

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2020 ♦ 9:00 am



"I will give you living water"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P But with you there is forgiveness;

C **so that we may worship and serve you.** (Psalm 130: 3-4)

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

- ☐ Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
 “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.
 All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
 who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

☑ Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”



- 1 Come to Cal-v’ry’s ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
- 2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
- 3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; ’tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain flows to you, to me, to all,
 here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou - bled peace may find.
 God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 Health this foun - tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.
 signed when our re - deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied. ”

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

KYRIE (“Lord, have mercy”)

- ☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

- ☐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

- ☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

L Word of God. Word of life.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L Word of God. Word of life.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL John 4:5 – 30; 39 – 42

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th chapter.

G Glory to you, **O** Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband."¹⁸Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁹for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"²⁰The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is

in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

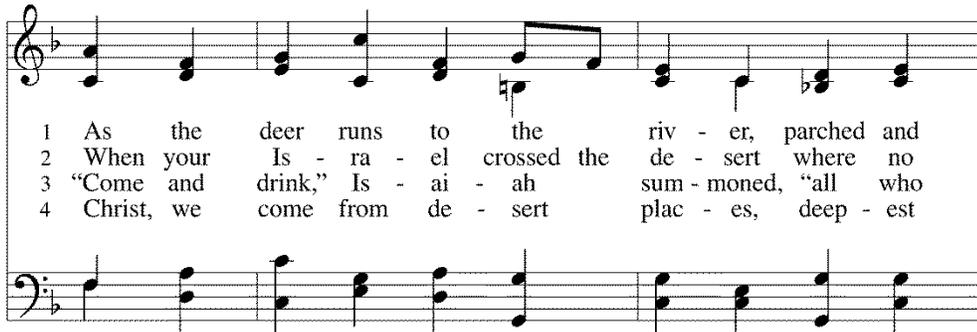
³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

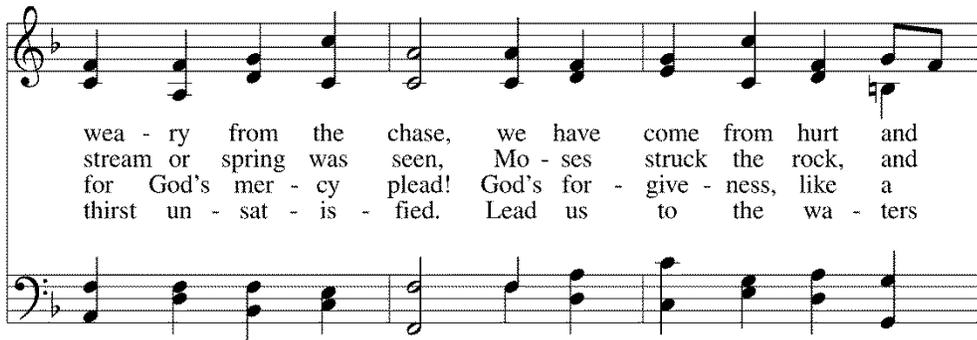
G Praise to you, **O** Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

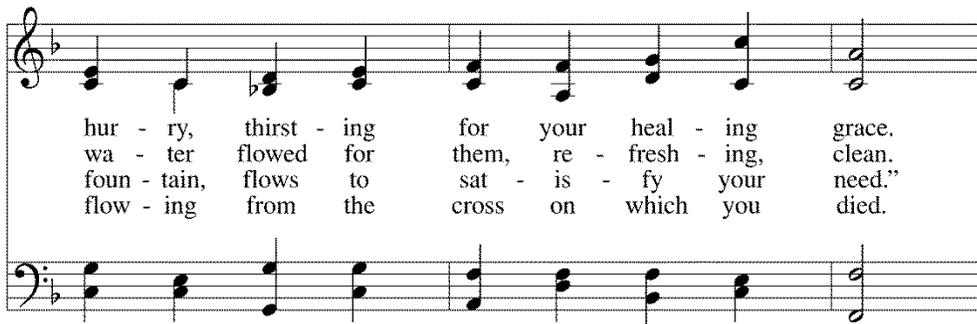
HYMN OF THE DAY "As the Deer Runs to the River"



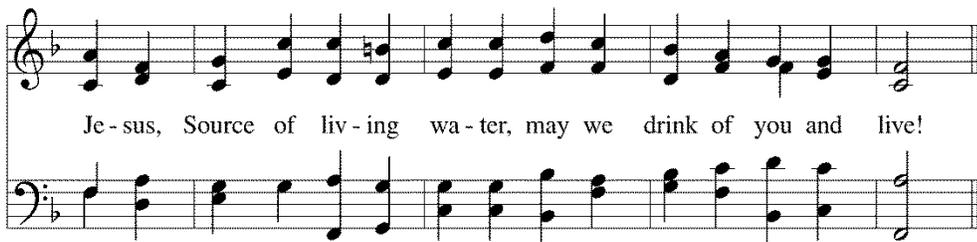
1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and
2 When your Is - ra - el crossed the de - sert where no
3 "Come and drink," Is - ai - ah sum - moned, "all who
4 Christ, we come from de - sert plac - es, deep - est



wea - ry from the chase, we have come from hurt and
stream or spring was seen, Mo - ses struck the rock, and
for God's mer - cy plead! God's for - give - ness, like a
thirst un - sat - is - fied. Lead us to the wa - ters



hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, Source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

AD I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in me . . ."



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Holy and generous host,
A **you set a table where we feast as friends.**
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
P Restore to me the joy of your salvation
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** We give thanks to you O, God, for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with new and clean hearts we might be prepared to receive him as he comes to us now in his body and blood. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS "Holy, holy, holy"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



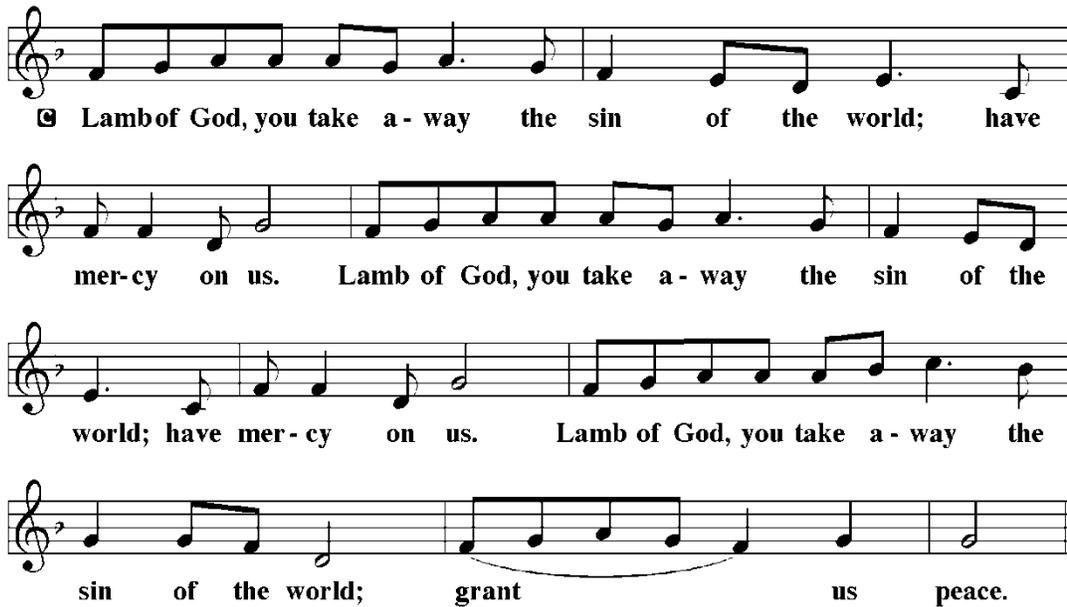
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

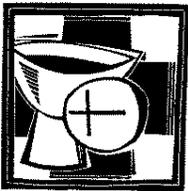
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

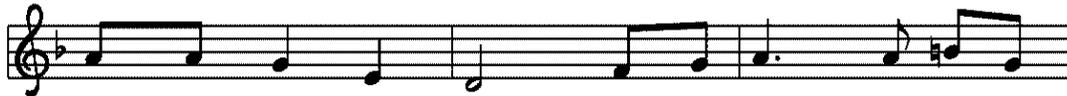
- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*



“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.
- Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Merciful God,
- accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence
and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.

C Amen

- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader	Jon Marxhausen
Piano	Kathy Rehbein
Elder	Allen Warren
Lector	Sue Hotzel
Ushers	Becky Vigstol/ Jenny Hanson
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jake Richter
Greeters	Bruce Gilman/ Audrey Gilman

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

We all take this journey of faith together. Take time to reach out to your fellow pilgrims.

WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.

Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.



CHRIST FOR ALL

themes in the
Gospel of **MATTHEW**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

TODAY at 10:15 am

SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
3/15/20	Allen Warren	Jake Richter	Sue Hotzel	Becky Vigstol/ Jenny Hanson	Bruce Gilman/ Audrey Gilman
3/18/20	Chris Fallert	Kiernan Benson	Jeff Olofson	Allen Warren/ Sally Warren	Paul Hartleben/ Cami Hartlebn
3/22/20	Chris Fallert	Maren Sletten	Heidi Zetterwall	Bruce Gilman/ Jerry Corson	Donna Pream/ Jean Strenger
3/25/20	Chris Fallert	TJ Richter	Kathy Rehbein	Franklin Hotzel/ Sue Hotzel	Rick Frazer/ Nicole Frazer
3/29/20	Allen Warren	George Zetterwall	Eileen Ocone	Jim Roth/ Jan Roth	Maggie Koeritzer/ Sally Warren

grace happens

March 15 - 22, 2020

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am LENT 3
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Monday, March 16

6:00 pm Board of Education and Youth Meeting
7:00 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

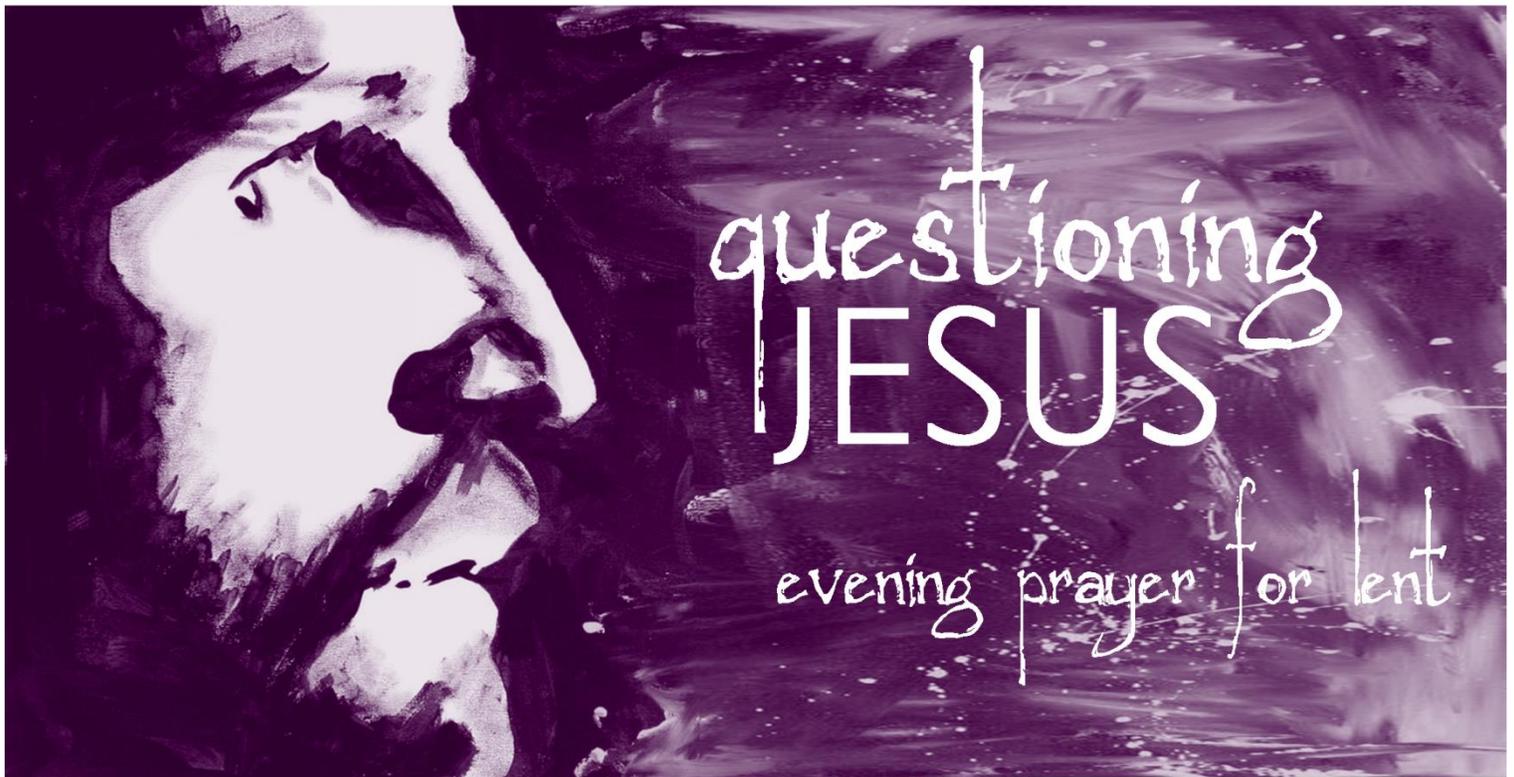
7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am LENT 4
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

March 19-21	TEAM 4 Randy & Janice Henderson/Janice Roth/Bruce & Audrey Gilman
March 26 -28	TEAM 5 Paul & Cami Hartleben/Bob & Rita Usselman
April 2 - 4	TEAM 6 Evenson Family/Dinesen Family



THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 at 7:00 pm

COINS FOR TANZANIA

Going to school in Tanzania is not easy. The primary schools are free, but to continue into secondary school, there are tests to pass and fees to pay. Students Grace of God supports cannot afford these costs. Working shoulder to shoulder, in 2020 congregations in Saint Paul and Iringa are sending 1136 students to secondary school and certificate programs. (Bwana Yesu asifiwe! Lord Jesus be praised!)

Coin and cash donations collected during Lent will be directed to support students and other special projects with our partners in Tanzania.

We will collect our "alms" (loose change) during worship on Wednesday evenings. Alms bowls are available.

PASSOVER SEDER DINNER

Maunder Thursday, April 9

5:00 pm

All are invited to participate in this special dinner experience. The cost is \$11 a person or \$45 for immediate family (parents and children). Sign up at the bulletin board by the kitchen door.



NIGHT OF
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Stars **SUNDAY,**
APRIL 26
6 pm

OUR ANNUAL YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

See Pastor Jon if you have a TALENT to share! (Yes. You do.)

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Our Christmas Family Festival on **Saturday, December 5th**, will be our gift to our friends living in surrounding communities! It will take all of us to make this happen. We will have the Christmas Café, a living (no live critters!) nativity, crafts, a photo booth, music and much more! Please pray about how you can participate, then talk to Cindy Bartz - 651-307-9185 or Sally Warren - 651-226-4255.

Sign up at the Christmas Family Festival table.

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