



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 - 10:45 AM

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

PRELUDE [10:45]

“Vouchsafe, O Lord!”
(Vocal Solo)

G. F. Handel

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus I Will Ponder Now” (vv. 1, 5-6)

Hymn 440

(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.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-2, 13:11-14

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect...¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:27-28, 6:25-27, 31-34

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth and sixth chapters.

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

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart...²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Hymn 430

SERMON

“Defeating Gluttony & Lust”

***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 - NICENE CREED**

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 and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*PREFACE

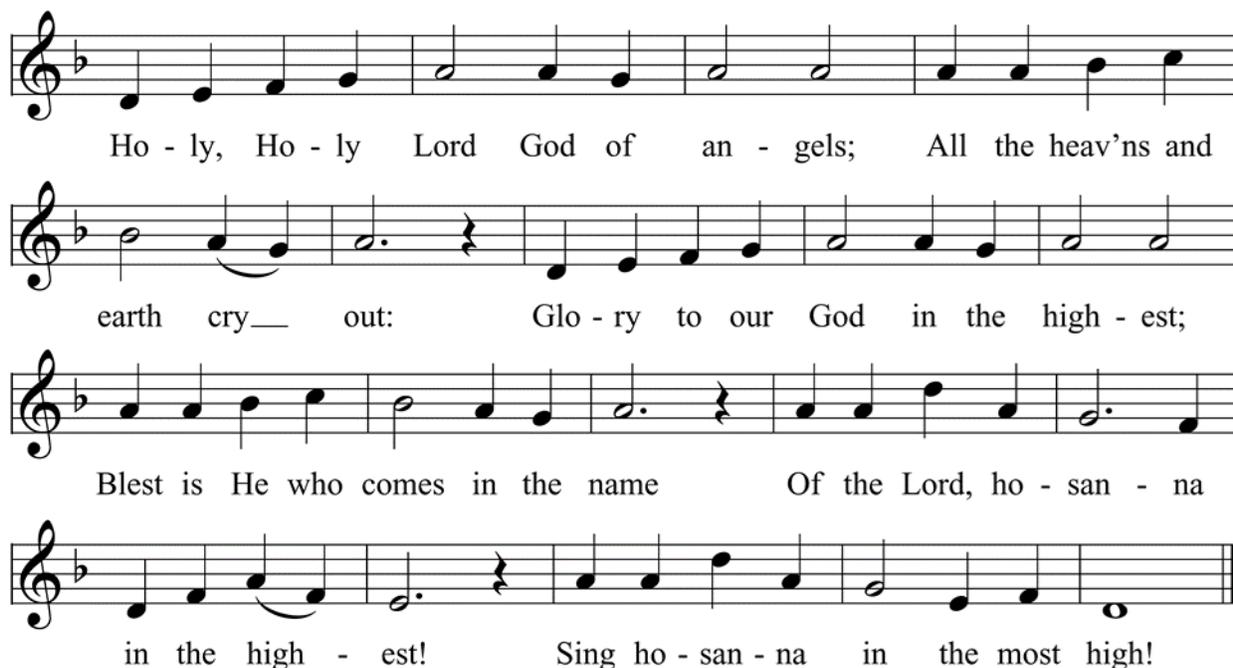
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

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!

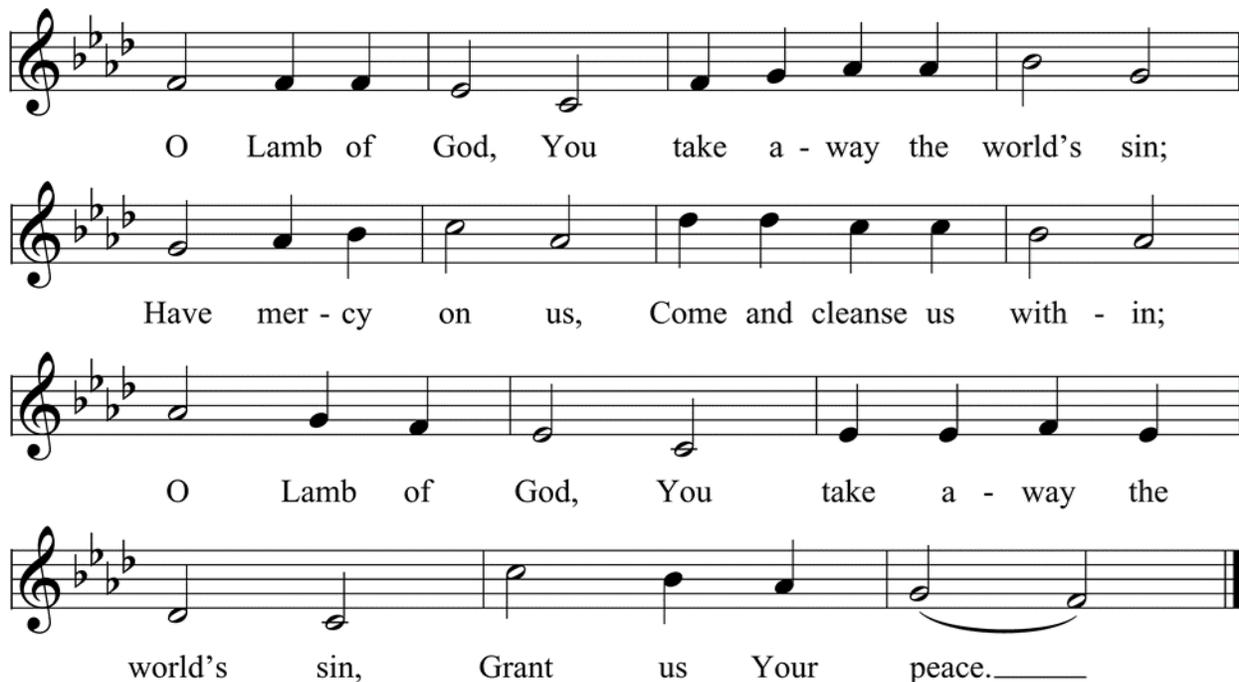
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”
“O Christ, You Walked the Road”
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn 611
Hymn 424
Hymn 427

*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 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (vv. 1, 6 & 7) *Hymn 420*

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Christ, the Life of All the Living" *James L. Brauer*

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Pastor	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Communion Deacons	Roger Walker, Jessica Wittcop
Lector	Pat Wittcop
Usher/Greeter Team	Rodney & Jane Petersen

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Celebrant	The Rev. Steven M. Braun
Liturgist	Vicar Stephen Moore
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Vocalist	Martin Garst
Sound Technician	Mark Bryan
Elder on Duty	Sue Ramer
Communion Deacons	Jerry Carter, Carl Locke, Cindy Sensabaugh
Lectors	Ted Broer, Krista Bernthal
Greeters	Lyle & Monique Stiefel
Acolyte Team	Members of our Amazing Grace Youth
Ushers	Janice Graydon, Douglas Hall, Ernie Harben, Bonnie Petersilge, Rob Petersilge, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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