

Sunday Service with Communion

The Day - Strength of Tin Foil

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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. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. 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 Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship service today. 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. **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. If you are not a member of the LCMS, please talk with the pastor before communion.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

The Day When God's Goodness Overtakes Evil

The great and glorious day of the Lord! Often we think of fire and brimstone as the Lord judges the earth. But what we see in Scripture is that this day of the Lord has happened multiple times throughout time, due to our trying to define good and evil on our own. Join us in Lent as we learn about The Day.

Today: Strength of Tin Foil - Coke cans not only look but are strong. In their unopened state they are engineered to hold tons a weight in shipping. However an empty can looks the same but can be crushed with small pressure. Amos is showing us that if we want to look as powerful as the babylons of the world, we can be crushed like an empty can. However, the Lord's Kingdom does not give off the appearance of strength but love.

(Asterisks (**)) indicate that the people stand if you are able)

**** THE OPENING HYMN**

Christ is Our Cornerstone (LW 290)

*Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

*Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.*

*Here, gracious God, do now and evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow, and ev'ry sup-pliant hear.
In co-pious show'r on all who pray each holy day Your blessing pour.*

*Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.*

**** THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: *Have mercy on me, O God*

PEOPLE: WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY SIN.

Pastor: *Lord it seems from my very beginning, I have sinned.*

PEOPLE: TEACH ME YOUR TRUTH AND GIVE ME a YOUR WISDOM.

Pastor: *Wash me that I shall be whiter than snow.*

PEOPLE: LORD LET MY DAMAGED BONES REJOICE IN YOUR NAME.

Pastor: *Create in me a clean heart O God*

PEOPLE: AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

Taken from Psalm 51

**** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")*

**** THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Father I Adore You

*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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

During Confession we take time to slow down and realize how we have lost God's Great Story of goodness. We have served ourselves and our interests above God.

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

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**PEOPLE: ALMIGHTY GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER,
I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU.
I HAVE DONE THAT WHICH YOU FORBID,
I HAVE DONE WHAT IS RIGHT IN MY OWN EYES.
IN THE WEARINESS OF A BUSY LIFE, I HAVE YIELDED TO
TEMPTATION.
I HAVE TRUSTED MYSELF MORE THAN I HAVE TRUSTED YOU.
I HAVE FOLLOWED MY OWN PATHS RATHER THAN YOURS.
FORGIVE ME, I PRAY. BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,
LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME
SO THAT I MAY TRULY BE YOUR SERVANT
IN YOUR GREAT REDEMPITIVE WORK ON EARTH;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD.
AMEN.**

Pastor: The Story of Jesus is.....

There is new life everywhere. There is Good News everywhere. There is nothing lost that cannot be found, no dark place where light cannot shine, no awful past that cannot lead to a bright future. You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope and promise of Christ. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

**** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God,

look in mercy on your family. By your great goodness, guide and protect us forever in body and soul. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Most people think they are OK with God; it's the other fellow who should be worried. Some apparently think that they will fare well in the day of the Eternal One, a day when God will judge sin and defeat His enemies. However the day will be a day of darkness, not light; a day of gloom from which there will be no escape.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

"In all the squares there shall be wailing,
and in all the streets they shall say, 'Alas! Alas!'
They shall call the farmers to mourning
and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation,
and in all vineyards there shall be wailing,
for I will pass through your midst,"
says the Lord.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

"Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You shall take up Sikkuth your king, and Kiyyun your star-god—your images that you made for yourselves, and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus," says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 2:8-13

New Testament writers warn the church to watch out for false teachers. Peter faults them primarily for their immoral lifestyles rather than for doctrinal differences.

(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge[b] in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you.

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PEOPLE SING

Return To The Lord

(Divine Service II, Page 165)

***Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love***

**** THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 13:17-27

The disciples can't help but notice that something is in the air during this week between His entry into Jerusalem and His crucifixion. Surely the moment when Jesus is to reveal Himself as the Anointed can't be far off. By repeatedly calling Himself the Son of Man, Jesus has told people His kingdom will be divinely instituted like the one described in Daniel.

And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it may not happen in winter. For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

PEOPLE SING

O Lamb of God

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

**** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

THE SERMON

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**** THE OFFERTORY**

Create In Me

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.*

**** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(After each petition)

Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: 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**

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lamb of God

(Divine Service II, Page 172)

***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.***

There is a Redeemer

***There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. (REFRAIN)***

REFRAIN

***THANK YOU, O MY FATHER, FOR GIVING US YOUR SON;
AND LEAVING YOUR SPIRIT 'TIL THE WORK ON EARTH IS DONE.***

***Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (REFRAIN)***

***When I stand in glory I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (REFRAIN)***

Christ the Life of All the Living (LW 94)

***Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe,
Through your suff'rings, death, and merit life eternal I inherit;
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.***

***You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
For you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.***

***Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore,
Thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.***

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed (LW 97)

***Alas! and did my Savior Bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?***

***Was it for sins that I have done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown! And love beyond degree!***

***Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died For his own creature's sin.***

***But drops of grief cannot repay The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away, It's all that I can do!***

BLESSING

***Pastor: May you not look to yourself for strength, May you not look at the
powerful around you for strength. But may the Lord bless you this
week that your weakness would be used to bless those around you.***

PEOPLE: AMEN.

**** THE CLOSING HYMN Almighty Father, Bless the Word (LW 216)**

***Almighty Father, bless the Word which through you grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, spring up, and bear abundant fruit!***

***We praise you for the means of grace as homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here may all at last in heav'n appear.***

SENDING

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Today

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Worship
Grace Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Fellowship
Korean Church Worship
Women's Community Bible Study
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March 18, 2018

8:45 pm
10:00 am
Immediately following the service
Immediately following meeting
1:00 pm
4:00 pm
7:30 pm

This Week

Via de Cristo @ Bocks home
Bible Study with Pastor Russ
Heatherwood HOA
Mahjong
Pot Luck Meal
Midweek Worship Service
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant
Scripture Narration
CARENET WALK
Korean Prayer Meeting

3/19, Monday, 6:30 pm
3/20, Tuesday, 11:00 am
3/20, Tuesday, 7:00 pm
3/21, Wednesday, 12:00 noon
3/21, Wednesday, 6:00 pm
3/21, Wednesday, 7:00 pm
3/22, Thursday, 7:00 am
3/22, Thursday, 11:00 am
3/24, Saturday, ALL DAY
3/24, Saturday, 6:00 am

LENTEN SERVICES

So far, we've had visits from Moses, Nathan, Mary and now Paul. Join us Wednesday evenings to see who our next visitor will be. Midweek Services on 3/21 (dinner 6 pm; service 7 pm); Palm Sunday, 3/25 (10 am); Maundy Thursday, 3/29 (6 pm); Good Friday, 3/30 (noon and 7pm); Easter, 4/1 (Sunrise, 7 am; Breakfast following; Service 10 am).

*Thy will
be done*

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP On **Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm.** Check with Leigh Liagre or Coli Escher for location. All ladies (members and friends) are welcome. Come join us.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Barbara Scheer, 3/18; Bill Lemke, 3/24.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald & Debbie Lindstrom, 3/24 (35).

If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please drop us a note in the office or email us at Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com.

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Sherry Self in memory of Ray Self.

FLOWER CHART The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to order flowers to adorn the altar for a specific Sunday, please write your name on the appropriate line. The cost per Sunday is approximately \$27.00. We thank you for your help.

EASTER DECOR Praise the Lord through your gift as a donation to purchase palms, flowers and plants to decorate for our Holy week services. As in the past you may designate your gift as a memorial or in honor of. Forms are included.



DON'T FORGET THE BACKPACK PROGRAM A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information talk to Leigh Liagre.

MOPS ARE BACK. Did you know that Grace hosts a “Mothers Of Preschoolers” group? This is a time where moms can come together to talk and support one another. We need people who can watch their little ones at Grace while they meet. It's just two Wednesdays a month, (2nd and 4th).

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Remember to check out our website and follow us on Facebook. They're both “works-in-progress”, but the calendar and information on our website is updated constantly.