



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL

“Defeating Seven Deadly Sins”

February 22 – Pride

March 1 – Envy

March 8 – Greed

March 15 – Wrath

March 22 – Gluttony & Lust

March 29 – Sloth

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE [10:45]

“Lord, Grant Peace to All Your Servants”
(Grace Chorale)

Walter Ehret,
W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Hymn 610

(Please turn and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary)

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: The season of Lent is a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on Christ’s Word and draws from it life and hope.

People: **We seek to draw closer to Christ and strive to walk in His ways.**

Leader: God’s Word instructs us to confess our sins before the Lord, receive His cleansing in our hearts and be empowered by the gift of His Spirit for holy living.

People: **“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”** (Ps. 32:1)

Leader: “The law of the Spirit of Life sets us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” (Rom. 8:2)

(Please kneel or be seated for confession)

Leader: Most Merciful God,

People: **I have much to confess. I have not been the faithful and obedient child of God You desire me to be. I have fallen prey to deadly sins of pride, envy, greed, wrath, gluttony, lust and sloth. My guilt deserves eternal punishment. I repent, O Lord, and I’m ready to defeat these sins. I know this can only be done through faith in the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior. By Christ’s blood, cancel out the guilt against me. Crucify my sinful nature and graciously fill me with Your Spirit, that I may rise up anew, and live the life You intend for me, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.**

Leader: Friends in Christ, I have Good News for you. Jesus truly shed His holy and innocent blood on the cross for you so that your guilt is canceled out and your heart is cleansed. Christ is also risen from the dead for your justification and righteousness. He empowers you with His Spirit that you

might walk in His ways and follow His paths. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

*LENTEN CANTICLE



Lord, have mer - cy on us now, We have turned from Your way.



Christ, have mer - cy on us now, Grant our sup - pli - ca - tion.



Lord, have mer - cy on us now, Give us faith to trust You



In our time of per'l or pain Or our time of glad - ness.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nahum 1:2-6

²The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. ³The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers. ⁵The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him, the world and all who dwell in it. ⁶Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM [10:45]

“All the Ends of the Earth”
(Grace Chorale)

Carl Schalk

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-26

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you’ ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

[10:45]CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymn 543

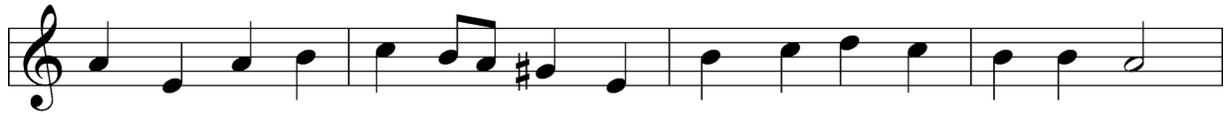
SERMON

“Defeating Wrath”

*LENTEN VERSE

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

Hymn 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

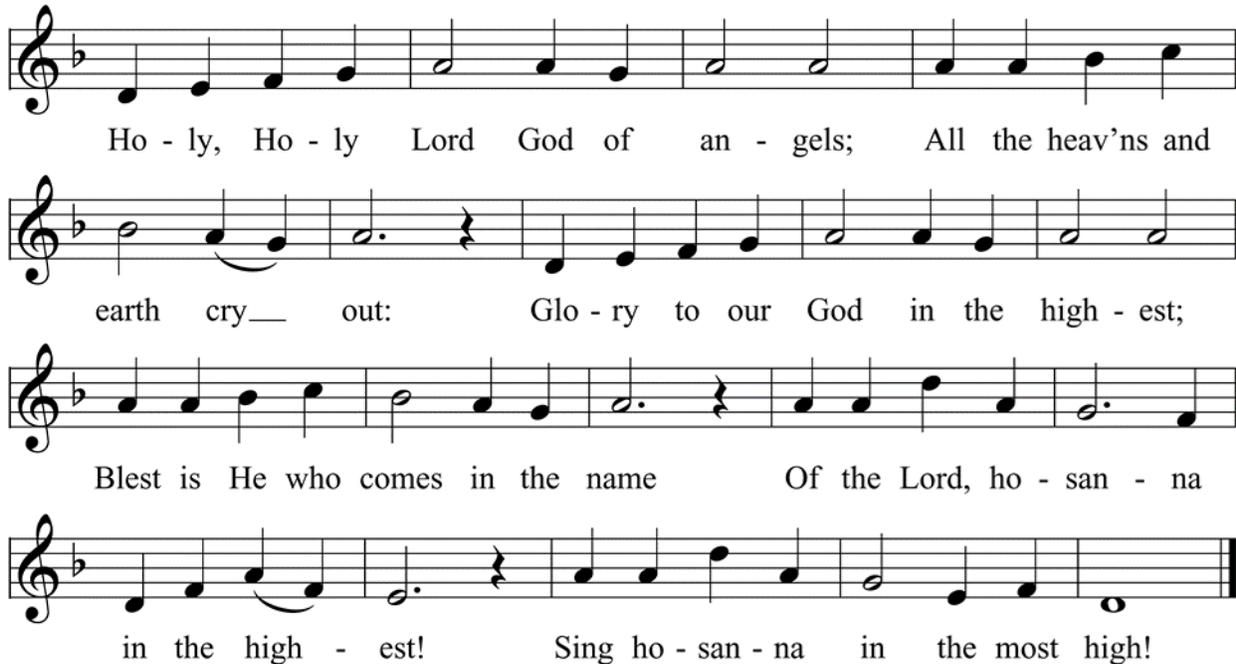
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of an - gels; All the heav'ns and
earth cry__ out: Glo - ry to our God in the high - est;
Blest is He who comes in the name Of the Lord, ho - san - na
in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na in the most high!

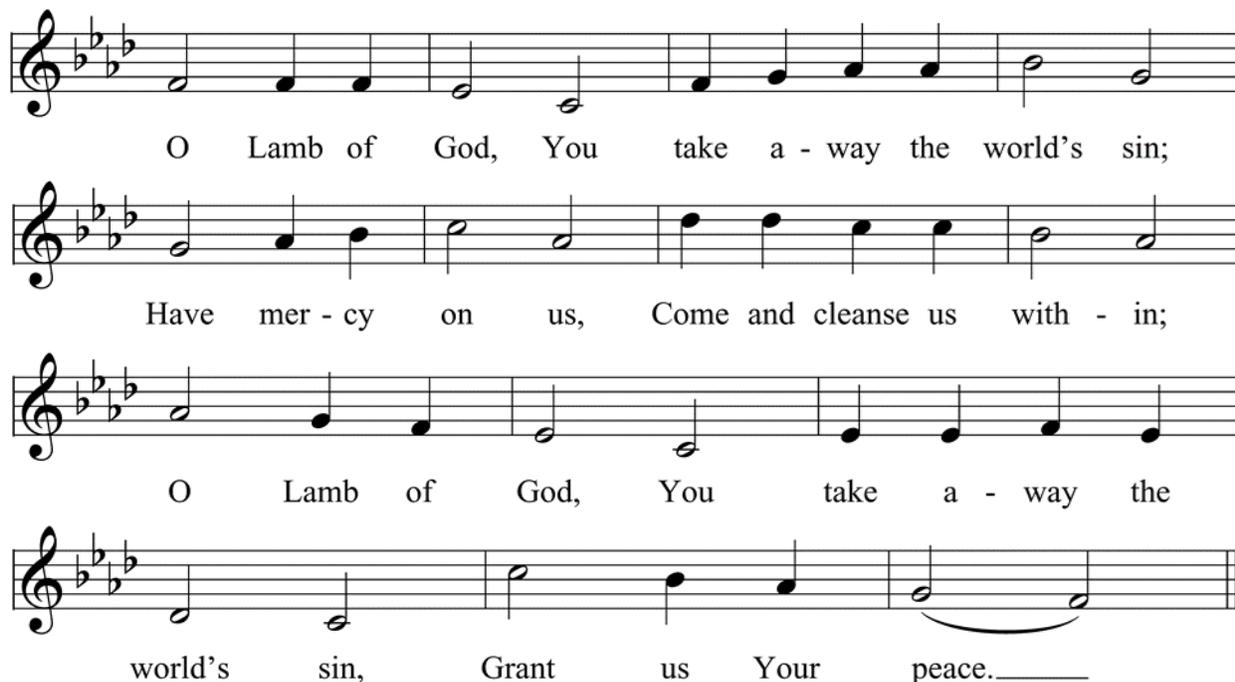
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
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.

*AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, You take a - way the world's sin;
Have mer - cy on us, Come and cleanse us with - in;
O Lamb of God, You take a - way the
world's sin, Grant us Your peace._____

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Hymn 438

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymn 770

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Hymn 436

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD’S WORK

*BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn 426

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher

Celebrant/Liturgist

Organist

Communion Deacons

Lectors

Usher/Greeter Team

Vicar Stephen Moore
The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Thomas Schulteis
Vickie Ryan
Rodney Petersen, Jane Petersen
Bob & Cheryl Browning

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher

Celebrant/Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

Sound Technician

Communion Deacons

Elder on Duty

Lectors

Greeters

Crucifer

Ushers

Vicar Stephen Moore
The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Thomas Schulteis
Rodney Steffen
Ron Booth, Jerry Carter
Dan Mueller, Cindy Sensabaugh
Jennifer Smith
Keith Schelp, Janice Graydon
Rob & Bonnie Petersilge
Chase Carbone
Steve Hnatiuk, Chris Nuzum,
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