

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Prelude & Welcome

## Confession & Absolution

From Psalm 139 we read, **“Search me, God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”.**

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,  
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

**I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; by what I have done and left undone.**

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;  
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

**I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.**

**Forgive what I have been,  
correct what I am,  
direct what I will be;**

**so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.**

**In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen**

Hymn 857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

WORD with the Children

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 336 “Lamb of God”

Offering

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Hymn 335 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Postlude

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## Verse for the Week

I desire to do Your Will, my God;  
Your law is within my heart.

~ Psalm 40:8

## Prayer Requests:

Laurie Johnson	Sandy Reddick	Tom Dingwall
Elaine Kronberg	Brad Lund	Bob Hefti
Raychelle Blowers	Chris Farmer	

## Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Wright Family; Peg Okerlund  
Acolyte: Brooklyn Daniels  
Reader: Don Bakken  
Coffee/Fellowship: Izzy Rusch  
Musician: Rebecca Heyn  
Song Leader: Heyn Family

## Dates and Happenings:

### **Monday, March 31**

4 pm Piano Lessons  
7 pm Bible Study - Faith

### **Tuesday, April 1**

10 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus  
1 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

### **Wednesday, April 2**

6 pm Lenten Meal - Faith  
7 pm Lenten Service - Faith

### **Thursday, April 3**

9 am Quilting  
9:30 am Pastor at Prayer and Share - Faith  
1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

### **Sunday, April 6**

9 am Worship - Lord's Supper  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship - Faith

**From Last Sunday:** As a Child of God, practicing forgiveness isn't an option – it's a "must do". Forgiveness isn't approving what happened, it choosing to rise above it; choosing not to dwell on the hurt; choosing not to hit back; choosing peace.

**Lenten Worship** (this week): 7 pm at Faith. Light meal served starting at 6 pm.

**Confirmation students (Grade 5-9)** are required to attend all Lenten services and complete weekly assignments that are due Sunday mornings. This includes First Communion students.

**Flower Time! TODAY is the last day to order your Easter Flowers** in memory or in honor of someone. Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Begonias or Mums. Order form is outside the church office.

**Don't forget! Deadline is TOMORROW to direct Thrivent Choice dollars for last year.** For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or online at: [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

**Noisy Offering for April will be taken NEXT SUNDAY, April 6.** Your offering supports LifeSource, an Organ Procurement Organization serving Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. They work with 300 hospitals and 9 transplant centers, relentlessly pursuing a day where everyone in need of a life-saving organ transplant receives one.

**Grace Men host their annual Men's Dinner on Saturday, April 12, serving 4:30-6 pm** here at Gace. Serving open-faced hot turkey sandwiches, desserts, and drinks. Freewill Offering supports our congregation. **Sign up to help on the table outside the office.**

**Brass Players Wanted for Easter Sunday.** If you play a brass instrument and will be here Easter Sunday, we could use your talents for Easter worship! Contact Annette Helder for more information. We will be playing for both Grace and Faith services – if you can't play for both services, please let Annette know which service you are able to attend. Thank You!

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on High.

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life.

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord I lift your name on high. *Repeat*

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## Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent Him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

### *Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915