

# Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

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Sunday Worship 9:00am

Sunday School (Sept-May) & Adult Bible Study 10:15am



## March 21, 2021 5th Sunday in Lent

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**Divine Service—Setting 1**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 21, 2021**

**“A New Covenant!” Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**AS WE GATHER**

Lent is a season which reminds us that Jesus didn't come to do away with the Old Covenant, but rather to fulfill it and establish a New Covenant with us through His life, death, and resurrection. That means we are freed from living under the Law and can live by the power of the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus died to take away our sins. Our forefathers in Jeremiah's time looked forward to that New Covenant; we are able to live it. May God keep His Covenant of love with us forever!

Lighting of the Candles  
Ringing of the Bells and Welcome by Pastor

**+PREPARATION+**

**Ringing of the Bells & Greeting**

**Opening Hymn** #398 *“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”*

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity.

2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring; All

**Drive-Thru Communion:** As noted above, another Drive-up Communion will be held in the south parking lot on April 1, Maundy Thursday, from 1:00-2:00 pm. Please stay in your car and Pastor will come to your car window.

**MOWING HELP** The trustee's are looking for volunteers this mowing season. The mower and fuel will be provided. If interested contact the church office 546-5516 with days you can help.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Palm Sunday**, March 28, 9:00 am

**Maundy Thursday Drive-up Communion.** April 1, 1-2 pm

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1, 6:00 pm (with Communion)

**Good Friday**, April 2, 6:00 pm

**Easter Breakfast**, April 4, 7:30-8:45 am (free-will)

**Easter Service**, April 4, 9:00 am (with Communion)

**Easter Brunch:** Easter Brunch will be held Easter Sunday morning, from 7:30-8:45 am. It will be free-will. Proceeds will be used to support youth going to the next National Youth Gathering.

**Thank You:** I want to thank God and the Church family for calls, prayers, and get-well wishes. Thank you to Ruth Circle for the rose and cookies. In God's love, Mary Heeren (I'm doing well now.)

**◆Those Serving Next Week March 28, 2021◆**

**Elders:** Mark Heimgartner  
**Ushers:** Chad Peters and Gene Petersen  
**Reader:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Trustee:** Curt Uden  
**Acolyte:** Jacob & Isaac Beller

Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage those who give to give to God out of what He has blessed you with. Pastor

**PRAYERS:** Continued prayers for Herm Bremer, Mark Hemmingson, Gene Petersen, Chantel Stuart, Jason Hamer, our shut-ins and other members and friends who are sick and hurting.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TODAY!** There will be a special voters meeting after church today to discuss needed technology upgrades.

**DON'T HAVE CASH TODAY?** You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Download the free Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. You may mail in or drop off your offering as well!

**CHRISTIAN NEEDS** is collecting the following items— Canned tuna/chicken, canned peas or carrots, canned tomatoes juice, Toilet paper

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** Thank you to everyone who helped donate to the OGT project! Your help and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS** We are encouraging you to support local businesses in this trying economic time. This week we ask that you help support *Beginner's Luck Tackle & Supply*.

**MAIN STREET LIVING** Next week's entire one-hour broadcast will feature a tour of the Holy Land. It will displace the "This Is The Life" program as well as the worship service. This tour features many places where Jesus walked and talked. "The Holy Land-The Eternal Rock Tour" features your Lutheran brothers and sisters as they discover many of these sacred sites. The tour is guided by Rev. Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, South Dakota, who was raised in Galilee. Additional information is available on the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever That name to us is Love.

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### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son Jesus to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Salutation & Collect of Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament Lesson** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Epistle Lesson** Hebrews 5:1-10

1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as

4 They that drink shall live forever; ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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## ◆**News & Notes for March 21, 2021**◆

### ◆**This Week’s Calendar**◆

- Sun, Mar 21** **Worship at 9:00am**  
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm
- Mon, Mar 22** Bible Study at 9:30 am
- Wed, Mar 24** Confirmation & Grace Kids at 6:00-8:00pm  
Lenten Service 6:00pm
- Thr, Mar 25** High School Bible Study 7:00am
- Sun, Mar 28** Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00am  
Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

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**HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God’s Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You, Pastor Geitz

**VISITORS!** If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and

## **Words of Institution**

### **Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

Quiet Music During Distribution

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

**Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn** #435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without,  
within; From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of  
sin, Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with  
God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and  
blind; Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace  
may find. Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall  
thirst no more.

he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor  
for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5  
So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest,  
but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you"; 6 as he says also in another place,  
"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." 7 In  
the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and  
supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to  
save him from death, and he was heard because of his  
reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience  
through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he  
became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Lenten Verse**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and  
merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Lesson** Mark 10:35-45

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him  
and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever  
we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want  
me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit,  
one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38  
Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are  
you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the  
baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him,  
"We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink  
you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized,  
you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left  
is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been  
prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be

indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn** #898 *The Ancient Law Departs*

1 The ancient Law departs, And all its fears remove, For Jesus makes with faithful hearts A covenant of love.

2 The Light of Light divine, True brightness undefiled, He bears for us the pain of sin, A holy, spotless child.

3 His infant body now Begins the cross to feel; Those precious drops of blood that flow For death the victim seal.

4 Today the name is Thine At which we bend the knee. They call Thee Jesus, child divine; Our Jesus deign to be.

5 All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love, With Father, Spirit, ever one In glorious might above.

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**Sermon** "A New Covenant!" Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**