



GRACE OF CHRIST

LOVE WELL WITH DROPS OF GRACE

“And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.” (Luke 4.1-3)

February 12, 2021

Dear Grace of Christ Family,

We will soon be entering into another season that we acknowledge at Grace of Christ. No, it's not baseball season. It's not Spring. It's the Season of Lent. Some of you may be very familiar with this Christian Season. Others of you may not. Let me briefly explain what this season is all about. Unlike the Season of Advent, which prepares us for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, Lent prepares us for His Death and Resurrection. Lent lasts 40 days prior to the Resurrection, not counting Sundays. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, therefore not included in Lent.

The 40 days are a reminder of the 40 days in which Jesus was in the desert prior to the beginning of His earthly ministry. During those 40 days Jesus fasted, and in His humanity, became hungry. He was also tempted by Satan, but as we know He never sinned.

Throughout Lent the Church focuses on the suffering of Christ, seeking ways to experience in a very small degree, what our Lord and Savior went through while on earth. It's a time devoted to Scripture, prayers, and perhaps even fasting. It's a time of sacrifice, whether by giving up an earthly pleasure, or by committing time, talents and treasures in a more sacrificial manner.

You are invited to consider the following as ways to allow this Season of Lent to draw closer to Christ:

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, with a very special time of worship and prayer. Join us in person (click here to RSVP <https://yakimagrace.com/ashwed>), or participate through our various online sites, including our website.

There is a time for silent prayer and devotion at 6pm, with the actual service at 6:30pm. (Disclaimer: Unlike years in the past, there will not be the burning of our sins, but we will provide ashes for those who desire).

- Maundy Thursday – April 1 – Join this Worship experience that focuses on the night on which Jesus was betrayed and arrested, following the Last Supper. We will celebrate Communion and experience the darkness Jesus encountered on that night. Watch for more details, and ways to register to be in person.
- Easter Sunday – This year, unless things change, we are planning to be celebrating Easter in person for those who can attend. We will also provide

online venues as well. There will be an early outdoor service, as well as an indoor service. There will even be a special drive-thru breakfast available. Watch for details.

Because of Christ, and by His Grace,
Pastor Bill