



## ***Good morning & Welcome to Grace We are so glad you are here!***

***Our mission is to invite and welcome all  
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.***

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter. The season began as a period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Those preparing for baptism at Easter would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. On our journey through Lent, we humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

**Children are welcome in worship at Grace!** The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! If needed, there is a nursery available for any family to use.

**Your bulletin** contains an outline of the worship service. We invite you to look to the screens at the front of the church for the texts to the prayers and songs, and other service information.

**In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table.** We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten-free bread is available, just let the pastor know and the dish will be offered to you, from which you may take your own wafer. Finally, both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)** are available, on both sides, based on your preference.

**For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune.** After the invitation to communion, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so.

**If you have questions** about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

**Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!**