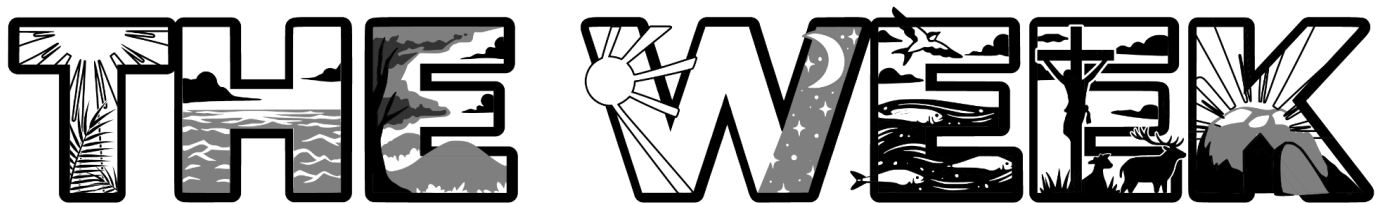


# Sunday Service

March 15, 2026 - 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM

Livestream 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. 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 worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes. [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com)

## Kids at Grace

By the entrance into the sanctuary, busy bags are available for children to use. During the 10:15 service, before the sermon, Ms. Coli will take children (3 and older) to the other building for an engaging lesson about our hope in Jesus. Children are returned to their families right after the prayers. There is also a quiet room outside the sanctuary with toys and the live stream, if families need a place for younger children throughout the service.

## 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 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 the Pastor 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.

## The Week

From 'Let there be light' to the light of the empty tomb

## Day 4 - Day or Hour

God created the sun, moon, and stars on Day 4 to bring order. But the sun went dark as the Creator took our chaos. You don't have to fix your life in the dark; the Lamb is your light.

## ---- THE OPENING HYMN

### “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LW 180 /LSB 733)

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last  
And our eternal home!

## --- Opening

**Pastor:** God set them in the vault of the sky, to govern the day and the night. -Genesis 1:17

## --- 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 Father, when the darkness of this world overwhelms us, deliver us from panic and fear. Calm our restless hearts so we no longer scramble in the shadows, but rest entirely in the peace of Jesus, who absorbed our chaos on the cross to become our everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## --THE HYMN OF PRAISE

### Rise With The Sun (CCLI 7267972) © 2025 CityAlight Music

Tabu-Fijian, Heilig-German, Oli-Hawaiian, Sen-Haitian, Santo-Spanish, Kadosh-Hebrew

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| <p>1. There's a song<br/>that's sung through the nations<br/>Of joyful thanks to the King<br/>Where the countless<br/>saints who are rescued<br/>Praise Jesus who set them all free</p>              | <p><b>(REFRAIN)</b><br/>Rise with the sun, Lift up His name<br/>All through the earth, We sing out His<br/>praise<br/>East to the west, Night to the day<br/>Join in the song, And sing out His praise</p> |
| <p>2. Hear the anthem<br/>sung in the coastlands<br/>Where sun first touches the earth<br/>Over land and sea it advances<br/>Now joined by the saints of this church</p>                             | <p>3. I will add my voice to the chorus<br/>Of many people and tongues<br/>For we share the gift of salvation<br/>And share in the life yet to come<br/>(REFRAIN)</p>                                      |
| <p>4a. And the church will sing, Holy, holy, holy, are You Lord<br/>You're the glorious One We lift up Your name</p>   |  |
| <p>4b. And the church will sing, Tabu, Heilig, Oli are You Lord<br/>You're the Lamb who was slain, We lift up Your name</p>  |  |
| <p>4c. And the church will sing, Se-n, Santo, Kadosh are You Lord,<br/>You're the King who was raised, We lift up Your name...<br/>...Now You reign evermore, We lift up Your name (REFRAIN X 2)</p> |  |

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## THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:14-19

On the fourth day, God set the sun, moon, and stars in the sky to govern the day and night and to mark our sacred seasons.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the

vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the

vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

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

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 24:29-31

When the heavens are shaken and the lights of the sky go dark, the Son of Man will appear in glory to gather His people from every corner of the earth.

“Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-12

Keep your lamps trimmed and stay ready, for when the Bridegroom arrives, only those who are prepared will enter the feast before the door is shut.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along

with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’

they said, ‘open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

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## --- PROFESSION

## THE APOSTLE’S CREED

## --- THE OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, O Lord, Renew“ (LW 404 vs 1 & 5)

- 1. Take my life, O Lord, renew, consecrate my heart to You;  
Take my moments and my days; let them sing Your ceaseless praise*
- 5. Make my will Your holy shrine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Your own; it shall be Your royal throne.*

## --- THE SERMON

## Day or Hour

## --- HYMN OF DAY

“Creator of the Stars of Night“ (LSB #351 vs: 1-6 When i Survey 4vs)

- 1. Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all,  
And hear your servants when they call.**
- 2. In sorrow at the helpless cry  
Of all creation doomed to die,  
Did save our lost and guilty race  
By healing gifts of heav'nly grace.**
- 3. When Earth was near its evening hour,  
You did, in love's redeeming pow'r,  
Like bridegroom from his chamber, come  
Forth from a virgin mother's womb.**
- 4. At your great name, exalted now,  
All knees in lowly homage bow;  
And Things Celestial You Shall Own,  
And Things Terrestrial, Lord Alone.**

## --- 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

### “O God Beyond All Praising”

(We Praise you and Acknowledge You) (LSB 941)

- 1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**
- 2. You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**
- 3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
May we with the saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen**

## ----- SENDING

*Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.*

*Serve others knowing God walks before you.*

## ----- DOXOLOGY

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 ..

**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 the pastor 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 the pastor 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.

*(Please remember that as you are leaving the sanctuary, others are still communing, please refrain from talking to others until you are in the Fellowship Hall, Thank You.)*

## -- COMMUNION HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

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“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

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**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Sabina Sukhai & Barbara Scheer - 3/18

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God in memory of Kevin’s mom, Arlene, on her birthday.



**EASTER / PALM SUNDAY DECOR:** If you would like to donate for the Easter/Palm Sunday decor that adorns the altar area, there is a form in today's bulletin or on the counter in the narthex. Thanks  
**---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Today**

**March 15, 2026**

Services

8:30 AM and 10:15 AM

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

9:40 AM - 10:05 AM

Live-streamed on [www.gracelutheranpsl.com](http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com)

10:15 AM

Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

**Rest of the Week**

**March 16-21**

12 Step AA Meeting (Church Hall)

Monday, 6:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday

LakeForest Point HOA

Wednesday, 6:00 PM

Fellowship Potluck meal

Wednesday, 5:30 PM

Lenten Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Grace Bible Study (Grace/ACC Hall)

Thursday, 11:00 AM

AA Meeting (Church Hall)

Thursday, 7:15 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM



For complete calendar information, go to [www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar](http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar)

**VOTER'S MEETING:** Today! March 15th, 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM.

**A NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY!** Grace has been approached about a new opportunity to help develop a new potential Pastor. His name is Claubert Pierre, 50 years old, citizen of the U.S., and is presently studying to become a pastor through the EIT Vicarage Program of the LCMS. He has two years left in the program, and the FL/GA District has approached us and would like us to consider taking him under our wing and assist him in completing his vicarage, working alongside our Haitian ministry. This will entail some financial support on Grace's part, and Pastor Cris will be mentoring him. TODAY, at the **Voter's Meeting**, members of Grace will vote on this matter.

**THANK YOU:** for all the CareNet support! With your wonderful participation the Gala last week raised over \$260,990.80. Thanks! Phil, Judy and Pam, and all those who participated!

**LWML IS COLLECTING:** Maternity and Baby items along with construction needs for Habitat for Children Ministries in Haiti. Please see the full list of needs on the flyer in the Narthex.



**WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** This Wednesday, **March 18th**, we will be sharing a meal together at 5:30 PM and then a Lenten service at 6:30 PM. 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!

**SEDER MEAL SIGN-UP:** All Members and Friends are welcome to join in on a Seder meal, Thursday, April 2nd. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by this Wednesday, March 18th so we can purchase enough Matza and assign families. Opportunities for afternoon or evening gatherings.

**TONS OF FUN!** Thank you all who helped make last Sunday such a success! We are now working on our next event for the end of June or first part of July.

**EGG HUNT PRIZES NEEDED:** There is a collection bin by the exit door in the Church Hall for the Easter Egg Hunt. We're in need of individually wrapped (sealed) candies, baby "puffs," and tiny toys to fill the eggs. Crafts and toys for the Easter gift table are also appreciated. We already have lots of eggs ready to fill and use this year.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER?** THANK YOU! Last week we received \$238 from the "Thrivent Choice" program. Thank you John, Judy, Philip, Bebe, Janet, Robert, Edward, JoAnne, Kevin, Shirley, Karen, Ed, Betsy, Vance, Bob and Charles for directing your "Choice Dollars" to Grace to help our ministry. So far our members and friends have directed \$540 to Grace this year.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The "Church Office" is open in the ACC Complex from 9:00 AM through noon, Tuesday - Friday. Please feel free to stop by or call anytime during those hours. The office phone is (772) 871-6599. After hours you can contact Kevin at (772) 971-9200 or Pastor at (770) 328-5078.

**OUR PARTNERS AT ACC:** Are looking for some items to assist in their care of our neighbors. Water color sketch books, canvases for painting, Bingo prizes, regular/sugar free candies, (love chocolate), packaged snacks, old magazines, Folgers decaf coffee and bird seed for their feeder. As well as Walmart gift cards or cash to purchase the needed items.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We are now studying the book of Jonah. Come in person at 11:00 AM on Thursday or watch and participate on Zoom. It's also recorded for later watching at your convenience.

**GIVING:** We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in a Confusing and Trying Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community. Thanks for your Support: [GraceLutheranPSL.com/give](https://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/give)

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week We're continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m.). with chapter 29! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at noon) as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 22. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (3/21 at 11 a.m.) We'll be continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. How often should we be receiving

the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!  
**COMMUNION:** 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 is happy to celebrate this meal in a small group with you. **Please call the church at (772) 871-6599**, and Pastor Cris will set aside a time for you to come in and receive communion and partake of this wonderful meal.

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**Questions for the Week: The Week: Day or Hour**

1. A one-hour time change at Daylight Savings Time throws us off. Why do you think human beings are so deeply dependent on rhythm, routine, and the "governors" of our time to feel at peace?
  2. Read Matthew 24:29-31. Jesus warned of a time when the sun and moon would go dark, times when life feels completely chaotic and time seems to stand still. Can you share a time in your life (like a sudden phone call or crisis) when it felt like the "clocks stopped" and everything went dark?
  3. When we hit times of darkness, our temptation is to try and "fix it" by finding or creating our own light, which often just brings more chaos. What does "manufacturing your own light" look like in your life when you are stressed or afraid?
  4. On the cross, Jesus took the total darkness of our sin upon Himself (Matthew 27:45) so that He could be our eternal light (Revelation 21:22-27). How does knowing that Jesus has already conquered the ultimate darkness change how you handle the "dark days" in your current life?
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3/15 *Worship assistants: 8:30 Paul K. / 10:15 Tony B.  
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Ruth R. / 10:15 Nancy O.*

3/22 *Worship assistants: 8:30 Bob F. / 10:15 Frank M  
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Jay H. / 10:15 Jan L.*

***Readings: Genesis 1:20-23, Colossians 3:12-17, John 13:1-11, 31-35 (NIV)***

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**Lenten Season 2026**

**Wednesday Lenten services**

**March 18 & 25**

**Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM and Service at 6:30 PM (Live Streamed)**

**HOLY WEEK – March 29 THROUGH April 5**

**March 29- Palm Sunday:** 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (10:15 AM will be Live Streamed)

**April 2 - Maundy Thursday:** Seder Meals at Various Homes

**April 3 - Good Friday:** 12:00 (Noon) and 7:00 PM (Noon service Live Streamed)

**April 5 -Easter Sunday:** 6:30 AM (*outside*), 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (10:15 service Live Streamed)

**Easter Breakfast & Fellowship:** starts after Sunrise Service (7:30ish)

serving will end at 10:00 AM (Egg hunt: 9:50 AM)

## PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF..

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Debra Lemke (A Touch of Class Adult Care)  
Diane Fox (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)  
Thomas Piotrowicz (The Gardens)  
Marita Albano (Harbor Place, Senior Living Community)

Ed & Midge Watts  
Kathy Whilden  
David Disbrow  
John Linderman  
Victoria Thomason

Marie Harms  
Barbara Sheer  
Claren Kerstner  
Bob Zanzig  
Jenny Brendlinger

### Friends and Family

*Karla Phelps (cancer treatments, daughter-in-law of Elaine and Ron Phelps)*  
*Phyllis Pierpoint (undergoing Cancer treatments, Ron Phelps relative)*  
*Ken Hudock (cancer treatments, son of Gloria Solack)*  
*Michael O'Donovan (lung infection, Gloria Solack's son)*  
*Teresa (Spinal injury, Friend of Gloria Solack)*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

***Our nation that we would live as those called to “love our neighbors” in word and deed. That we would honor Christ and model for others how to listen, discuss, disagree and yet do so respectfully and in love for our God and one another.***

***The lost and lonely people in the world that the message of Christ's love and forgiveness will be shared with them and they are able to find peace and joy in the knowledge of His resurrection.***

***For the people of Haiti and the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters there. Continue to watch over Meschac and the Habitat For Children's Ministries. Pray that the lost in Haiti will be brought to a knowledge of the truth of hope of Christ.***

Let us know how we can pray for you or someone in need.

Fill Out THE PINK FORMS ON THE COUNTER or at [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray)

***Please notify us of any change. Your loved one/ones will remain on the Prayer list for three weeks.***

If you wish for someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, it will ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs. **March 15, 2026**



## March 15, 2026 INFORMATION

### BULLETIN NOTES // NOT TO BE PRINTED!!!

**Cris's weekly input:** Sermon Summary: Main Idea, Key Points, and Questions:

Genesis 1:14-19

Matthew 24:29-31

Matthew 25:1-12

#### Pastor Cris's Summary:

- The Creation of Order: Just as God brought order to the chaotic "tohu va vohu" (formless and void) of creation by appointing the sun and moon to govern time and seasons, God establishes order in our lives. The sermon uses the relatable disruption of Daylight Saving Time to show how easily we fall into chaos when the "governors" of our time shift even slightly.
- The Threat of Chaos: Because of human sin, the universe faces a regression back into darkness. Jesus (in Matthew 24) and the prophets (Amos 8) use apocalyptic language of the sun and moon going dark to describe the ultimate judgment and the personal chaos we experience in our lives—like terrifying medical diagnoses, broken relationships, or our own destructive attempts to "fix" things.
- The False Solution: In the midst of chaos, our temptation is to manufacture our own light. The sermon points out how people try to force God's hand (like building a third temple or trying to predict Jesus' return) or rely entirely on themselves to fix their earthly problems, which only brings more chaos.
- The True Light: The gospel climax centers on the cross (Matthew 27). Jesus steps directly into our "tohu va vohu." For three hours, the sun goes dark; the clock stops. Jesus absorbs the ultimate chaos and darkness of our sin. Three days later, He rises as the eternal Light. As Revelation 21 promises, we no longer need the sun or moon because the Lamb is our lamp. We don't have to find the light ourselves; Jesus has already become the light for us.

### Bulletin information

#### A. THEME: The Week

Olivette Discourse, darkness to day, no one know the day or hour  
sun moon, stars

B. BIBLE READINGS: **Genesis 1:14-19**      **Matthew 24:29-31**      **Matthew 25:1-12**

C. **MUSIC SELECTIONS**

1. OPENING HYMN: God Our Help in Ages Past. 1-6
2. HYMN OF PRAISE: Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972)
3. OFFERTORY: Take My Life oh Lord Renew 2vs 1& 5
4. HYMN OF DAY: Creator of the Stars of Night (LSB #351 vs1-4 OldHund/When i Surevy
5. CLOSING HYMN: O God Beyond all Praising

D. **ADDITIONAL HYMNS: HYMNAL PROJECT**

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- 7.
- 8.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Hymn Suggestions for 03/15/2025 \*Suggested match Bible verses**

**ALSO scripture based...**

**Genesis 1:14-19**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LSB #790; LW #444; 7/27/2025**

**Creator of the Stars of Night (LSB #351**

**Crown Him With Many Crowns (LSB #525; LW #278 8/3/2025**

**For the Fruits of This Creation (LSB #894 11/24/2024**

**Matthew 24:29-31**

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending (LSB 336, LW 15**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise (LSB394, LW 88**

**The King shall come when morning dawns (LSB 348, LW 26 ((mich))**

**How Great Thou Art (LSB 801, LW 519 02/01/2026**

**This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sadness! LSB 482, LW 03/31/2024**

**At the Name of Jesus Every knee shall bow LSB 512, LW 178**

**Matthew 25:1-12**

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past ( LSB #733 02/02/2025**

**At the Name of Jesus ( LSB #512; LW #178**

**Comfort, Comfort You My People (LSB #347; LW #28**

**Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (LSB #336; LW #15**

**Our Father, by Whose Name (LSB #863; LW #465**

**Seek Ye First (LSB #712 09/25/2022**

**Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (LSB #516; LW #177**

**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (LSB #651; LW #296**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (LSB #411 02/15/2026***  
***The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (LSB #464; LW #143 04/09/2023***

3/25/2026 Lent 5

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Abide with Me" (LSB 878/LW 490 Vs. 1,4,6)

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Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972)

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3/18/2026 Lent 4

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Abide with Me" (LSB 878/LW 490 Vs. 1,4,6)

### **03/15/2026**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (LW 180 /LSB 733)

Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972)

Take My Life oh Lord Renew (LW 404 vs 1 & 5)

Creator of the Stars of Night" (LSB #351 vs: 1-6 When i Survey 4vs)

O God Beyond All Praising"

**The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"**

**The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**

**3/11/2026 Lent 3**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686 Vs 1-4)**

**Abide with Me" (LSB 878/LW 490 Vs. 1,4,6)**

### **03/08/2026**

God of Grace and God of Glory" (LW 444/LSB 850 Vs. 1-4) 03/08/2026

Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972) 03/08/2026

Take My Life oh Lord Renew 2vs 1& 4 03/08/2026

How Firm a Foundation" (lsb728/lw411) 03/08/2026

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686 Vs 1-4) 03/08/2026

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee m 03/08/2026**

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies m 03/08/2026**

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies m 03/08/2026**

**3/4/2026 Lent 2**

**It Is Well With My Soul" (MM 46 Vs. 1 - 4) (Spafford & Bliss)**

## **Abide with Me” (LSB 878/LW 490 Vs. 1,3,6)**

### **03/01/2026**

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” (LSB 596 Vs 1,4&6) 03/01/2026

Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972) 03/01/2026

Take My Life oh Lord Renew 2vs 1& 3 03/01/2026

It Is Well With My Soul” (MM 46 Vs. 1 - 4) 03/01/2026

Goodness of God” (CCLI 7117726) 03/01/2026

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory m 03/01/2026**

**By Grace I’m Saved m 03/01/2026**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross m 03/01/2026**

### **2/25/2026 Lent 1**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us” (Stuart Townend #1558110)

Abide with Me” (LSB 878/LW 490 Vs. 1,2,6)

### **2/22/2026**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (LW 102 Vs. 1-5) 2/22/2026

Rise with the Sun (long Version CCLI 7267972) 2/22/2026

Take My Life oh Lord Renew 2vs 1&2 2/22/2026

How Deep The Father's Love For Us” (Stuart Townend #1558110) 2/22/2026

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (LW 105 Vs. 1-5) 2/22/2026

**Glory Be to Jesus m 2/22/2026**

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary m 2/22/2026**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise m 2/22/2026**

### **2/18/2026 Ash Wednesday**

Be Thou My Vision” (ancient Irish hymn) 2/18/2026

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (LW 90) 2/18/2026

### **2/15/2026**

His Mercy Is More 2/15/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 2/15/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation” (LSB 894 Vs 1-3) 2/15/2026

I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light 2/15/2026

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me 2/15/2026

**Beautiful Savior m 2/15/2026**

**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness m 2/15/2026**

**On My Heart Imprint Your Image m 2/15/2026**

### **2/8/2026**

Come, People Of The Risen King 2/8/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 2/8/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation” (LSB 894 Vs 1-3) 2/8/2026

In Christ There Is No East or West” (LSB 653 vs1-4) 2/8/2026

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (LW 297 Vs 1-4) 2/8/2026

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling m 2/8/2026**

**Dearest Jesus, We Are Here m 2/8/2026**

**Of The Fathers Love Begotten m 2/8/2026**

**2/1/2026**

The Wonderful Cross 2/1/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 2/1/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1-3)2/1/2026

How Great Thou Art" (LW 519 Vs. 1-4) 2/1/2026

I Danced In The Morning" (Lord Of The Dance 2/1/2026

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives m 2/1/2026**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling m 2/1/2026**

**Christ Is Our Cornerstone m 2/1/2026**

**1/25/2026**

Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LW 278 vs 1-6) 1/25/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 1/25/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1-3) 1/25/2026

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" (LSB 706/LW376 Vs 1-3) 1/25/2026

Cornerstone" (CCLI 6158927) 1/25/2026

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus m 1/25/2026**

**Jesus Shall Reign m 1/25/2026**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross m 1/25/2026**

**1/18/2026**

Morning Has Broken" (Eleanor Farjeon) 1/18/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 1/18/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1-3) 1/18/2026

Earth and All Stars" (LW 438/LSB 817) 1/18/2026

The Jesus Way" (CCLI 7217888) 1/18/2026

**Beautiful Savior m 1/18/2026**

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies m 1/18/2026**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling m 1/18/2026**

**1/11/2026**

Oh, Worship the King" (LW 458 Vs 1-6) 1/11/2026

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LW 392 Vs. 1-4) 1/11/2026

For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1-3) 1/11/2026

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky" (LSB 873 - tune: As With Gladness )1/11/2026

Oh, Worship the King" (LW 458 Vs 1, 5-6) 1/11/2026

**Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid m 1/11/2026**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten m 1/11/2026**

## Crown Him With Many Crowns m 1/11/2026

### Past: HYMN OF PRAISE: in order of use

01/11/2026 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LW 392 Vs. 1-4

[If God Had Not Been On Our Side 08/11- 9/8 & 10/27/2024//10/12/2025](#)

Goodness of God" (CCLI 7117726) 09/07/2025 - 10/5/2025

Glory be to God the Father 5/26 - 6/16/2024// 08/03/2025 - 8/31/2025

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 6/30 -8/4/2024//6/15/2025 - 07/27/2025

This is the feast 4/14 - 5/19 & 5/31/2024 // 4/9- 5/21/2023 // 11/03 - 11/17/2024//4/20 - 6/08/2025

How deep is the Fathers Love 2/18 -3/24/2024 2024 Lenten Season 3/09/2025 - 4/13/2025

All Glory to Our Lord and God - Koine 01/12/2025 - 3/2/2025

Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel 12/03 -12/17/2023// 12/01 - 01/05/2025

For the fruits of his Creation 10/22 - 11/26/2023 // 11/24/2024 used as offertory 8/11/2024

The Jesus Way" (CCLI 7217888) 9/15/2024 - 10/20/2024

Joyful, Joyful - 1/14 -2/11/2024 //4/7/2024/ LBW 803

Angels from the realms 12/25/23 - 1/7/24/2024

Lord be Glorified 9/10 - 10/15/2023 POST EASTER 2025 ??? old file

Jesus, Name above all Names 8/26 - 9/3/2023

My Jesus I Love Thee 7/2 - 7/30/2023

The risen Christ 5/28 - 6/18/2023

Father I Adore You (MM 26) (ccli 26557)

### Past: OFFERTARY: in order of use

01/11/2025- For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1&3) 08/11/2024 - 9/8/2024

[More precious than Silver 10/22 - 11/26/2023// 11/24/2024// 10/12/2025 -](#)

Make me a servant 10/1-10/15/2023// 9/15-10/20/2024 //1/12 - 3/2/2025// 9/7/2025-10/5/2025

Create in Me 5/28/2023 //4/07 - 5/19/2024 // 08/03/2025 - 8/31/2025

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful" 8/06- 9/24/2023//1/14-2/11/2024//6/30 -8/4/2024 // 06/15/2025 - 07/27/2025

We Praise You O God, LSB 785 VS 1&3 4/20 - 6/08/2025

In Christ Alone" (CCLI 3350395) 04/20/2025 Easter

Take My Life Oh Lord Renew 2/18 -3/24/24//10/27-11/17/24, 2024, 3/09 - 4/13/2025

Make me a servant 10/1 - 10/15/2023// 9/15/2024 - 10/20/2024 01/12/2025 - 3/02/2025

O come let us adore Him 12/03/2023 - 1/7/2024// 12/01 - 01/05/2025

We give thee but thine own 4/29 - 7/30/2023 // 5/26- 6/16/2024

[?? Gracious God, you send great blessings LSB 782](#)

