

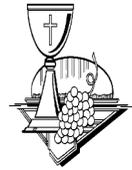


February 18 & 19, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. The Bible tells us that this is a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason we ask our visitors to speak to our pastor before joining us at the table. **We follow "The Common Service," - pg 15.**



We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: #370 (verses 1-3), #422, #309, #200, #326

Prayer of the Day: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Gospel Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon Text: Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Today's Message: (based on Genesis 22:1-18)

"Trust the Lord Who Provides"

Thank you to our weekend pianists: Sunday, Amibeth Olderman & Monday, Darci Matzke.

Thank you also to the First German Junior Choir for singing "Ubi Caritas" at our 10:45am service today. The English translation can be found on the insert.

We also thank retired Pastor Robert Johannes for being our guest preacher this weekend. Pastor Pankow is on vacation. He will return on Friday, Feb 23.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #83, 10:45 - #52, Monday - #65 = Total - #200

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School 9:20 [NO Teen Bible Class today] Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 6:30pm - "Christian Living"
Mon: Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 - 6:00pm / Worship 6:30pm
Tue: Catechism 5:30pm / Young Start training in fellowship hall 6-9pm
Wed: Adult Bible Class 1:30pm - "Prayer"
Lent Worship 4:15 & 6:30pm with meal between services
Thu: Council Meeting 6:00pm
Fri: "Koine: Concert @ MLHS 1:00pm
Sat: "Men of His Word Conference" in Oshkosh/ JLOG Open House 10am - noon
WSMA District Solo & Ensemble & MLHS
Sun: "A Mother Remembers" 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am / Adult Bible Class at 9:20am & 6:30pm - "Prayer"
Mon: "A Mother Remembers" 6:30pm

Wednesday Lent worship services @ 4:15 & 6:30 continue. This week's theme is "Father Forgive Our Defiance of Your Authority". The meal between services is being hosted by the LES Families. The free will offering collected will go into the LES Fund to help offset the cost that Grace pays for tuition. Great news... There WILL be a meal provided each week! Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to host one of these suppers!

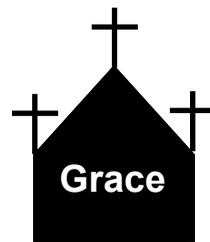
The Adult Bible Study series "Growing in the Grace & Knowledge of God" continues on Wed afternoons at 1:30pm & Sun @ 9:20am & 6:30pm. Today's topic is "Christian Living". For Wed, 2/21 & Sun, 2/25, the topic is "Prayer".

Jesus Lambs of Grace is having their Open House & Registration on Saturday, Feb 24 from 10am - Noon. If you have or know someone with a child from the ages of 2 1/2 through 4 years old, please have them come and see what JLOG is all about!

"A Mother Remembers" program will be presented next Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 and again on Monday 6:30pm in place of our normal worship services. This program, based on the WELS DVD "My Son, My Savior" is a Scriptural reflection on Mary's memories of her life with Jesus, from conception to the days following his death and resurrection. It will be a blend of slide show, narrations, Scripture and hymns that highlight the gospel from Mary's perspective. Thank you to all of the ladies involved in this program!

Grace Family Night will be held on Sun, Mar 4 starting at 4:30pm. Kids, adults, parents, grandparents - ALL are invited to join us. Something for everyone - Pot luck supper, group activities, games, skits, sing a longs. (See the insert for the schedule.)

Easter Lily donations: Would you like to donate an Easter Lily plant? Each plant is \$10. Sign-up sheets are located on the Information Table - please indicate if this is in honor of a loved one. There are envelopes and a canister to place your donation in - checks should be made payable to "Grace Circle". The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 12th.



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Genesis 22: 7-8

...“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

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Please join us for a special program
“A Mother Remembers”
Sun, Feb 25 - 8 & 10:45am
& Monday, Feb 26 - 6:30pm
in place of our regular worship services.

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ALL are invited to join us for our
“Grace Family Night”
Sunday, March 4th
(in the fellowship hall)



4:30 pm: Welcome/Mixer

5:00 pm: Pot Luck Supper

5:30-7:00 pm: Entertainment

Something for everyone from the young to the young-at-heart!

Please bring a dish to share.

MLHS will present their spring musical “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” on March 9-11. To reserve your tickets, contact the MLHS Main Office at 682-0215 – Reserved Seating - \$12 and Bleacher Seating \$7. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/drama to see more information including the seating chart. Don’t wait, seats are selling fast.

Bus Trip to “The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum”: First German is organizing a 5 day, 4 nights bus trip on **Mon - Fri, May 14-18.** There are flyers on the Information Table with details about this trip. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! If you are interested in going on this trip, you must contact Allen Erdman (901-9011) by THIS WEEK TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.**

Thank You note: We were asked to share this note with Grace members: *“Dear Members at Grace, I would like to thank Pastor Pankow for his visits and consoling prayers during my brother Delmar’s recent illness. I would also like to thank the members of Grace for their prayers, cards, and visits.” Thank you again, August Teesch*

Message from Thrivent Financial regarding Thrivent Choice Dollars: Congratulations! Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools and other nonprofits just like yours through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. **We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church received \$2,907 in charitable outreach funding in 2017.** We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work. Just a reminder - 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31st. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Ann Hornes, Office Manager & Thrivent Congregational Advocate in the office (682-7377) or at home (684-1241).



“Ubi Caritas”
English translation of song that
First German’s Junior Choir
is singing for the 10:45am service:



*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart
let us love one another.*