

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:3 —

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Stewardship News
Attendance last Sunday: 44

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,592.00

GF offerings YTD: \$29,442.60
(includes Sunday & Wednesday)
2017 Budget YTD: \$35,119.48

Weekly 2017 Budget: \$3,192.68

Attendance Wednesday Lenten Service: 38
Last Wednesday GF Offerings: \$125.00

"You might think you've made mistakes that can't be forgiven, you've been broken beyond repair, you've been lost in the eyes of the world. But God has loved you so deeply that He created you, He redeemed you, and He called you to new life through that same Holy One of Israel. Live this new life of faith to the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, today and forever, Amen." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Christmas in July
Fall Festival Rummage Sale
Saturday, July 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please gather your rummage sale items together (no clothes, please!) and call the church office at 985-879-1865 Ext. 1 for item drop off information. Please box items if possible due to limited storage space. We will also be calling on our bakers for some goodies to sell at our rummage sale.

Service Opportunities

Grace is looking for volunteers to serve on Altar Guild or Sunday School Teacher. Our goal is to fill all these slots so volunteers will only need serve once every five weeks. Please prayerfully consider offering your time in this manner and then contact Lisa in the church office at (985) 879-1865 or email secretary@gracehouma.org

EASTER BRUNCH SIGN UP SHEET

Once again this year, the LWML-Mission Guild will be hosting an Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 16th. Several dishes are needed and we ask that you sign the sheet on the table in the narthex to let us know what you'll be bringing. Everyone's participation is encouraged. We'll be setting up for the brunch Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. Any questions - see Jerrie

Thank you to GLC's Youth Group for serving as our acolyte, scripture reader, greeters and ushers this morning and for the biscuits during our fellowship time.

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN "Healer of My Heart" #84 in The Best of the Best Songbook

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:19-23*

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
People: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

All: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful and we continue in that sin by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we are in need of repentance and renewal that come only through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

People: **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Women: *How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

Men: *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Women: *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

Men: *Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!*

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.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

KYRIE *(p. 161 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sit

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, You show the light of Your truth to those in darkness. Give strength to all believers to reject what erodes their faith and follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the perfect offering for sin, who has brought us salvation and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 17:1–7*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 5:1–8*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GUITAR SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION—The Wonderful Cross

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, J.D. Walt and Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus **Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live; Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Chorus **Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live; Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Give Thanks” #65 in The Best of the Best Songbook

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your great love for us is beyond comprehension. We thank You for granting us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table, where we find satisfaction and sustenance. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth, bringing us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

BENEDICTION

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Grace Alone” #77 in The Best of the Best Songbook

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LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Sung to tune of LSB # 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"*

O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

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Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #162
"There Is A Redeemer" #211
"Come, Thou Fount" #37
"Come and Behold Him" #35
All in in The Best of the Best Songbook

People: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
Women: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,
Men: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
People: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the
Father in spirit and truth.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED/CATECHISM *The First Article*

Pastor: As we reflect on how God intersects with His people and graciously meets their physical
and spiritual needs, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning,
which relate the loving work of God the Father for us.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body
and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still
takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and
children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that
I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All
this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit
or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey
Him.

This is most certainly true.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Redeemer, Savior, Friend" #187 in The Best of the Best Songbook

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY “We Are an Offering” #231 in The Best of the Best Songbook

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we thank You that by the working of Your Holy Spirit through the Gospel You have called us as Your own and given us eternal promises through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As the perfect offering, He has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises.

SANCTUS *Sung to tune of LSB #507*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, may we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My **+** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *1 Corinthians 11:26
Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: