



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 - 10:45 AM

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

PRELUDE [10:45]

“The Joy”
(Grace Choristers)

Andrew Holt, Mitch Wong

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Hymn 418

(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

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM [10:45]

"Make Your Life a Song to God"
(Grace Choristers)

Jayne Southwick Cool

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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**

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

Hymn 666

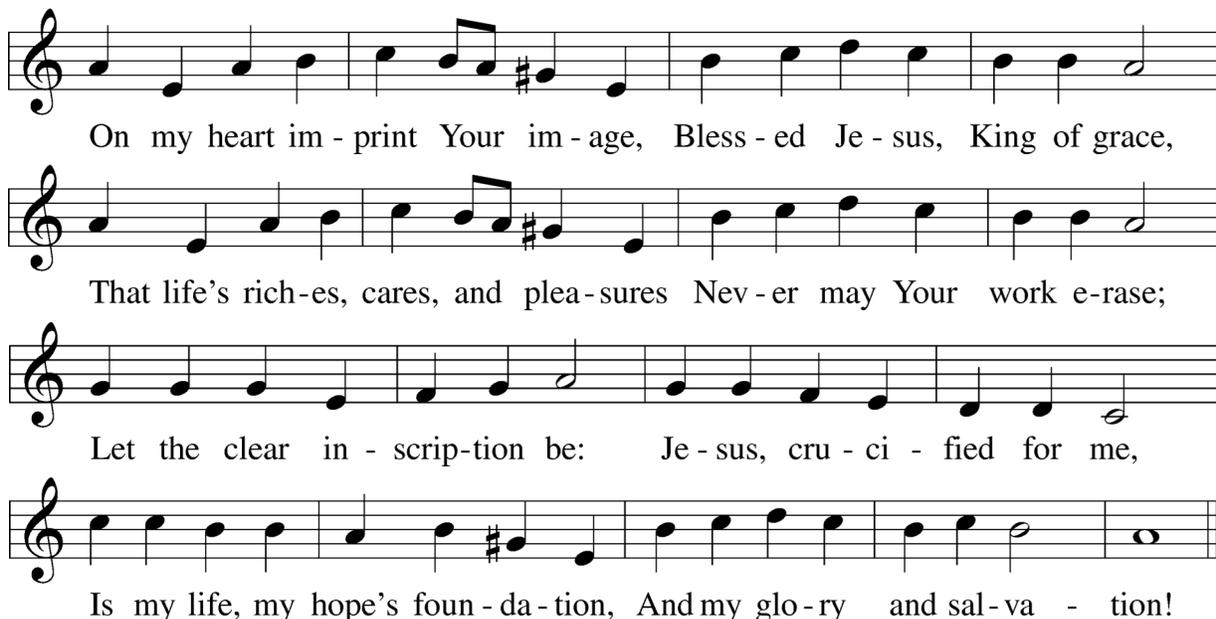
SERMON

“Dying to Pride, Living for Others”

***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-rase;
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.

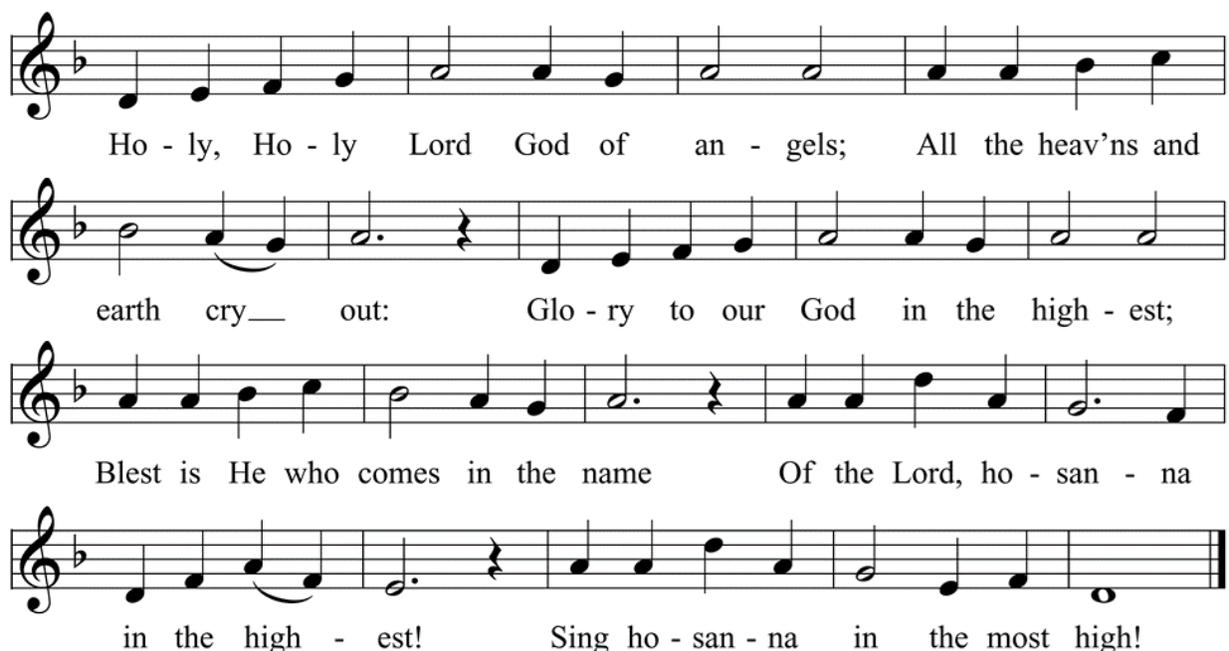
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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!

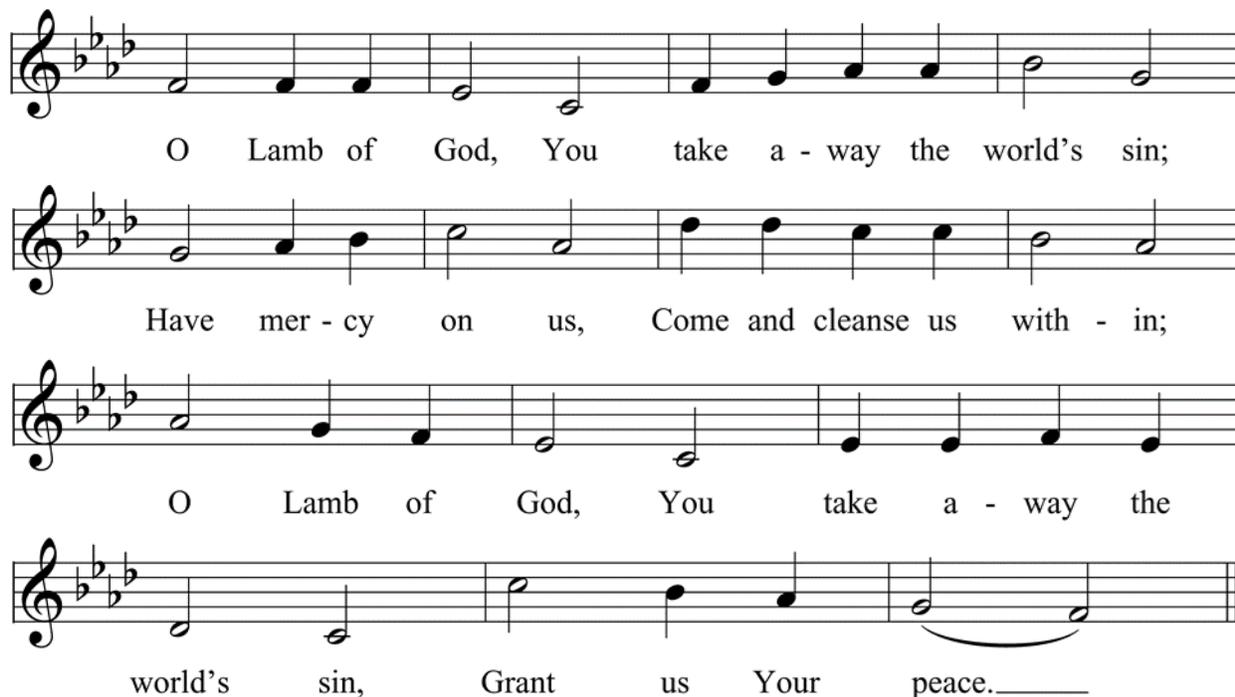
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Hymn 607
Hymn 425
Hymn 423

*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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn 656

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Ralph Schultz

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Pastor
Organist
Communion Deacons
Lector
Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Dr. Lang Yang
Thomas Schulteis
Vickie Ryan, Jackie Stine
Pat Wittcop
Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher
Celebrant
Liturgist
Organist/Accompanist
Choir Director
Sound Technician
Elder on Duty
Communion Deacons
Lectors
Ushers

The Rev. Dr. Lang Yang
The Rev. Steven M. Braun
Vicar Stephen Moore
Thomas Schulteis
Amelia Silva
Mark Bryan
Jennifer Smith
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