

NEWSLETTER

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE TO GO
March
2026



February's freeze has caused our foundation to freeze.

SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Monday Bible Class 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class 1 p.m.
Wednesday Lenten Midweek
Worship Service 6 p.m.

ALTAR GUILD

03/01: Mary Lou & Lorie
03/08: Jerrie & Stacie
03/15: John & Rana
03/22: Pastor Rich & Bridgette
03/29: Mary Lou & Lorie

LECTORS

03/01: Debra Shevlin
03/08: Bonnie Dupre
03/15: Dale B./Nicholas S.
03/22: Mona LaCour
03/29: Shelby Giroir

Pastor's Corner

Cast Your Anxieties

In 18 years of ministry I do not think I have ever counseled anyone to simply "Don't worry about it." To do so would be the height of hypocrisy. I worry...a lot.

St. Paul writes, "*Do not be anxious about anything...*" (Philippians 4:6) and he is just echoing Jesus' words, "*Do not be anxious about your life...*" (Matthew 6:25) This just makes me anxious that I'm being unfaithful in being so anxious.

We live in anxious times. It's weird, but even though we by many measures live in the most prosperous and blessed time and place in all of human history, it seems like we're more anxious than ever. Perhaps it is because our vaunted technology brings the whole world before our face more than ever before while its distractions leave us less able to constructively deal with it all.

St. Peter's words are great advice: "*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*"

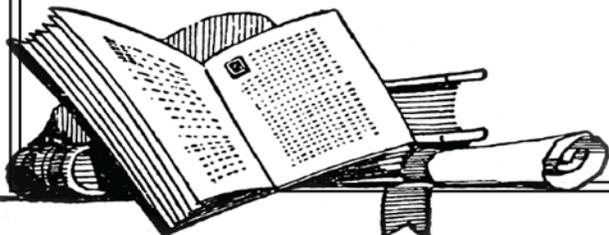
I can't say that turning to God in prayer and remembering His promises will take away all your anxiety. It always seems to find its way back. But turning to God does remind you that He is in charge and that, in Christ, He is leading you to where all anxieties end. He gives us certain hope. Don't rob yourself of this comfort. Bring your worries and anxieties to Jesus.



LECTIONARY READINGS

March 01, 2026 (Purple) 2nd Sunday In Lent
March 08, 2026 (Purple) 3rd Sunday In Lent
March 15, 2026 (Purple) 4th Sunday In Lent
March 22, 2026 (Purple) 5th Sunday In Lent
March 29, 2026 (Red) Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, John 3:1-17
Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26
Isaiah 42:14-21, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27:66



IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HANDS...



PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham and Donna Elke.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Roger, Charlene Shroyer., Connie Deroche, Marilyn Beach and Mike Moss.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Betty Hummel, Connie Oswald, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Juanita Blanchard, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour, Sofie Arceneaux, and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Joy Porche.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and baby Boudreaux and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.

Help Shape the Future of Grace Lutheran — Take the CADDs Survey!

Beginning **Sunday, March 8**, Grace Lutheran will be conducting a congregational assessment survey called **CADDs** — an official tool provided by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to help congregations take an honest look at who we are and where God may be leading us.

The survey will be available **every Sunday from March 8 through March 29** in two formats — **digital** and **printed** (available in the narthex). It only takes a few minutes, and the more of our congregation that participates, the more useful the results will be.

Whether you've been a member for decades or just joined us, your perspective matters. The more people that take the survey, the better, so please don't hesitate! Anonymous responses are accepted. Questions? Ask Nicholas Scott.

Pastor Rich will be undergoing rotator cuff surgery on Monday, March 16 and will be out the entire week. He is hopeful that he can return to work and perform services the following week. Please keep him in your prayers. Nicholas Scott will lead our midweek worship on Wednesday, March 18 and the Rev. Alan Kornicki will officiate the divine service on Sunday, March 22.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel text is typically the subject of the sermon following later and is read by the preacher. One longstanding church practice is the Gospel procession where the crucifer, book bearer, candle bearer(s) and reader march into the midst of the congregation in symbolism of Jesus coming into the midst of humanity in our own flesh for our salvation—the Gospel. The special acclamations of “Glory to You, O Lord,” and “Praise to You, O Christ” before and after the reading and the congregation standing for the text also highlight the blessing and honor of the coming of God to His people both bodily in Christ and in His Word.



GRACE'S MISSION

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Friendship.

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