

Preparation for the Lord's Supper
 Grace Lutheran Church and Christian School
 Holy Communion Statement
 + In the Name of Jesus +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to this special meal for all who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may celebrate His resurrection and live their lives led by the Holy Spirit until He comes again to establish His new heaven and earth.

If you have questions about our belief in this sacrament, don't hesitate to speak with one of the Pastors, elder or an usher. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Holy Communion Schedule 8:00 & 10:45 AM Every Sunday 9:30 AM 2nd and 4th Sundays

VISIT THE GRACE CONNECTION TABLE

Grace Hospitality Team for March 15, 2020

Connection Center: Face to Face and The Stand Youth Groups

8:00 Cora Garland

9:30 Fred, Gaydine, Hailey & Gavin Spiess, Mike Hartman

If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Erin at

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www.GraceLutheranEscondido.org/giving/



Church Attendance

3/8/2020	8:00 - 56	9:30 - 102	10:45 - 80	TOTAL: 238
This week in 2019				TOTAL: 264

**Church Giving for February
 (8th month of fiscal year)**

Actual for February 2020	\$49,824	Budgeted February 2020	\$51,369
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$482,327	Budget Year to Date Amount	\$480,683

Total Budget for July 2019 - February 2020

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Net Income	\$2,008,547	\$2,347,279
Net Expense	\$2,070,765	\$2,301,689
Difference	-\$62,218	\$45,590

**HEARING
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Matthew 23:23-26



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 AND
 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Uniting People in Christ so that others experience His Grace

March 15, 2020 8:00 AM

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HYMN OF RESPONSE – In Christ Alone

(Please be seated.)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Lord's Prayer

(Please rise.)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please read the back of this bulletin or the yellow card in the pew to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Please be seated or approach the altar. Offerings and prayer cards are gathered at this time.)

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Bell Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN - Trust and Obey (See screens)

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020 (8:00 AM)**

Welcome

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above;
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love.

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!*

Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord.

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Please kneel as able. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son 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.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:23-26

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise You, O Christ.

SERMON

**“Hearing Humbly” Part 3
Matthew 23:23-26**

THE OFFERTORY

(Please rise.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right Spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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.