

Sunday Service

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM



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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.

To our many members and friends worshiping 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

Seating with social distancing at the church is now available at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11:00 AM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM. Please remember, you will need to wear a face mask at Grace.

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: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we have moved Holy Communion to the end of our worship service and will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the closing hymn pastor will pronounce the sending and then those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain.

The distribution of the bread and wine in individual cups will be by an elder. Please wait for Pastor to proceed with the taking of the elements for your group. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray.*** 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 church.

All Nations - Diversity of the Gospel

All throughout the Gospels, people's nationalities are mentioned. Why are the gospel writers spending precious ink telling us where some of these people are from? Perhaps, their nationality is part of the story and shows us another part of God's love for all nations.

TODAY: Crumbs and Crosses

She is unworthy but is wanting something from Jesus. Will she fight for what she wants, or will she show us that the kingdom of God is made up of mustard seeds, crumbs, and crosses?

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

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| 1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one. | 3. Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine. |
| 2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!” | 4. Let all creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb. |

-- Opening

*The Lord said to Abraham: I will establish my covenant with you:
to bless all nations through you.*

--- 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 "Jesus Your Name is Power"

- 1. Jesus Your name is power, Jesus Your name is might.**
Jesus Your name will break ev'ry stronghold; Jesus Your name is life.
- 2. Jesus Your name is healing, Jesus Your name gives sight.**
Jesus Your name will free ev'ry captive; Jesus Your name is life.
- 3. Jesus Your name is holy, Jesus Your name brings light.**
Jesus Your name a-bove ev'ry other, Jesus Your name is life.

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16

Jesus mentioned this story as evidence that God works among Gentiles and outsiders.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a

jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10

We are often mesmerized by the rich, powerful, and beautiful people of the world. We dream of associating with them; but when we focus our attention on the fashionable people of this world, it is often at the expense of those who need it the most.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become

judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-30

This story is one of the first glimpses of the truth that will become clearer later. Through Jesus, God is making all people, not just one chosen nation, clean and whole.

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the

woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE NICENE CREED

--- THE SERMON

All Nations - Diversity of the Gospel “Crumbs and Crosses”

--THE OFFERTORY

***Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.***

--- 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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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- 1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace,
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav-'ling through this wilderness.**

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father
before all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of
sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

2. Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

----- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the "Sending" those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion shall remain for the "Order of Holy Communion."

Pastor will signal groups up to the altar alternating between left and right sides. An elder will distribute the bread and wine for your side. Then Pastor Cris will direct your partaking of the elements, pronounce the blessing for your side, then you may place your cup in the basket on the side and depart in peace.

--- 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 ..

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

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

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- 1. Alas! And did my Savior Bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**
- 2. Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**
- 3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut His glories in,
When God, the mighty Maker, died For His own creature's sin.**
- 4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.**
- 5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do!**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'r-ing o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**
- 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed"

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| 1. Drawn to the cross which Thou have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in thee my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come. | 3. Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ Crucified, I come. |
| 2. Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come. | 4. And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,.
Christ Crucified, I come. |

---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **February 28, 2021**

Worship Service	8:30 AM
Second Worship Service and video service www.gracelutheranpsl.com	10:15 AM
Zoom into Fellowship	12:00 PM - Noon
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM
AA	7:30 PM

Rest of the week

March 1 - 6, 2021

LWML Meeting	Monday, 1 PM
Olivet School	Tuesday, 8 AM - 1 PM
Individual - Small Group Communion	Wednesday, 11AM - Noon
Fellowship Brown Bag Meal	Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Lenten Service (In-person & Livestreamed)	Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Bible Study also on Zoom	Thursday, 11 AM
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6 AM
Marge Neuberger Memorial	Saturday, 10 AM

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



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK Elizabeth Griffin - 2/28,
Ed Bock - 2/29, Sandy Zanzig - 3/1, Melinda Linderman - 3/3,
Gene Liagre - 3/6



THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God by
Melville & Lucille Mills.

LWML LADIES Will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, March 1st at 1PM. Bring a friend and share the love, fun and fellowship! Please pick up a copy of the Bible Study for the meeting it is on the table by the exit door.

FELLOWSHIP BROWN BAG MEAL: Come and join your Grace friends this Wednesday between 5:30 and 6:30 PM for some socially distanced fellowship time. Bring a meal for yourself and join us. You don't need to be right on time at 5:30, however the service will start at 6:30. This past Wednesday we had 12 for the meal and 26 attend the service. Come and share in the Fellowship!

CALLED HOME: This past Monday, 2/22, we were informed that Tony Young had passed away and our former member, retired pastor Ron Irsch also passed away. Please keep both their families in your thoughts and prayers. Bettie Irsch's current address is: 1944 Outer Circle Drive; Oviedo, FL, 32765.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARGE NEUBERGER This next Saturday, March 6, 2021, Grace will hold a Memorial Service for our sister in the faith, Marge Neuberger, who was called home to rest on December 20, 2020. Please come and help support her husband Norm and the family. The service starts at 10 AM.

FAMILY MEALS! Collection is underway! For a list of needs, please check the bulletin board in the narthex. Families helping families understand the importance of a family meal shared around the family table. Family Meals, provides the food, families provide the memories. We need your help to provide Easter meal bags to these Saint Lucie families. Family Meals set a goal of helping 2300 Treasure Coast families this Easter!

PLEASE CALL PEOPLE: The COVID quarantines began in March 2020 and many of our members have health conditions which have kept them isolated at home for 9 months. So that we all don't descend into madness, let's call and talk to each other regularly as well as sending cards or notes through the mail. Phone and address directories are available for your convenience on the counter by the office door.

WINN DIXIE SUPPORT For the month of February Winn Dixie on Bayshore and PSL Boulevard will donate \$1 for each reusable bag you purchase for \$2.49 to Grace Lutheran for the Alzheimer's Community Care center. Grace received \$40 last year from this effort.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesday's to celebrate the meal in small/family groups. Please come by on Wednesday at: 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 or 12:00 (noon) and partake of this wonderful meal.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL! Pastor Cris is conducting a Bible Study on Thursday's at 11 AM and you are welcome to attend in person! Seating is with social distancing along with wearing a mask. The Bible Study is also "live streamed" through ZOOM as well for you to participate from home. (www.GracelutheranPSL.com) Also, recorded for your future viewing if you would like.

SEE YOUR GRACE FAMILY ON ZOOM: Coli, along with Pastor, will be hosting Zoom to Coffee at NOON, TODAY, for those who would like to join in fellowship "virtually" to see and chat with Grace members and friends. All are welcome! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

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. We have added Paypal for online donations. If you would like to give through Paypal, please go to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com and click the "GIVE" button on the upper right side of the page.

Questions to Ponder This Week - All Nations - Diversity of the Gospel -- “Crumbs and Crosses”

1. Describe a time when a stereotype might cause you to think poorly of someone.
2. Read Mark 7:24-30. Knowing that the Syrophenician woman is from the same place as Jezebel (an evil person from the Old Testament, 1 Kings 16), what might the disciples think about this outsider to the faith?
3. How does she respond to Jesus? How can you see her humility?
4. What are some opportunities for you to be the hands and feet of Jesus that involve humble service towards your neighbor?

