Service

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Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM



Mark Chapter 11 - Throw This Mountain

Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Time is held after each Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

To our many members and friends worshipping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

HOLY COMMUNION

This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: After the closing hymn, Pastor Cris will pronounce the sending and then for those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray, center.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the Sanctuary down the center aisle, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

Revealing True Power - The Gospel of Mark

Mark begins his Gospel showing his full intent, "This is the beginning of good news of Jesus, the Son of God." This declaration of Jesus as the Son of God still deconstructs our own wants and dreams for power, from our feckless notions of political power, to the notions of us who want to gain power from religious dogma, to our own personal wants for notoriety and importance. Mark's Gospel reveals true power as we follow Jesus to the cross, revealing the good news of a life reborn of freedom.

Today: Mark Chapter 11 - Throw This Mountain

If only you have enough faith, you can throw this mountain into the sea. But it would also take an immense amount of faith to throw all that we hold dear away and say God is all I need.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“God Himself is Present” (LW 206 Vs 1-3)

1. God himself is present; let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; all within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior;
Praise His name for ever!
2. God himself is present; hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear to us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.
3. Light of light eternal, all things penetrating,
For Your rays our soul is waiting,
As the tender flowers, willingly unfolding,
To the sun their faces holding:
Even so would we do, light from You obtaining,
Strength to serve You gaining.

--- Opening

whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes, it will be done for him. Mark 11:23

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God’s forgiveness)

Pastor: *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL

AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to suffer and give his life for all people. Teach us, who have been born again, to forget ourselves and rely only on Christ our Savior. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Father I Adore You (MM 26)

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love you.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

This sword imagery is also used for the prophet's word, and God's word, in the New Testament.

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Those who follow this crucified king do not seek power and authority through the normal patterns of the world; they offer themselves in loving sacrifice for others.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to

Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:12-18

The temple leadership has allowed profiteers and merchants to set up shop in the court of the Gentiles; they are making ridiculous profits.

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF DAY

“God Loved the World So that He Gave” (LW 3525 Vs. 1-5)

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| 1. God loved the world so that he gave
His only son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive. | 3. If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith. |
| 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All who confide in Christ alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone. | 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
Your are justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you have the highest good. |
| 5. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally! | |

--- THE SERMON

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--THE OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, O Lord, Renew” (LW 404 Vs. 1 & 2)

- 1. Take my life, O Lord, renew, consecrate my heart to You;
Take my moments and my days; let them sing Your ceaseless praise***
- 2. Take my hands and let them do works that show my love for You;
Take my feet and lead their way, never let them go astray.***

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.

May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

"God Himself is Present" (LW 206 Vs 4)

4. Come, celestial being, make our hearts Your dwelling,
Ev'ry carnal thought dispelling.
By Your Holy Spirit sanctify us truly,
Teaching us to love You only.
Where we go here below, let us bow before You
And in truth adore You.

----- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

Those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion may be seated.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

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

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you ..

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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



PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

After Pastor Cris has consecrated the elements you are invited to come to the altar and receive communion. Please use the right or left aisle as you come forward to the altar. After Pastor Cris has pronounced the blessing for your side, you may place your cup in the basket and depart the sanctuary down the center aisle. Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

“By Grace We Have Been Saved” (HP)

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?”

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---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today**

Worship Services
Voter’s Meeting
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com
Korean Church Worship

March 13, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:15 AM
9:30 AM
10:15 AM
1:00 PM

Rest of the week

Olivet School
Heatherwood H.O.A. Meeting (Church Hall)
Individual Communion
Fellowship / Potluck Meal
Lenten Service
TCFGC (ACC/Grace Hall)
Saint Patrick’s Day
Korean Bible Study (Church Hall)
Bible Study (ACC Hall)
Korean Church Prayer Gathering

March 14 - 19, 2022

Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, after the 11 AM Service
Wednesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Thursday
Thursday, 9:30 AM
Thursday 11:00 AM
Saturday, 6:00 AM



For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Pam White - 3/13, Barbara Scheer & Sabina Sukhai - 3/18

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Kevin Garbers in memory of his mother Arlene who would have been 90 this week.

LENTEN SERVICES: This Wednesday, March 16th, we continue the season of Lent with the topic "Seeing is NOT believing." Join us for the service which begins at 6:30 PM.

POTLUCK MEALS: We will be sharing a meal together at 5:30 and then a Lenten service at 6:30. Everyone is invited to the potluck meal. Even if you don't have a dish to bring, we always have plenty of food! Come one and all for some friendly fellowship. Meat, vegetables, soups and salad dishes are welcomed, oh and dessert?

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING: will be held TODAY at 9:30 AM.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER? If you have "Choice Dollars" available, please consider directing them to Grace Lutheran Church. All "Choice Dollars" that are received go to paying down our mortgage on the new building. This week we received \$1,569 from Thrivent Choice! Thank You!

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: At the February B.O.D. meeting, it was discussed and decided that we should create a committee to look into developing a permanent memorial garden. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please see or call Ed Bock (772) 879-7057.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or are unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesdays to celebrate the meal in small groups. Please come by on Wednesday at 11:00 AM and partake of this wonderful meal, or call the church at (772) 871-6599, and Pastor Cris would be happy to set aside a time for you to come in and receive communion.

PLEASE SEND CARDS TO PEOPLE We have several members who are immunocompromised and unable to participate with groups of other people. If you have not seen them in a service lately, please consider calling them or sending a card or letter. Isolation is a lonely situation!

PARKING SPOTS: Please remember the two parking spaces closest to the ACC center are for their use during the week. Their clients need close access for those with walkers and handicapped.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come and join us for a study on **Mark**, either here at the church or on Zoom at 11 AM on Thursday.

GIVING: We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.



Prayer Requests

REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email.

- **place** the pink completed prayer form into the offering plate or on the office desk.

- **or by email** to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

***PINK PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

3/13 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 - Ed B.*

Readers: 8:30 - Jennine V. & 10:15 - Coli E.

3/20 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - David V.*

Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Bob F. & 10:15 - Cheryl N.

Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:35-44 (ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: *Revealing True Power: Mark Chapter 11 - Throw This Mountain*

1. Describe a time when you got so busy that you missed out on what God was doing.
2. Read 1 Kings 8:22-56. This is Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. What does this prayer show us about the purpose of the temple? What does this prayer show us about God?
3. Read Mark 11: 12-26. What has the temple turned into? Is it reflecting the prayer Solomon prayed? How does Jesus respond to what He sees in the temple?
4. As you are baptized and have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, how might you reflect the presence of God to those around you this week?

2022 LENTEN SEASON

"Seeing is Not Believing"

Lenten Wednesdays: March 16, 23, 30 & April 6

Fellowship / Potluck Meal: 5:30 PM till 6:15 PM

Service Time: 6:30 PM (will be livestreamed)