



March 1, 2020
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

Welcome to Grace!



We are glad you are with us this morning. Our liturgy is printed in this worship folder. Visitors, please fill out a pew card letting us know your name and any other information you wish to share; it will help us know how we can serve you better.

In response to Christ's boundless love for all, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace.

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

GATHERING

“The Great Litany”

ELW 238

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent’s promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the

tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

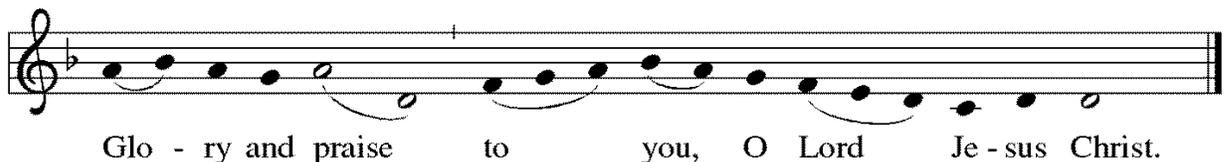
¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now We Remain”

ELW 500

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

“The Narrow Way”

K. Lee Scott

OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

ELW 188

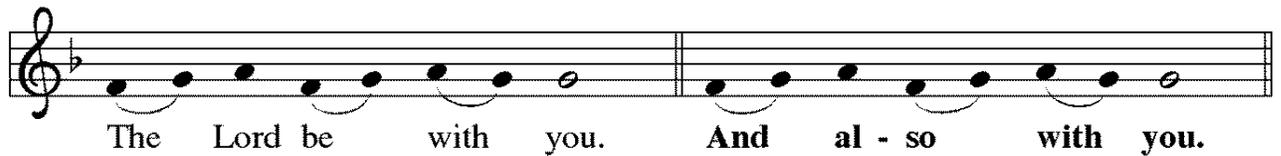
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line. The lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes on each staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

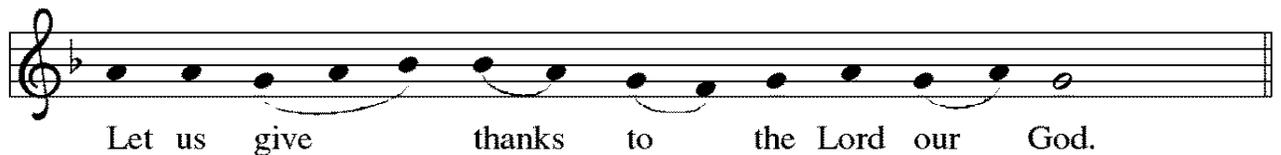
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

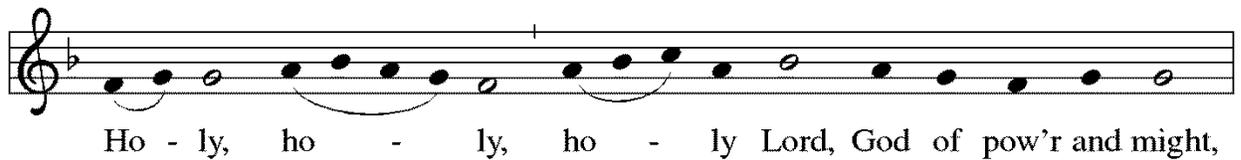


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

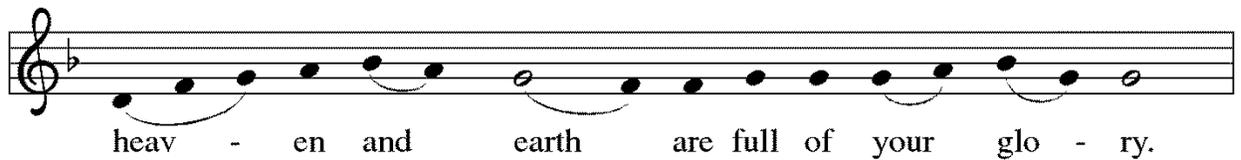


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

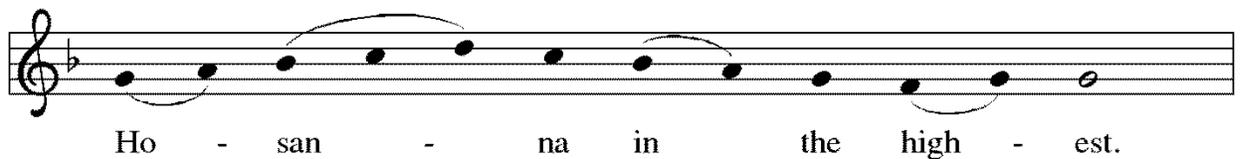
It is indeed right, our duty.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



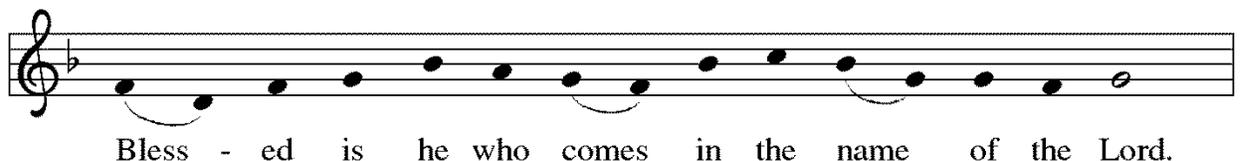
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



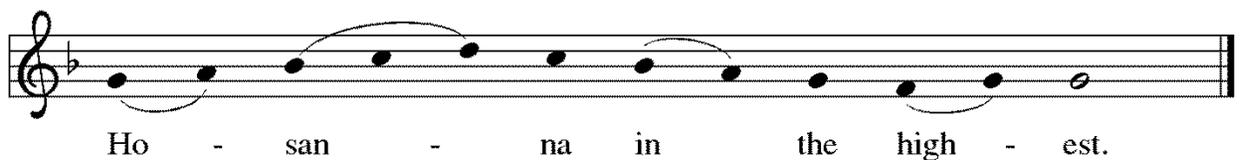
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation...

... 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself...

...Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

And together, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

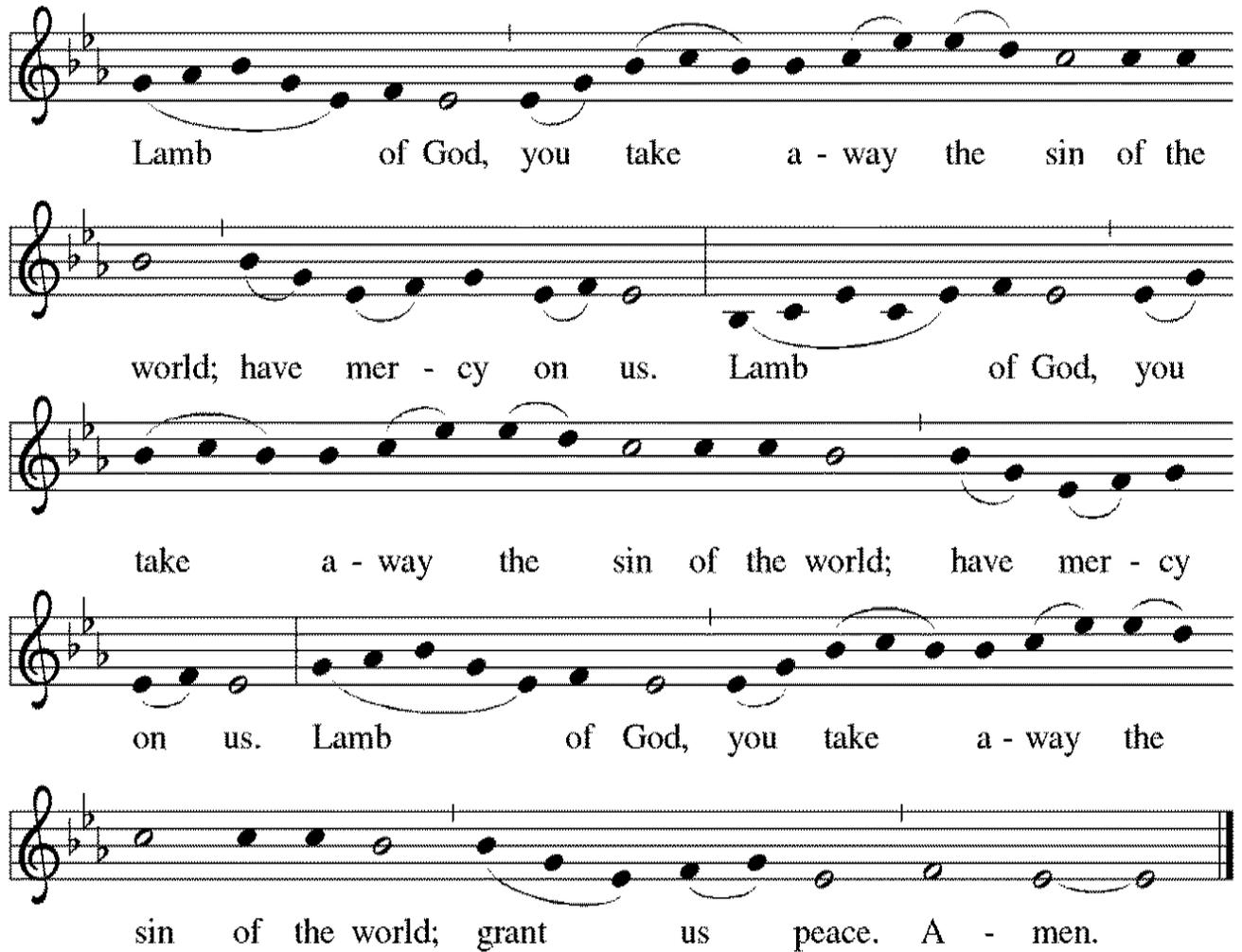
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The bread is broken. The wine is poured. Receive what you are, become what you receive.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

This is the table of God. We invite all who are hungry for God's presence in their lives to come forward to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table. Those who do not desire to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. The usher will direct you forward. You may drink from the chalice or dip the wafer into the wine.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

HYMN

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

ELW 319

SENDING

PRAYER

We thank you, living God,
for the body and blood of your Son,
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.
As Christ has loved us in this feast,
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✠ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW 618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

POSLUDE

Scripture Readings Next Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17



GRACE NOTES
a guide to parish life at Grace

March 1, 2020

We pray for *those who are ill*: Tony Stahl (moved to Memory Care), Catherine Tietjen (family friend of the Lawsons), Allan Wolfe, Jacquie Poe (friend of the Stahls), Arline Fernandez (friend of the Gambles), Barry Miller (friends of the Gambles); *those undergoing treatment*: Diana Anderson (former Grace member recovering from surgery), Patrick Fallin (friend of Hiroko Akima), Richard Raedeke (former Grace member), Beaudin Larabee (friend of the Zabels), Coral Fay Mosbø (sister of Karen O'Loughlin), Paul Herzegh (friend of the Zabels), Elizabeth Farr, Deena Steward (daughter-in-law of the Stewards), Jan Adams (friend of the Stahls), Cheryl Fenske Prudic (niece of the Stewards), Mary Dorsett (former member of Grace); *hope and healing*: Mary Zabel (mourning the loss of her sister Dorothy Boatwright); Ray Haux (former Grace member now in Hospice care), Mieko Akima, Elizabeth Izant (wife of Pastor Kent Mueller in the Office of the Bishop, now in palliative care), Myrna Montgomery (grandmother of LCM student Arin Moriarty), Mark Woods (friend of Deb Valerio), Ruth VanderMinden, Pamela Kast (sister-in-law of Patty's sister), Rick Beckman (brother of Kim).

The designated offering for March is: Himalayan Development Foundation.

The Himalayan Development Foundation is a local entity based in Superior and founded and led by Mr. Karma Sherpa. The Foundation takes on projects that have meaningful impact, measurable results, and (as much as possible) no administrative costs. In November 2018, Marci Roschke participated in the Medical Mission in Taksindu. She continues to work as a volunteer and seeks to advance the scope of the Foundation. Marci will lead the Adult Forum on March 15th. Please join her to learn more about the important work that the Himalayan Development Foundation is doing and the measurable impact its projects are having on people's lives.

Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2020, up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "PiM: Himalayan Development Foundation" to the memo line.

Lent at Grace



On the five Wednesdays in **Lent**, we will gather for Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m., preceded by a light supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The Evening Prayer services will focus on the Signs of Life in the Church: Light, Water, Food, Shelter, and Community.

This coming Wednesday, the first **Evening Prayer Service** in the series, will reflect on how, when we see by the Light of Christ, everything that is close to us, things as simple and as vital as light and water and food and shelter and community – everything – is transformed into a vehicle of grace.

Prior to our Evening Prayer Service, a light **Lenten Supper** is hosted by a Grace Shepherding Group at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, March 4 - Supper hosted by Hallelujahs
Wednesday, March 11 - Supper hosted by Still Waters
Wednesday, March 18 - Supper hosted by Voyagers
Wednesday, March 25 - Supper hosted by Eastern Stars
Wednesday, April 1 - Supper hosted by Joyful Noise

We hope you will join us!

Rooted in Grace

Because of the slick, snowy weather in February, **Westview Church** postponed their First Friday event. They invite us to join them at a rescheduled **First Friday** on March 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Our **Young Adult Global Mission (YAGM)** volunteer Michelle in Mexico encourages us to consider as a congregation sourcing our coffee for from **Café Just** (www.justcoffee.com), a co-op of Mexican coffee farmers who are helping reduce the need for Mexican farmers to flee their homes to escape poverty by allowing them to continue living in their communities. The coffee at today's fellowship was a gift from Michelle from **Café Justo**. More information about **Café Justo** can be found in the weekly Grace eNotes and on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's study.

The **Tuesday Book Group** meets each week from 11:45 am-12:45 pm and is reading "*The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*" by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. Everyone is welcome!

Lectionary Bible Study with Pastor Stephanie continues on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 am. The study focuses on the lectionary texts for the next Sunday's worship, taking a deeper dive than is possible within the constraints of the service. Join us for spirited discussion and fellowship time!

On Sunday mornings at 8:45 am **Adult Forum** continues with Pastor Stephanie as she unfolds for the people of Grace *The Jesus Fatwah*, a series about Loving Your Muslim Neighbor.

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

This Week at Grace

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Sunday, March 1

8:45 am Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

10 am Worship followed by Fellowship, Sanctuary/Narthex

7-9 pm Romanian Dancers

Monday, March 2

10 am-3 pm Administrator Hours, Office

10-11:30 am Music Lesson, Sanctuary

7-8 pm NAR-Anon Meeting, Music Room (Mark)

7-8 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7-9 pm Harmonia Practice, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 3

11:45 am-12:45 pm Grace Book Group, Library

6:00-7:45 pm Bread & Belonging @ St. Aidan's

7-8 pm HA Meeting, Music Room (Mark)

Wednesday, March 4

10 am-3 pm Administrator Hours, Office

10:30-11:30 am Lectionary Bible Study with Pr. Stephanie, Library

3-4 pm Music Lesson, Music Room (Mark)

3-5 pm Bookkeeper Hours, Office

6:00 pm Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall

6:45 pm Lenten Devotions, Sanctuary

7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

9 am-12 pm LWR Quilting Group, Sewing Rooms (Luke+John)

10 am-3 pm Administrator Hours, Office

4-7 pm Music Lessons, Music Room (Mark)

Friday, March 6

11 am-3 pm CU Rehearsal, Sanctuary

5:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6-8 pm March First Friday Event @ Westview Church

9:30-11:30 pm HA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 7

9 am-12 pm Organ Rehearsal, Sanctuary

12-4 pm CU Student Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 8 (Daylight Savings Time Begins; Spring Ahead)

8:45 am Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

10 am Worship followed by Fellowship, Sanctuary/Narthex

7:30 pm CU Student Recital, Sanctuary (Renee Hemsing Patten, Violin and Harpsichord)

7-9 pm Romanian Dancers