



Lent 2025 Journey—Daily Messages and Prayers *Living Grace Lutheran Church*

- March 5: **“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”** James 4:8
Merciful God, accompany our journey in the days ahead. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- March 6: **“And he is the image of the invisible God.”** Colossians 1:15
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives. Amen.
- March 7: **“Come, all you who are thirsty.”** Isaiah 55:1
Gracious Father, when we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish us, God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day. Amen.
- March 8: **“And from them will flow streams of living waters.”** John 7:38
Merciful God, transform us by your greatness. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. Amen.
- March 9: **“He is the firstborn over all creation.”** Colossians 1:15
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove. Amen.
- March 10: **“My ways are not your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts.”** Isaiah 55:7
God of mercy and grace, we pray for the health for this planet and the well being of its creatures; for lands impacted by drought and at risk of wildfires, for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Amen.
- March 11: **“There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death.”** Proverbs 14:12
God, our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- March 12: **“Arise and shine for your light has come.”** Isaiah 60:1
Lord, I know how much you love me. It’s hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.
- March 13: **“And the people living in darkness have seen a great light.”** Matthew 4:16
Gracious Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Amen.
- March 14: **“No servant is greater than His master.”** Matthew 10:24
Holy God, you know me better than I know myself. You see me clearer than anyone else How impossible it

seems that I could even try to hide anything from You. But I do. Sometimes I pretend to be better than I am. I am complicit, and I am guilty, and I am broken. I ask for Your forgiveness because You love me more than I can imagine. You alone make me whole. This I ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show me the way. Amen.

March 15: ***“That he lays down his life for his friends.”*** John 15:13

Merciful God, You sent Jesus to take away the sin of the world. Because of Jesus' blood shed for me, my sin does not separate us. I do things that hurt other people, the creation, mankind, and You. Reign fully over my life, Lord God. Give me strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things I pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

March 16: ***“...in you, we live and move and have our being.”*** Acts 17:28

Almighty God, You know me. Draw me close so that the burden of sin would not weigh me down. I pray that I would know you better so that the freedom of your mercy would enable me to fly. Forgive my sins, and restore me to wholeness, I pray. Amen.

March 17: ***“I have set before you an open door which no man can shut.”*** Revelations 3:8

Holy God, hear my prayer. Forgive me for my doubts and my limited sight. You are the God of justice with the final word. Open wide before me the expanse of Your grace. Let me feel and share the embrace of Your love. I am in awe of Your healing power. Through Christ, I pray. Amen.

March 18: ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”*** John 14:6

Generous God, provide bread for people who are hungry, shelter for people who are homeless and protection for people who are vulnerable. Listen to the cries of all who are abused or imprisoned or who suffer due to pain, anxiety or illness. Amen.

March 19: ***“In the beginning, God created.”*** Genesis 1:1

Loving God, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

March 20: ***“I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb.”*** Revelations 7:9

Almighty God, healer of boundless compassion, You give us peace for our suffering hearts and anoint us with health, embrace us with strength and bring us to fulness of life. Amen.

March 21: ***“Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”*** Psalm 19:3

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Amen.

March 22: ***“There is no language where their voice is not heard.”*** Psalm 19:3

Savior, like a shepherd lead me; much I need Thy tender care. Forgive me for the wrong I know I have done, and for failing to do good. Turn me away from that which harms and turn me to You, the only One who heals. Amen.

March 23: ***“Be still and know that I am God.”*** Psalm 46:10

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and you give waters to the deserts. Open all hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim your love to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

March 24: ***“You are the light of the world.”*** Matthew 5:14

God of love and mystery, make me whole. Heal the wounds I carry. Let Your love heal the wounds I have created in others. Forgive me and enable me to forgive without hesitation. God of love and mystery, make me whole. Amen.

March 25: ***“A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”*** Matthew 5:14

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life You alone can give. Amen.

March 26: ***“No one comes to the Father except through me.”***

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- March 27: ***"I am the beginning and the end."*** Revelations 21:6
Gracious God, let your steadfast love come to me. Save me, I pray, as you promised. I trust your word.
Amen.
- March 28: ***"According to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus."*** Ephesians 3:11
God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- March 29: ***"I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more."*** Revelations 1:18
Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- March 30: ***"I hold the keys to death and Hell,"*** Revelations 1:18
O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- March 31: ***"There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand."*** John 10:18
Loving God, during this sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life. May this journey be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.
- April 1: ***"And we have put our trust in His love."*** 1 John 4:16
Dear God, have mercy on me for the wrong I have done. Give me the eyes of faith to see people in need and help me set aside my prejudice and bias. Kindle in me the passion for your work. Send me to shine Your light and love to others. Amen.
- April 2: ***"And lead me in the way everlasting."*** Psalm 139:24
Merciful God, cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy or self-pity. Create room in my life for more kindness, greater generosity and stronger compassion, and may my heart be filled with a greater spirit of gratitude. Amen.
- April 3: ***"How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you."*** Psalm 31:19
Merciful God, help us to know Your love through Jesus the shepherd and through the Spirit. Help us to lift up that love and show it to all. Help us to build love on justice and justice on love. Help us to believe mightily, hope joyfully, love divinely. Renew us that we may help renew the earth. Amen.
- April 4: ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."*** Matthew 5:3
Loving God, during this season of Lent, I pray for a renewal of my spirit. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and empower me to grow in faith, love, and obedience to Your will. Amen.
- April 5: ***"All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me."*** Luke 9:23
God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. Open my heart to Your love. Amen.
- April 6: ***"In your light, we see light."*** Psalm 36:9
Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- April 7: ***"But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it."*** Matthew 7:14
Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- April 8: ***"There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved."*** Acts 4:12
God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- April 9: ***"Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."*** John 3:3
Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- April 10: ***"If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart."*** Jeremiah 29:13
Gracious Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing Your grace. Amen.
- April 11: ***"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."*** Romans 10:8
Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- April 12: ***"Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*** John 8:32
O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.
- April 13: ***"When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it."*** Matthew 13:46
O God, restore in us the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r. Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy. Amen.
- April 14: ***"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing;..."***
Isaiah 43:18-19
O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- April 15: ***"Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!..."***
Isaiah 55:1
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- April 16: ***"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'"*** (Psalm 91:1-2)
Loving God, help me live a life of faith that is devoted to You. I want to have a heart that pursues You before anything else. You said if we seek You with all our hearts, we will find You. Guide me, Gracious Father to you. Amen.
- April 17: ***"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek."*** Psalm 27-7-8
Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow you into the desert of Lent so that we might confront the powers of evil and, with your assistance, overcome them. Give us the courage to face the truths about our lives. May this journey strengthen in faith, renew in hope and fill with love to share with all. Amen.
- April 18: ***"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."*** 1 Peter 2:24
Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.
- April 19: ***"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."*** 1 Peter 3:18
O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite light to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- April 20: Easter Sunday ***Christ is risen! Alleluia***
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in You and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.