

Sunday, February 18, 2024

*Lent 1*



## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 100

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Pastor:** Come into His presence with singing!

**People:** **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

**Pastor:** It is He who made us, and we are His;

**People:** **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

**Pastor:** Enter His gates with thanksgiving.

**People:** **And His courts with praise!**

**Pastor:** Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People:** **For the Lord is good;**

**Pastor:** His steadfast love endures forever,

**People:** **And His faithfulness to all generations.**

**People:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## ***CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING***

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'ring, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, treating Thee with shameful scorn,  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee, all disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto You.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

## **Numbers 9:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning.

<sup>16</sup>So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. <sup>17</sup>And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. <sup>18</sup>At the command of the LORD the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the LORD they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. <sup>19</sup>Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle many days, the people of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not set out.

<sup>20</sup>Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the LORD they remained in camp; then according to the command of the LORD they set out.

<sup>21</sup>And sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning. And when the cloud lifted in the morning, they set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they set out. <sup>22</sup>Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out. <sup>23</sup>At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out. They kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by Moses.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Those In-Between Times*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Pastor:** We confess our sins using Psalm 51.

**People:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**Pastor:** Hear good news from Isaiah 53. But our Lord Jesus Christ was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. Amen.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**COMMITMENT TO LOVE**

**Pastor:** Let us reaffirm our commitment to love one another, using Philippians 2.

**People:** Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## CONFESSION OF SACRAMENT

**Pastor:** Taking the bread, Christ said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." Taking the cup, Christ said, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." How can eating and drinking provide the forgiveness of sins?

**People:** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

*Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.*

*Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### ***I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE***

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole.

***Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!***

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.

*[Refrain]*

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never  
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art!

*[Refrain]*

Weary am I and heavy laden,  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously, and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest

*[Refrain]*

What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace.

*[Refrain]*

## **GOD THE SPIRIT**

Holy fount of inspiration  
By Whose gift the great of old  
Spoke the word of revelation  
Marvelous and manifold

***Chorus: God the Spirit we adore Thee  
In the triune Godhead One  
One in love and pow'r and glory  
With the Father and the Son***

Author of the new creation  
Giver of the second birth  
May Thy ceaseless renovation  
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth

*(Chorus)*

When we wander Lord direct us  
Keep us in the Master's way  
Let Thy strong swift sword protect us  
Warring in the evil day

***Bridge 2x: Shall the church now faint or fear  
When the Comforter is near***

*(Chorus 2x)*

***With the Father and the Son***

*(Bridge)*

## PRAYERS

### BENEDICTION - Hebrews 13

**Pastor:** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **WHO YOU SAY I AM**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

***Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am***

Free at last He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me, yes He died for me

***Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am***

*I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am (REPEAT ALL)*

***Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am***

**Next Sunday, February 25th**, we will host Jessica Kidd from Solutions for Change in Vista. She will be sharing - briefly in the sanctuary then during the Adult Study - about how they are solving family homelessness one family and one community at a time.

### **PAINT and ROOFING UPDATE**

Great news, your church, and school have been painted! After 20-plus years, Grace Lutheran Church and School received a fresh coat of paint! It looks beautiful! Here is an update for what remains: After a couple of months of delay, our roofing project started in late January. The focus has been on the church of which about 50% is completed. Weather permitting, this should be completed over the next 2 weeks. Next up will be the restrooms, multipurpose room, kitchen areas, and finally, the church office. With recent rains, leaks occurred in various areas that were not re-roofed yet. We will be going back and repairing those areas. We hope to have the project completed over the next few months.

### **GOOD WORKS**

The persons who signed up last October to keep our church grounds looking good by weeding, trimming, sweeping, raking, and keeping our parking lots clean have agreed to continue these tasks through July of 2024. Please thank, when you see them, Jack Anderson, Joseph Marciano, Jim Kawal, Sam Woodmansee, Terry Fox, Matt & Kim Arnold, Marci Exner, Christine Geckler, Mike Johnson, Josh and Sarah Aldridge, Kacy Redmond and Chris, Larry Berkel, Shaila Schmidt, Andrea Aldridge, The Richmond family, Nick Gustin, Sharon Boyer, and Liz Mathews. We also thank Thad Gonsalves for his time from October to December 2023. To God be the Glory, great things He has done.

### **WALK AND 5K FUN RUN FOR LIFE**

It's almost time for the Alternatives Medical Clinic family-friendly event that will take place at Kit Carson Park on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The walk and run will both begin at 9:00 AM. We will have refreshments from *Rise Coffee and Boba*, and face painting available at 8:30 AM. Here is a link with additional information about the event, registration, and donations: [tinyurl.com/AltMedClinic5K](https://tinyurl.com/AltMedClinic5K)  
Sign up to be on the Grace Team with Bob Glaser at [bobglaser22@gmail.com](mailto:bobglaser22@gmail.com) 760-533-6942.  
Event flyers can be found in the narthex.

### **PROJECT GODWAY UPDATE**

We are so excited about how the Lord is bringing together season 12 of Project Godway! Thank you very much for your prayers and support! PG starts on February 23 and ends on March 23! If you feel led to help contribute to this season in some way we have a few opportunities for you to do that:

- ⇒ **Meals-** Having a meal together every Friday night of the season is one way we like to show the girls and volunteers the love of Christ! If you would like to help this way you can sign up at [tinyurl.com/Meals4ProjectGodway](https://tinyurl.com/Meals4ProjectGodway) or contact Helena 760-310-1566 or [ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net)
- ⇒ **Volunteers-** Ladies are needed for five Friday nights of season 12. Sign up to help one night, two nights, or all! We need help with various crafts, serving food, cleanup and setup, and more! There will be a **volunteer meeting the night before, Thursday, Feb 22nd at 6:30pm to get everyone off to a good start!** Go to [ProjectGodway.com](https://ProjectGodway.com) to sign up, or contact Helena at 760-310-1566 or [ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net)
- ⇒ **Thrivent Members-** We could use one more **Action Team Card** for our last night of PGW, March 23rd! Contact Amy at [amykbot@gmail.com](mailto:amykbot@gmail.com) for the details.
- ⇒ **Middle School and High School Girls!** We still have room for you to participate... AND volunteer! Go to [ProjectGodway.com](https://ProjectGodway.com) for more info and to save your spot!

## REVVED UP FOR STUDENTS CAR SHOW March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00

Our Grace Car Show is back and this year it includes our AMAZING Class Raffle Baskets! There are many ways to enjoy the day – Be a sponsor, participate in the raffle, and enjoy great food! It's all happening here at Grace under the solar panels on **March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon**. JOIN US! Please pick up a flyer in the narthex..

## GRACE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

For February, we will be reading *The Things We Cannot Say*, by Kelly Rimmer. The club will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at Judi Anderson's home, 2817 Cantegra Glen, Escondido (gate code #1532). Please contact Judi at [heyjude6168@cox.net](mailto:heyjude6168@cox.net) or 760-443-2278 to confirm your participation.

## GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Let your friends and neighbors know about our **Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade OPEN HOUSE on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Tour our beautiful campus and meet our amazing teachers! Please feel free to share flyers available in the narthex.

## LENTEN SERVICES

**Gloria Dei** - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm.

**Community Lutheran**

**Escondido** - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm; Soup supper at 5:30pm.

**San Marcos** - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm.

## THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

**February 18** *The Weakened Judge: Samson Judges 16:4-31*

Samson's death brought about the temporal rescue of God's people.

Jesus's sinless sacrifice and death has brought about the eternal rescue of God's people from eternal death.

## SERMON READINGS

	<b>February 18</b>	<b>Those In-Between Times</b>	<b>Numbers 9:15-23</b>
February 25	Winning Over Whining	Numbers 11:1-15	
March 3	Fear Of The Unknown	Numbers 13:17-29	
March 10	This And That	Numbers 16:1-15	
March 17	One Look, Two Great Truths	Numbers 21:4-9	

## January Giving Report:

Actuals:	\$49,657
Budget:	\$59,266
	<b>-\$9,609</b>
YTD Actuals:	\$366,609
YTD Budget:	\$358,670
	<b>\$7,939</b>

## ON SITE SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Worship:  
9:00AM English Worship Service  
10:30AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
11:30AM Spanish Worship Service  
For online worship please go to:  
[gracelutheranescondido.org/sermons/](http://gracelutheranescondido.org/sermons/)

[gracelutheranescondido.org](http://gracelutheranescondido.org)

New Horizons Bible Study Wed. 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. 9am  
High School Youth *"The Stand"* Wed. 6:30-9pm  
Men's Bible Study Saturday 7:30am  
Jr. High School *"Face to Face"* Sat. 5:30-8:30pm

[graceschoolescondido.org](http://graceschoolescondido.org)