

MARCH 23, 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.



Grace Lutheran Church and School 1212 West Jefferson Brenham, Texas 77833 www.glcsbren.org

Church: (979)-836-3475 School: (979)-836-2030 "Caring For People By Connecting Them With Christ Jesus" **WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN** as we gather for worship of our loving God, who spared not His own Son, but put Him upon the cross in payment for our sins. May all that we give and receive this day resound to His honor and glory. Members and especially GUESTS are urged to complete the registration card located in the pew rack. If you are visiting with us, we cordially invite your return. Our Pastors will be happy to speak with you.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR – LSB page 203 + In Nomine Jesu +

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated today. Grace Lutheran practices closed communion, for God's Word teaches and we believe that communicants receive the very body and the very blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. God's Word also teaches and we believe that one who eats and drinks while denying the real presence and the benefits and blessings of the Sacrament, eats and drinks judgment upon himself. As the Christian Church is charged with the responsibility of "stewardship of the mysteries of God," we therefore ask that all who are not communicant members of Grace Lutheran please speak with one of our Pastors before communing. Our Pastors will assist you in becoming a communicant member through instruction in all the articles of faith, give you an opportunity to publicly confirm your faith, and shepherd you as a member in good standing of this congregation. Those guests who are members in good stead of a sister Missouri Synod congregation and have previously spoken to our Pastors need only sign a communion card which is located in the pew. We trust that all will respect God's Word and our practice in accordance with its teachings.

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE HYMN OF PRAISE**"The Law of God Is Good and Wise"**# 579THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOURpage 203The Introit (Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6)page 203

- **P:** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- C: But the way of the wicked will perish.
- P: For You are not a God Who delights in wickedness;
- C: Evil may not dwell with You.
- P: The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
- C: You hate all evil-doers.
- **P:** You destroy those who speak lies;
- C: The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- **P:** But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.
- C: I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.
- P: Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
- C: Make Your way straight before me.

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

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

⁷ "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.⁸ When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?" ¹¹ Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?' ¹² "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.' ¹³ When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. ¹⁴ Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, ¹⁵ if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.¹⁶None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷ "Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! ¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. ¹⁹ But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. ²⁰ Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

Ezekiel 33:7-20

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

13 There were present at that season some who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." ⁶ He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' ⁸ But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it.* ⁹ And if it bears fruit, *well.* But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

The Apostles' Creed

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY	"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"	# 421	
THE SERMON		Luke 13:1-9	
" Unless You Repent " - Pastor Jacobs			

The Prayer of the Church

Luke 13:1-9

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT	
The Sanctus	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving-The LORD's Prayer	
The Words of Institution – Pax Domini	
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THE POSTLUDE	

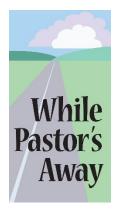
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – George Breland, David Dahmann, Justin Henderson, Paul Schulze Acolyte – Charles Henderson Usher Team – Billy Thaler Organist – Rev. Lee Kunkel Altar Guild Assistants – Dorothy Holle (Communion Ware) Susie Thaler (Paraments)



Every Pastor worth his salt seeks to know the condition of his flock. Please make sure to inform the church office of any health-related issues in need of Pastoral care.

It is a blessed opportunity and privilege to serve the true Body and Blood of Christ to those saints unable to approach the altar. God continues to bring such saints to Grace. Therefore, we humbly ask worshipers to consider leaving the back row open for those needing Holy Communion brought to them in the Divine Service.



While Pastor O is in transit back to Texas... We are blessed to have our Pastor Emeritus, Pastor Matthew Jacobs serving us today.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Luke 13:3 – "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?" "What is a temptation I face?" What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

Men's Bible Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Ronnie Haevischer is responsible for breakfast this week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.





EASTER

The Men's Club will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 25th. Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be at 10:00am and 7:00pm, March 26th

It's time to reserve your Easter Lily to be placed in Church on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for that purpose are in the Narthex and you may designate "in honor of someone" or "in memory of loved ones" or "just because". The cost is \$13.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Altar Guild. You may place the envelope in the

offering plate or turn into the office. The deadline for ordering plants is April 7, 2025.

Thank you! We would like to thank you all for the many prayers for our great-grandson Tate Wellmann. He is now at home with his Mom and Dad. ~ Freddie & Linda Wellmann





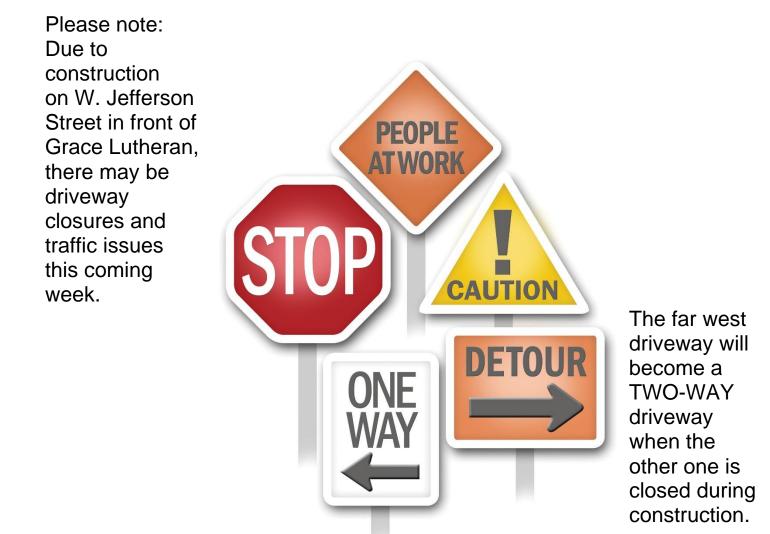
Reminder: Please DO NOT take any food or drinks into the Sanctuary. ~Thank you.

Thrivent Member Reminder: Choice Dollars for 2024 need to be directed by March 31st

Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex



TRAFFIC ISSUES & ROAD CLOSURES



THERE WILL BE TRAFFIC CONES AND SIGNS IN PLACE TO DIRECT TRAFFIC



CHURCH FOOD DRIVE – March 16 through April 6:

The LWML Afternoon and Evening Circles invite all church members to help with collecting food for the Washington County "Bread Partners". Some suggested items are cereals, oatmeal, beans, rice, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, soups, crackers or canned vegetables. Place your items in the box located in the church hallway.

Birthdays This Week:

Today 3/23 – Axel Reep Mon. 3/24 – Liam Hanson, Joann Poehl Tues. 3/25 – Larry Hintz, Mary Ann Hrnicko Wed.3/26 – Jacob Gray, Lida Mueller Thurs. 3/27 – Baylor Gandy Sat. 3/29 – Mabry Lane Hartfield, Kathy Loflin

Anniversaries This Week:

Mon. 3/24 – Christopher & Mary-Janet Reyes, (35th) Thurs. 3/27 – Richard & Valerie Engelbrecht, (15th) Fri. 3/28 – Steven & Shannon Robertson, (27th) Sat. 3/29 – Eddie & Brit Colanter, (22nd)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – Candace Watters

Next Sunday – David & Lynnette Dahmann



2024 VBS pictures – We have a lot of candid snapshots from last year's VBS that are **FREE** for the taking – come by the church office and flip through the pictures and take any that you are interested in!





Grace Lutheran Music/Piano Fund

> In Memory of Eugene Bothe given by Delphine & Sandra Addicks

In Memory of Lavonne Woods given by Gary & Pat Walch Grace Lutheran Church

In Memory of Lynnette Voskamp given by Sarita Mutscher Grace Lutheran School Fund

> In Memory of Laura Raitz given by Bettie Tiemann

In Memory of Eugene Bothe given by Bettie Tiemann Grace Lutheran Caring Ministry

➢ In Memory of Eugene Bothe given by Shirley Boeker, Glenn & Kathryn Wehring Grace Lutheran Building Fund

> In Memory of Lavonne Woods given by Doug & Ruth Schoppe

ATTENDANCE

March 16: 268

Mid-Week Service 3/19/25: 10:00 a.m. – 143 7:00 p.m. - 58 Sunday School: 27 Teachers/Staff: 8 YABC: 2 ABC: 84 Visitors: 1

OFFERING

General Fund - \$11,087.00 Radio Ministry - \$ Missions - \$115.00 Building Fund - \$1,120.00 Memorials - \$175.00 Other - \$600.00

Choir Loft Piano Replacement - The Yamaha CVP-909 will be a wonderful addition to our music program and will greatly improve our ability to provide music during our worship services. Please check your narthex mailbox for details on how you can help with this important enhancement to our worship services. Read the proposal carefully

and consider a contribution to the Grace Lutheran Music Fund in order to help fund the purchase of this instrument. If you have questions not answered in the written proposal, Pastor Kunkel will be glad to speak with you. Total amount of donations received as of 3/16/24 is \$12,065.00.



Grace Lutheran School 2025 Spring Gala ~

We still need items for both the live and silent auctions! Items we are looking for include: Vacation home stays, Fishing or hunting trips, Themed dinners, Sports and outdoor items, Gift cards, Electronics, Tickets to events, Goods and services, Home décor, and more! For Auction questions, please contact: Brittany Hartfield at 361-550-5040 or britt0711@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the school and PTL!

GRACE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT MARCH 31, 2025 (2) 6PM 1212 W. Seffection St. Disphare, TK 72555

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Open for Registration

March 3, 2025

CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

- Veritas Press: Omnibus;
- Ecclediastical Latin I-W
- Biology, Chemistry, Physical
- Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II.
- Fine Arts
- Home Economics

JOIN US

979-836-2050 https://www.gisbrenham.com

GLHS Information Night

will be on March 31st at 6:00pm. Grace Lutheran School is committed to developing a complete, well-rounded student with exceptional critical thinking skills and a firm belief in Jesus Christ. Please see the flyer on the school website for details.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS THIS SUMMER

Be sure to mark your calendars for VBS as you make your summer plans.

Vacation Bible School is set for June 16-20, 2025 - 8:30am-11:30am



All children of Grace Lutheran Sunday School and Day School are invited to attend the weeklong event. It will be a great time for kids to grow in faith as they explore God's Word.

We are asking for volunteers to help us make this VBS a wonderful experience for the children. If you feel you can help, please contact Bev Jaster 979-277-5824 or Linda McArthur (979) 525-3806. We will be ordering supplies shortly. Any monetary gift such as Visa Gift cards or cash will help with expenses. More information will follow.

May God bless our partnership in the Gospel as we lead children to Jesus.



Substitute Teachers Needed: Do you love the little faces at GLS? Do you want to occasionally make some extra money? We NEED SUBSTITUTE Teachers. We would NORMALLY call the day before or even several

days beforehand. There are times we need a sub for several days and sometimes just one day. Once in a while you might be needed for only an hour or two. You do not have to be a teacher or even a retired teacher – just someone willing to come in and help in the classroom. Our teachers do a great job of preparing lessons when they know they will be needing a sub. Sometimes when it is just a short time needed, then the job might just be taking roll and asking the children about their lunches. If you love our little children and have a desire to help, please call Mimi at 836-2030. God Bless you as you bless our children and our school.

Grace Lutheran Prayer Concerns For Church and Home



Members are encouraged to pray for each of the individuals on this list both in the times we gather together for worship and in our daily prayers. *"I urge first of all that, requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... This is good and pleases God our Savior." – I Timothy 2:1&3*

Members of Grace who are hospitalized, ill, or have on-going needs

In the Hospital: Diane Merkel, St. Joes in Bryan

Recovering from Surgery: Marilyn Schroeder, hip replacement - 3/5/25

<u>Prayers for Healing</u>: Linda Tarver, Ruth Duvall, Pastor Jacobs, Nancy Boecker, Freddie and Linda Wellmann, Charlie Blake, Bonnie Wellmann, Gary Finke, August Degner

<u>On-going Needs</u>: Shirley Boeker, Glenn Brenner, Russell Chambers, Onis Finke, Clarence Gaskamp, Butch & Ann Goldberg, Donald Hendrickson, Richard Jacobs, Karen Markwardt, Diane Merkel, Benjamin Moerbe, Kenneth Muchow, Blake Sacre, Lisa Steck, Vernell Thane

Members of Grace in Nursing Homes or Homebound



Florence Boehnemann, B.Y. Boeker, Russell Chambers, David Diver, Kurt Duvall, Ruth Duvall, Geraldine Gloyna, Reuben & Darlene Grassl, Al Novosad, Harold Rietz, Lee Rogge, Sonny Schulte, Dorine Stoelke, Linda Tarver, Clarence & Bernice Gaskamp



Those Who are Serving our Country in the Armed Forces

Lt. Col. Matthew Moerbe – son of Mark & Anita Moerbe; U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon LTC Erich Roberts – son of David & Rose Roberts: U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Moore, GA Senior Airman Trenton Rylee Rutledge – grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann; U.S. Air Force; now in North Dakota SP4 Riley Baugh – grandson of Pastor & Tina Holzer; U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX SSGT Terrell Felder - son of Larry Felder; U. S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX Cole Frazier – grandson of Tom & Doris Magee; Offutt AFB, Nebraska 1LT Ivan R. Degner – grandson of August & Jo Ann Degner; is serving in the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin, CA. Sloan Snead – granddaughter of Allan & Colleen Symmank, Navy Medic, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida (right now) SN Dylan James Hicks – grandson of James & Karen Studhalter Just finished boot camp for Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, IL

Those Serving in the Mission Field Abroad

Rev. Charles St-Onge & Family

Rev. Samuel Bobby & Family serving in Latvia

Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family



Pastor James May & Family serving in Kenya with Lutherans in Africa Rev. Dr. David Preus & Family, serving in Romania, LCMS Eurasia Regional Dir.

Friends of our Congregation

Elaine King – niece of Billie Rogas In Our Thought Harris Kubos, Jr. and Toni Navarre – friends of Eunice Drews Blanche McMullen – sister-in-law of Billie Rogas Tim Andrews – neighbor of Knodt's & Roberts' Regan, Lesley & Beckett Adams - cousins of Joe Green Marjorie Schroeder, sister; Janis Stayton, sister-in-law; Rick Hammitt, nephew (ALS); Travis Bartay, grandson (Diabetes I) – relative of Shirley Boeker Brynley Frazier – great-granddaughter of Magee's Carolyn Zibilski, Mark Marburger, Dean Winkelmann, Scott Hodde - friends of Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder Betty Maltby - aunt of Mike McArthur, sister of Mildred McArthur Janice Eckhardt – daughter-in-law of Jimmie Eckhardt Marcie Brighton – mother of Elizabeth Schuller Kathy Hudson – mother of Tim Hudson Rebecca Dahmann – sister-in-law of the David and Michael Dahmann families Delano Klausmeyer - very good friend of Judy Rudloff Gloria Hanath - sister of Eunice Drews - prayers for healing Deonna Moses – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Moses – diagnosed with cancer Tom Insley – friend of Michael & Kimberly Parks, cancer Hank Voelter – grandson of Don & Karen Voelter, battling leukemia Sherree Pence – niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother Tricia Kelm – friend of Richard & Diane Merkel Edna Parks – mother of Michael Parks Caleb Reid – grandson of Alan & Linda Reid, still has issues, please pray for him and family Tammy Hill – daughter of Elroy & Bonnie Wellmann – diagnosed with cancer Bill & Peggy Miller – Johnnie Schroeder's sister & brother-in-law (prayers for healing); Troy & Kathleen Schroeder - Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder's son & daughter-in-law (prayers for healing) Stacie Erickson – daughter of Charles & Jean Blake Coy Goodwin – friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke Matthew Merritt – nephew of August & JoAnn Degner - stroke on 12/5 – is in Rehab in Colorado Delores Guthman – mother of Diana Stephens – prayers for healing, cancer Terry Morrison – brother of R.D. Morrison – battling cancer Bill Odom - friend of Brian Wawarosky – healing Don Fairman – son of Anita Fairman – begins radiation treatments week of 2/24/25 – 2/28/25 Anita Meyers – sister of Martha Jander – recovering from broken hip Blake Moeller, Ernest Ware – friends of Cristine Weige and family

Please review this Prayer List Please notify the Church office of any changes. We would like this list to be as up-to-date & accurate as possible.

This Week at Grace...

Today, March 23 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 24 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 6:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 28 8:15 a.m.

3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Lent

Worship w/Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday School & Bible Class

(Jeremiah 15:1 – 17:27) Chapel Council (Jeremiah 18:1 - 19:15) Men's Bible Breakfast Chapel Men's Club (Jeremiah 20:1 – 22:30) Mid-Week Lenten Worship III/K-2 Choir Confirmation Choir Practice Mid-Week Lenten Worship III (Jeremiah 23:1-40) Track Meet Weiss Wolf Relays Chapel Ladies Bible Study (Jeremiah 24:1 – 25:38) Pastor Ogrodowicz's Day Off Chapel Vespers (Jeremiah 26:1 – 28:17) PTL Spring Gala Denim & Diamonds @ Fireman's Training Center

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship w/Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday School & Bible Class

Rev. Ryan Ogrodowicz – 530-2260 Rev. Isaac Schuller – 408-817-0358 Rev. William H. Holzer – 251-7036 Mr. John Young (Congregational President) – 661-0596 Mr. Aubrey Jaster (Elder's Chair) 421-2748 Mr. Casey Voskamp (S. S. Superintendent) – 251-2498 Mrs. Debbie Hintz (Caring Ministry Contact) – 203-3470