



Lent & the "Gesima" Season



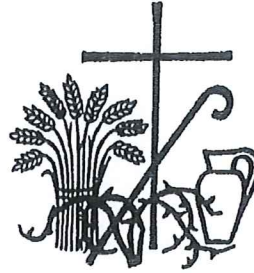
The Liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through 3 periods or steps: The first is the "gesimas". These three Sundays before Lent constitute catechesis in the Grace of God in which that grace is examined from three

perspectives:

Septuagesima (meaning 'about 70 days') – **Grace is undeserved.** The Collect for this Sunday implores God to graciously hear us, who are justly punished for our sin, so that we may be delivered by God's goodness. The goodness of God is emphasized in the parable (*Matthew 20:1-16*), where all the laborers receive the reward because of the goodness of the landowner. So we too, receive the reward of eternal life, because God is good, and Another has borne the heat and burden of the day for us that we might have it.

Sexagesima (meaning 'about 60 days') – **Grace is passively received.** In the Collect, we pray to the God who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do, but mercifully defends us by His power. In the parable of the sower, the seed of God's Word is passively received in good and noble hearts.

Quinquagesima (meaning 'about 50 days') – **Grace is not easily understood.** In the Gospel, Jesus predicts His passion and the disciples "understood none of these things: and this saying was his from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken." (*Luke 18:34*).



The three "Gesima" Sundays begin the Lenten Preparation for Easter. They take on the character of Lent, but mildly. The color becomes violet, the color of Lent. The "Alleluias" are dropped. Pictures and Crosses remain unveiled. Flowers may adorn the chancel. In the Gesimas, this provides a gradual progression of liturgical removals as we approach Passiontide.

The second step or stage of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This second stage ends when the week of Laetare (the 4th Sunday in Lent) is completed. In addition to the omissions and changes that began in the "Gesimas", flowers no longer normally adorn the chancel, and the crucifix and crosses are veiled. During these four Sundays, the focus is on temptation and faith, and the Christian's struggle:

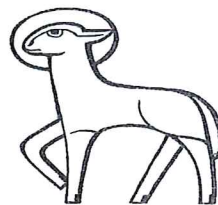
On **Invocavit Sunday** the Lord is tested in the Wilderness.

On **Reminiscere Sunday**, the faith of the Canaanite woman is tested.

On **Oculi Sunday**, the people tempt our Lord to show them a sign from heaven.

Laetare Sunday is "refreshment" Sunday.

The final stage is Passiontide, which begins with **Judica Sunday** (Passion Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent), and extends through Holy Week and the Triduum ("three holy days"- which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Now the focus is expressly on our Lord's



passion. The liturgy is spoken on Judica Sunday to emphasize the intense passion which our Lord endured. This intensity builds until we finally arrive at the empty tomb.

*Morning
of
Prayer*



We are connected to the Generations that have come before us.

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017

*Where: First Lutheran Church
350 Dolores Way, South San Francisco*

*Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Coffee and Pastries
Prayer Service*

*Contact Person: Shelly Alba
650-574-0485 or Shelly@cnh-lcms.org*

*"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall
declare your mighty acts" Psalm 145*



LWML CNH Zone 8

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."



Circle Bible Study

Watch Church Bulletin for next Study

"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"

2016-2018

Mission Grants

5. Hmong Bibles and
Chatechisms

Peace Lutheran Church,
Fresno, CA

\$6,300




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Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 18, 2017 – LWML CNH Zone 8 Morning of
Prayer, First Lutheran Church, SSF -
(see next page)

Feb. 23, 2017 – Mission Project Work Day
1:00 pm Dolores Keim's House



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February, 2017

Dear GLS Congregation and School Families,

GRACE at WORK

Lutheran Schools Week!



Thank you PTL members, Parents, Students, Teachers, and Congregation for celebrating with us "Lutheran Schools Week!"



PTL school lunches are fantastic! Thank you **PTL HOT LUNCH TEAM!**



E-Waste new date is: Saturday, February 25th, from 9am-2pm!



'My SchoolWorx' Coming this fall, GLS introduces a new on-line School/Parent/Student communication system. Welcome to the 21st Century! Report Cards, E-blasts, Homework, Urgent Messaging, Hot Lunch Schedule, and much more!

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
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'17-'18 School Year Calendar available. Please see office Administration for a copy.

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Tuition Referral Fee! Help us fill the seats! Tell a friend or neighbor! One-month tuition reduction! Contact office for details!

Thank you for joining our FAMILY at Grace Lutheran School. May God bless you.

Staff

JK/K Mrs. Kilcullen I/2 Ms. Sharon Stanley 3/4 Ms. Crawford 5/6 Mr. Brauer 7/8 Mr. Doody
P.E. Ms. Annette Holthaus Spanish Mrs. Schaefer Tchr. Aide Mrs. Hitzeman
Art/Drama/Sub. Mrs. Bethke Substitute Mr. Bethke; Mrs. Shana LaPastora
Admin. Assistants Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Smoot (Music Enrich.), Mrs. Semmler

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In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
 1 John 4:9

February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Jeanette Oatman	2 Molly Munson	3	4
5 Hannelore Siarkowski	6	7 Michelle Semmler	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Marilyn Baillie	16	17 Glen-Alison McEnroe	18
19	20	21	22 Anjanette Gomez	23	24	25
26	27	28				

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:35a-Chapel/Kids of the Kingdom	2	3	4 9:00a-Bd. of Lay Elders Meeting
5	6	7	8 8:35a-Chapel/Kids of the Kingdom	9 4:00p-Senior Choir	10	11
9:00a-Worship Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study		6:00p-GLS Open House	15 8:35a-Chapel/Kids of the Kingdom	16 4:00p-Senior Choir	17	18 9:00a-Planning Council
12	13	14	22 8:35a-Chapel/Kids of the Kingdom	23 4:00p-Senior Choir	24	25 9:00a-Bd. of Lay Elders Meeting 9a-2p-EWaste collection 10:30a-Gen. Society
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¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Robert Crews	Joy Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Detlef Siarkowski
Kelly Archer	Veronica Crews	Hannah Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Hannelore Siarkowski
Emilia Archer	Clara Crews	Miriam Hitzeman	Sandra Means	Ethan Smith
Bella Archer	Celeste Crews	Robert Innes	George Melke	Dave Smoot
Marilyn Baillie	Charlotte Custino	Shirley Innes	Howard Menche	Barb Smoot
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Robert Doody	Michael Innes	Donna Menche	Paul Soals
Valerie Balgeman	Natalie Dubbel	Donald Iocco	Daniel Menche	Stacey Soals
Chandler Balgeman	Bob Egan	Heather Iocco	Michael Moreira	Jacquelin Soals
Mike Bannister	Maria Eggert	John Iocco	Amanda Moreira	Dimitry Spencer
Tami Bannister	Robert Emery	Judy Iocco	Mia Moreira	Peter Spittler
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Susan Bethke	Nick Franquez	Evelyn Jones	Patty O'Donnell	Gina Tuft
Alice Boerschinger	Chad Franquez	Bob Keim	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Mark Tuft
John Bordy	Pam Frisella	Dolores Keim	Gil Ramirez	Sue Tuft
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Justin Brauer	Herlin Gomez	Barbara Kilpatrick	Daniel Saber	Diana Vasilescu
Klayton Brauer	Anjanette Gomez	Ruth Klingner	Michael Saber	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Paul Brownlee	Angelique Gomez	Bill Koester	Charles Schaefer	Joan Weckerle
Lois Brownlee	James Graziano	Faye Koester	Donald Schaefer	Randy Wimmer
Marcus Brownlee	Roger Guse	Ryan Koester	Maria Schaefer	Caden Young
Scott Brownlee	Dan Hahn	Amanda Koester	Martin Semmler	Rebecca Young
Katherine Brownlee	Lori Hahn	Gesine Kruse	Michelle Semmler	Chandler Young
Rev. David Carver	Abby Hahn	Glenn McEnroe	Scott Semmler	Logan Young
Kelli Carver	Arthur Hayame	Alison McEnroe	Daniel Semmler	Rowan Young
Phoebe Carver	Barbara Hayame	Alexis McEnroe	Julia Semmler	Eugene Zahnow
Samuel Carver	Tim Hayame	Fred McKenna	Sandy Shanks	Judy Zahnow
Jolene Crawford	Darren Hayame	Marilyn McKenna	Jessica Shanks	Mamie Zimbelman