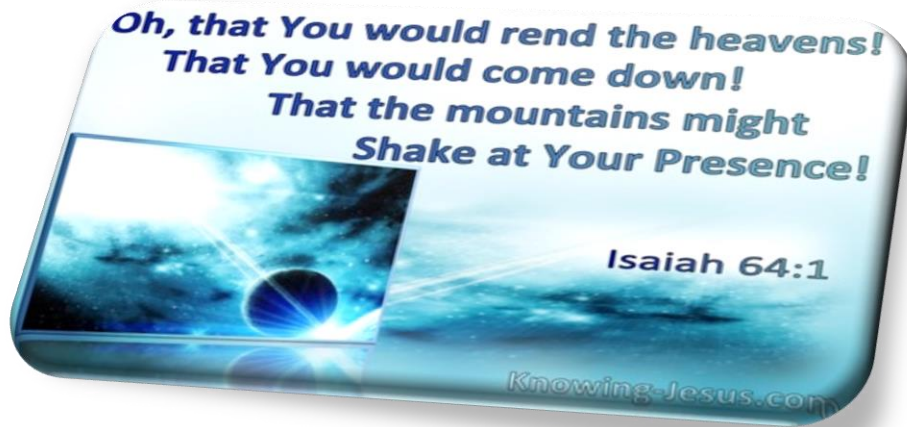


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**“Reflecting and Sharing Jesus Christ”**



If you would like a visit from Pastor Fred, to share a prayer concern, or have any questions about today's service please contact the church office.

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**Scripture Readings for: Holy Communion, March 24th, 2024**

Reading:	Psalm 118:25-29
Gospel:	Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Holy Communion**  
**March 17th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**



**Guiding Principles**

**Jesus is Lord**  
**We Welcome Everyone**  
**We Value God's Creation**  
**We Are Open to the Power of God**  
**We share God's love**  
**Through Worship and Service**  
**We Offer Forgiveness for All**

**Holy Communion**  
**March 17th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**

Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope that you will find a welcoming community and Christ-centered worship.

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our story today talks about signs of things to come. Jesus talks about the fig tree, and how it's budding and leafing is a sign that summer is coming. Jesus' teaching in Mark 13 was meant to help the disciples prepare for what is to come. He describes some very vivid images. Today's reading falls into a literary genre called "apocalyptic," in which certain themes and images are used regularly. Jesus was not trying to scare the people. He was actually trying to comfort them. They were living in very difficult times, and the message of this reading is that God's kingdom would come in power and glory.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** In those days, before the final coming of Christ in glory, there will be mighty signs.

**P:** They will be seen in the heavens and on earth.

**L:** They will remind us of God's eternal presence and power.

**P:** We will all be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

**L:** Therefore, let our hearts be glad and our souls rejoice!

**P:** God has reached out to all God's people with compassion and tender mercy. **AMEN.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**We confess that we are not ready. We call on you to rend the heavens and come down, and yet we aren't ready for you to rend our hearts and enter in. When it comes to meeting you face-to-face, we hesitate. We fear what you will find in us and among us. We are uncertain that we really want our lives to be turned upside down by the good news. We want the hope that comes with knowing you are coming to us, but we're not sure we're ready for the shock of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our fear that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow you.**

Hear the good news: God is the Potter, and we are the clay. We are the work of God's hand. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: TREE OF LIFE**

**Refrain:**

Joy and new hope beneath the tree of life.  
Joy and new hope beneath the tree of life;  
Root of wisdom, branch of peace,  
Fruit of healing and release.  
Joy and new hope beneath the tree of life.

Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus,  
Singing praise to him who leads us on  
From death into new life. **Refrain**

Flowing from this tree of grace and passion,  
Oh how sweet the taste, How deep and rich  
The wellspring of your love. **Refrain**

Come and drink the waters of salvation,  
Come and die to sin, Rise up to life  
Within the Reign of God. **Refrain**

Here beneath the branches of your mercy,  
We invoke your name, Remember how your  
Love has set us free. **Refrain**

Rooted in the rich earth of your Gospel,  
May we hear the fruits your Word has planted  
Deep within our hearts. **Refrain**

**GREETING (ELW p. 175)**

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Refrain:** Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy,  
Mercy on us all.

Reign of God, and for peace  
Through the world,  
For the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain:**



For your people here  
Who have come to give you praise,  
For the strength to live your word,  
Let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

Help, save and defend us, O God  
**Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Be with us today, Lord, as we consider your message to those who suffer in the midst of turmoil. Help us to be bringers of your peace and your message of steadfastness. You have always been there for us, and we know you always will be. **Amen**

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME, SONG AND PRAYER: CB 8 - OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.



#### **LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TREE OF LIFE)**

Return to the Lord, your God,  
Who is gracious and merciful,



Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
And abounding in steadfast love.

#### **GOSPEL: MARK 13:1-8; 24-37**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

#### **ACTIVITY: TEMPLE WORSHIP**

#### **SERMON PRAYER**

#### **SERMON: END OF THE AGE**



HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 438 - MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW page 217)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world.*

Source of our hope, ground your church in the promises of our baptism and make us bold in proclaiming your love and grace even in fearful and anxious times. Lord, in your mercy,



**ELW 751 – V.1**

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to me.**

Source of our hope, heal the brokenness in your creation and give us the vision necessary to protect what you have entrusted to us.

Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – v.1**

Source of our hope, grant wisdom and insight to our public leaders that they may steer the nations through this crisis with minimal loss of life or livelihood. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Source of our hope, help those living in great fear at this time, and comfort them with the knowledge of your presence with them now and always. Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – v.1**

Source of our hope, provide healing and comfort to all those battling disease and trials especially - Nels, Samantha, Kay, Jon, Erven, Hilda, Gerda, Holly, Wendy, Jordie, Martha, Frieda, Linda, Frank, Brendan, Selma, Ervan, Gordon, and Rene,  
Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – v.1**

Source of our hope, we pray for these friends and members of our church Martha, Wilda, Don, Monica, Frieda and Irene. Please make your church into a shining example of love and care in these difficult times and use our assembly to do your work. Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – v.1**

Source of our hope, turn our eyes to the example of the saints especially we remember Trevor Marshall, Ed Karlo, Raymond Woitt, Elsie Feldberg, -

Lena Boss and Lore Pohl; and keep us firm in following the way of the cross.

Lord, in your mercy, **ELW 751 – v.1**

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart. **Amen.**

OFFERING: ELW 597 - MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

OFFERING PRAYER

You gift us, Loving God, not so we will hoard, but would share with others; not that we might accumulate more, but offer gifts to those who have so little. In the waiting, may we realize the wanting; in the listening, may we hear the brokenness, in the watching, may we see the weariness, and pour out our gifts, our lives, and our hearts on others. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 180)

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 181)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In your weariness of all our foolishness, you could have clung to your holiness and left us on our own, to find our way, but you chose to love us, coming to be one of us in Jesus. He came to a people whose anxiety about the future was high, to remind them, and the generations to come, that you are in control, even when it seems doubtful. He came to those who struggled in the deep poverty of despair, to empty his pockets of all the hope and grace they needed, just as you do for us in these days. He came to his kinfolk who were weakened by fear, to strengthen them with the assurance that the road they walked was well known to him. And when death thought that it could defeat him with its power, he simply waited for you to bring him out of its clutches with your resurrection power. In the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.





Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With those who try to stay alert, and with those who toss and turn trying to sleep, we proclaim that mystery which is our faith:

**Christ died, giving his life for all; Christ was raised, the light of resurrection showing the way; Christ will come, gathering us in love and hope.**

You know how apprehensive we are in these days which go on and on, so we pray that you would pour out your Spirit on your fretful people and the gifts which remind us of your love. In Jesus, you came to know our struggles, our fears, our worries, and in the bread which is broken for us, we are given the life which will enable us to be your hope for the forgotten, to be your justice for the overlooked, to be your light in the dim moments of this year. You poured your life into Jesus, who emptied himself for us, and as the Cup of grace is poured out for us, may we empty ourselves so we might be the companion to the weary, the community for the lonely, the peace for all divided neighborhoods, and the love to those who are dismissed.

And when human time has come to an end, and you gather us around your table with our sisters and brothers, we will sing our joyful praises to you, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 182 – SUNG – left side)

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!



### COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (Tree of Life)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION

CB10 - BE STILL AND KNOW

ELW 260 - THE KING SHALL COME

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May the Holy One, the Rock of our salvation, bless us now! Join together in faith to work for truth and honesty. As God loves you, carry that love out into the world in peace, hope, and faith. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW 534: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 183)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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We ask you to pray each week for these Members and Friends of Grace who live in Senior's Home Residences. They are in **Peace Hills Lodge**: Margaret Forth, Irene Torgerson, Tillie Podloski, Brian Schultz, Clayton Murphy, Clara Meyer, Esther Dahms, Rene Faille and Esther Kaiser; in **Luther Manor**: Jeanette Martinoff; in **Seasons**

(**Wetaskiwin**): Dorothy Burghardt, Erven & Norma Heinz, Rene Thompson, Roxann Buskas, in **Sagebrush**: Erna Dux, Martha Miller, Frieda Minchau, Loraine Lowen; in **Long Term Care**: Gordon Stuart, Nels Buskas; in **Good Shepherd**: Gerda Kiel; **Wetaskiwin Hospital**: Joan Woitt; in **Camrose Bethany Meadows**: Hilda Karlo; in **Seasons (Camrose)**: Ervan & Selma Stobbe



## HOLY LAMENT – Lenten Worship Services

Each of the midweek lenten services will be approximately 30 minutes long . We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



LENTEN SERVICES FOR 2024		
DATE	THEME	SCRIPTURE
March 20	Communal Laments	Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26



### Come and Worship with Us

March 24	Contemporary Palm Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
March 28	Maundy Thursday/Lord's Supper	7:30 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday	10:30 a.m.
March 31	Easter Breakfast	9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.



We are still needing some **food items: Hot Cross Buns and Small Yogurt** to make the breakfast a delight for all. We are also still looking for some help for **clean-up**. If you are willing to serve in this way, please use the **sign-up sheet** in the entryway.

We are still looking for people to fill non-executive council positions. Please contact Vivian to discuss this possibility. Ph. (780)352-1246



We are looking for someone that would be willing to teach Sunday School on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The materials for lesson and craft will be available to pick up this Sunday in the church office.

We will be having Sunday School on the second Sunday of the month including up to May 12, 2024.

We will continue to need volunteers for April 14 & May 12. Please let either Pastor Fred, Dorothy Schmidt, or Joyce Schneider know that you are willing to volunteer.

We are once again looking for volunteers to step up to the plate and be willing to learn how to run the sound on a rotation basis for Sunday morning services. Either men or women can volunteer to learn this. We are down to 2 regulars and we are going to tire these people out. Who would be willing to learn and help out? Training will be provided. Let's get this filled. Please reach out to the office – Dorothy ASAP.



## WEEKLY CLEANING SCHEDULE



I will be working on the Weekly Church Cleaning Schedule. If there is anyone who wishes to pay for an Alternative Church Cleaner for the year 2024 please let me know as soon as possible. Funds for this cleaning must be in before an Alternative Cleaner can be scheduled. The cost will remain the same as last year which was \$75.00 per week.

Let's get my phone ringing. We do appreciate your willingness to help in this important area of our church ministry. **We are still in need of more donations for the cleaning schedule for 2024.**  
Office Coordinator – Dorothy Schmidt

## Parish Worker Part Time

We have an exciting and diverse opportunity for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to use their gifts, skills, and experience in supporting our congregation. You will organize and carry out activities and programs related to working with all members of our congregation from the youth to our more mature members.

### Responsibilities and Duties

You will be working in collaboration with the Pastor and the Grace Lutheran Church team to assist with planning and coordinating Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Vacation Bible School. Duties may also expand to include Member Visitation with communion privileges, providing Grief books to families and Stephen Ministry.

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Experience with Youth/Children

Leadership/Organizational Skills

Spiritual Background

Compassion

Teaching Experience

People Management Skills

Experience with Microsoft Office Suite and Google Office

First Aid (Preferred)

Vulnerable Sector Clearance as well as a clear Background Check

Salary/Hours

Weekends and evenings will be required. Wages \$25 per hour up to a maximum of 12 hrs. Per week. No benefits however, CRA deductions will be made. Two weeks holidays after one year.

### How to Apply

Submit your cover letter and resume via Email or mail to Grace Lutheran Church Office by

April 1, 2024. To Email: [office@glcw.ca](mailto:office@glcw.ca) or Address: 4218 – 56 Avenue,

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## Today's Worship Participants:

**Pastor**

Fred Schneider

**Accompanist**

Colleen McGinnis

**Lector**

Rene Faille

**Usher**

Connie Maygard

**Sound Booth**

Larry Coroluick

**Projector**

Marilyn Zielke

**Counters**

Donna Zurbrigg

**Coffee Clean-Up**

Connie Jensen

**Communion Set-up**

Lorrilyn Forth

Bonnie Bukkems

Bernice Scholtze

**Communion Servers**

Dale Woitt/Vivian Holtby

Kathy Coroluick



## Next Week's March 24TH, 2024 – Worship Participants:

**Pastor**

Fred Schneider

**Accompanist**

Marlene Thompson

**Musicians**

Chrissy Williams

Bert Horvey

Larry Coroluick

**Lector**

Rob Sperber

**Usher**

Connie Jensen

**Sound Booth**

Jack Jensen

**Projector**

Susan Woitt

**Counters**

Rob Sperber

Chrissy Williams

**Coffee Clean-Up**

Lorrilyn Forth



**THIS WEEK AT GRACE: March 17th, 2024 – March 24th, 2024**

<b>Today:</b>	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool Class
	1:00 p.m. Preschool Class
	<b>PARISH PUMP INFO DUE</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool Class
	10:00 a.m. Ladies Morning Out
	11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
	1:00 p.m. Sagebrush Worship
	3:30 p.m. Band Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool Class
	1:00 p.m. Preschool Class
	1:30 p.m. Peace Hills Worship
	7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
	Communal Lament
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool Class
	10:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Worship
	3:30 p.m. Band Practice
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m. Contemporary Palm Sunday
	Worship
	11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

