

Order of Worship

March 30, 2025

8:30am



Welcome *Pastor Jonathan Dinger*

Hymn *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"* 915

- 1 **Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.**
- 2 **Today Your gate is open and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.**
- 3 **Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits
His blessed angels gather around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us how often we have come
Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.**
- 4 **O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.**

Opening Litany and Confession

from Isaiah 12, Isaiah 64

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen**

P In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

C **Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."**

P Lord, You are our Father, do not remember our sins forever.

C **Look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination...)

P God of compassion,

C **we confess to You that we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have been prideful; we have sought to overrule Your authority as Lord of our lives; we have not listened deeply to Your Word. We do not deserve Your kindness to us. In Your abundant compassion, forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who gave His life on the cross for us. Amen**

Absolution *words of forgiveness spoken by the pastor*

Kyrie

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- L In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen**

Hymn for Lent

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" 422

**On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!**

Prayer of the Day

- L The Lord be with you
C **And also with you.**
L Let us pray together:
All Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you long for us to come into your presence. You have waited patiently when we have gone astray. Remind us that we are your children and that our true home is always with You. Give us hearts that long to see our wayward brothers and sisters come home to know your love and experience your joy. Grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

1 In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. 2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle--I am telling the truth, I am not lying--and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

Gospel Reading

Verse for Lent

"Return to the Lord" 157

C 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.

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

The Apostle's Creed *sung to the tune of "Come Thou Fount"*

**I believe in God the Father Maker of the heav'n and earth
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior God's own Son of human birth.
Virgin born, the Lord incarnate whom the Spirit did conceive
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Triune God whom I believe.**

**Crucified, was dead and buried down to hell in victory
From the dead He rose the third day now in heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling by His will the world is led
He will come to judge the nations both the living and the dead.**

**I believe in God the Spirit, in His Church, His children dear
We are joined in sweet communion gathered now from far and near.
I believe in sins forgiven I believe we'll rise again
I believe in life eternal A-men! Amen! Amen!**

Sermon Outline

“A Lesson of Family” Luke 15:11-32

Introduction: A Father’s Unusual (Reckless?) Love

A Message for the Prodigal...

1. _____ is not the pigsty.

“So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.” v.15

2. Someone out there is _____.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” v.20

3. There’s a _____ waiting _____.

“Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” v.23-24

A Message for the Faithful...

1. Be thankful for a lack of “_____.”

“Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.” v.29

2. All God has is _____!

“My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.” v.31

3. Ask for your Father’s _____.

“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” v.32

Offering

“What Wondrous Love is This” (arr. James Mansfield) Sanctuary Choir

Prayers and 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

The Preface and Sanctus

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution *for The Lord's Supper*

Agnus Dei

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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.

Hymns During Distribution

"When I Behold Jesus Christ" 542

1 When I behold Jesus Christ, true God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love as He hung on the tree.

Refrain:

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary.

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary.

2 For me You gave all Your love, for me You suffered pain
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. **Refrain**

3 You had no sin, holy Lord, but You were tortured, tried
On Golgotha there for all my sins You bled and died. **Refrain**

4 What love is this? Greater love no one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe to You, and You alone. **Refrain**

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 425

Communion Blessing and Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" v. 1,3 849

**1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.**

**3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.**

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Ministry Moments

- *This Wednesday, potluck at 6:15, Lenten service at 7:00*
- *Pastoral Candidate visit April 5-7*

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Pastor Jonathan Dinger
Worship Asst	Vicar Jonathan Theander
Elder	Brad Lammers
Acolyte	Alec Hayes
Reader	Bill Woodhouse
Choir Director	Teresa Dinger
Organist	Gerald Hughes
Flutist	Kathy Albano

Answers to Sermon Outline:

1. Home
 2. longing for you
 3. party, just for you
1. drama
 2. yours
 3. heart



Jesus said to His disciples: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you!" *Luke 22:15*

As Lutheran Christians we confess that Christ's Body and Blood are truly and physically present in the bread and wine of **Holy Communion** for the forgiveness of sins. This meal is of benefit to those who acknowledge their sinful condition and have placed their trust in Christ alone for salvation. Where Christ's true body and blood are present, so also is the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The ancient practice of the Church is that baptized and formally instructed Christians who share in this teaching are welcome to join in this meal that our Lord offers.

(As you come to the Lord's table, ushers will invite you to come forward. Please fill in the rail beginning at the center, and kneel if you are able. If you wish to receive, extend your hand for the bread. You may then receive the wine, either by individual or common cup. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray. Those not baptized or instructed in the biblical teaching of Holy

Communion which recognizes the physical presence of Christ's body and blood within the bread and wine are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, if desired. Simply cross your arms to receive the blessing. Please do not wait to be dismissed from the rail. Those wishing to remain at the rail to pray are welcome to do so; others may return to their seats. If you would like to receive communion, and are unable to come forward to the rail, please let the usher know, so that the communion servers can serve you at your seat.) "Come, for all has been made ready!

Sunday Morning Education 10:00-10:45 **For adults and older youth**

Pastor Jonathan Dinger - The Harmony of the Gospels

If you like *The Chosen*, you'll like this class! (And even if you're not sold on *The Chosen*, you might like it even more!) *The Chosen* is essentially "A Harmony of The Gospels." It's putting all the Gospels together in one, continuous story of the life and ministry, death and resurrection of our Savior. Join Pastor Dinger for a walk through the story of Jesus through the eyes of all 4 Gospel writers. *The Chapel*

Deacon Aaron Hayes - This is Nothing New: The Augsburg Confession and the Apology

Discover how the Augsburg Confession and its Apology are grounded on the Scriptures and the universal consensus of the church - documents that all Lutheran called workers are publicly called to profess as reflecting the truths of God's Word. *In the High School building.*

Teacher Patty Bolinger - "That the World May Know" A study by Ran Vander Laan

A deep look into the historical and archaeological context of scripture and the Messiah -- Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah. *In Ms. Bolinger's room, upstairs*

Children's Ministry

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to meet Mrs. Parker in the *Large Conference Room off the gym* for Kid's Ministry

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March 30th, 2025

Worship Attendance & Offering for the Week of

March 23rd, 2025

8:30am Worship Here at GLC: 135

11:00am Worship Here at GLC: 210

5:00pm Worship Here at GLC: 40

Offering: \$18,383

Weekly Needed: \$18,510

Average March Weekly Offering from Last 2 Years:
\$24,004

TODAY'S FLOWERS
ARE GIVEN
IN CELEBRATION OF

Bob
Bloom's

BIRTHDAY!

Wednesdays, March 12 – April 9

6:15pm Potluck

7:00pm Lenten Worship

Lenten Service

with Holden Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Contemporary Worship

5:00pm Modern Worship

Hosanna to the son of David!

Thursday, April 17

6:00pm Seder Meal

Remembering the Passover

Reservations required



Good Friday, April 18

Noon Traditional Worship

8:00pm Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30am Sunrise Service *offsite*

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:30am Blended Worship

11:00am Contemporary Worship

5:00pm Modern Worship

LENT 2025



March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Spirit Fit 8:30am 10W 8:30am
2 Worship 8:30 & 11 Education Hour	3	4	5	6	7	8 Spirit Fit 8:30am 10W 8:30am
5pm Service No HS Youth	Life in Christ 6:30pm	Children's Choir 3:15 Grief Support 6:30pm Worship Team 7pm	Ash Wednesday 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm		GLS Spring Auction
9 Daylight Savings Time	10	11	12	13	14	15 Spirit Fit 8:30am 10W 8:30am
Mite Sunday! Worship 8:30 & 11 Education Hour 5pm Service HS Youth 6:30-8:30pm	Life in Christ 6:30pm	Children's Choir 3:15 Grief Support 6:30pm Worship Team 7pm	Potluck 6:15pm Lent Service 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm	Mens Winter Retreat at Camp Perkins	Mens Winter Retreat at Camp Perkins
16 Worship 8:30 & 11 Education Hour	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Spirit Fit 8:30am CARS 9-Noon
5pm Service HS Youth Movie Night	Life in Christ 6:30pm	Children's Choir 3:15 Grief Support 6:30pm Worship Team 7pm	Potluck 6:15pm Lent Service 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm		
23 Worship 8:30 & 11 Education Hour 5pm Service NO YOUTH	24 Life in Christ 6:30pm GLS Spring Break	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 8:30 & 11 Education Hour 5pm Service MS & HS Youth 12-4 pm	31 Life in Christ 6:30pm	Grief Support 6:30pm Worship Team 7pm GLS Spring Break	Potluck 6:15pm Lent Service 7pm GLS Spring Break	Choir Rehearsal 7pm GLS Spring Break	GLS Spring Break	

Seder Meal

April 17th

Sign-ups are open to attend the Passover Seder meal.

Children should be 4th grade or older to attend, reservations required.

Please sign-up in the foyer or call the church office at

208-237-0467



SAVE THE DATE!

*Following our Zoom interviews with the 6 Senior Pastor candidates, the Call Committee has selected **3 candidates** to offer invitations to visit Grace Lutheran Pocatello. The Call Committee is excited to announce that the first of three candidates for our next Senior Pastor will visit on **April 5, 6, and 7**. The Pastor and his spouse are from the Seattle area and have agreed to come to Pocatello as we take this next step in our call process. We are planning for a Sunday between services meet-and-greet and a **potluck lunch following the 11:00 AM service**. We will pause our regular Sunday morning education classes to allow everyone to meet the candidate. The potluck lunch will be a second opportunity to visit with the candidate. The Call Committee urges everyone to take advantage of the opportunities to meet the candidate and his spouse. During their visit, we will provide tours of our campus and our local community. We will also have meetings with the Executive Council, School Board, and Elders Board, along with a time to visit with the Grace Church and School staff. We hope you will use these opportunities to meet with the candidate and his spouse while visiting us.*