

WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord. If you are a GUEST with us today, we hope you feel welcome in our church family and invite you to worship with us again. If you are interested in membership at Grace or want to know more about our church and our faith, please indicate your interest on the ATTENDANCE FORM in the pew.

Grace's Mission

- ✝ Sharing God's Grace
 - ✝ Living His Word
 - ✝ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

 **WORSHIP FOLDER** 
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2023
“CHOSEN”

AS WE GATHER

Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Christ are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who follow other gods. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us, without any merit or worthiness in us. We are not worthy, just as God’s Old Testament people did not merit His attention, but we and they received it nonetheless. God has chosen to make us worthy by sending His Son in our place. In today’s Readings, He explains what pleases Him. Only Christ lived the perfect life, but the Gospel certainly moves us to respond to God’s choosing us, as best we can, in love and service.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]



*In the Name of the
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN *(please stand for last stanza)*

LSB 845

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

**5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.**

**6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

- P** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
C **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**
- P** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
C **whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 851

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own, With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

JOYFUL CHORUS

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

MICAH 6:1-8

(The Lord indicts Israel, reminds them of His care, and asks for justice and kindness.)

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 15; ANTIPHON PSALM 16:1

- P** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- P** O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
- C** **Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**
- P** He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
- C** **and speaks truth in his heart;**
- P** who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,
- C** **nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**
- P** in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who | fear the LORD;
- C** **who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**
- P** who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
- C** **He who does these things shall never be moved.**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

(Paul contrasts God's folly in sending His Son with worldly wisdom.)

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are

not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

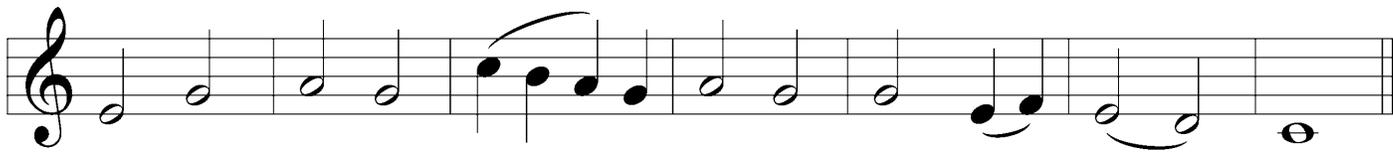
C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.”
Alleluia. *Matthew 5:3.*



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The first three notes (G, A, B) are beamed together. The final note (C) is a whole note. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." are written, with a square symbol (C) at the beginning of the first line.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

(Jesus explains that God's blessings abound for people of faith no matter their circumstances.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 842

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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SERMON TEXT: *MICAH 6:1-8*

SERMON TITLE: “*GOODLY REQUIREMENTS*”

(please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY

ORGAN / PIANO DUET

“Amazing Grace”

RECEIVING OF 2023 COMMITMENTS

P Conceived and born in the darkness of sin,

C **The Lord has brought us out of this deep darkness to His light.**

P Through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ,

C **The Lord has given us the covenant of His light.**

P This light of the Lord is eternal. The darkness cannot overcome it.

C **This light is for all nations.**

P We have a call from the Lord.

C **We are to be right with the Lord, not the world.**

P This light that has been brought to us for a purpose.

C **The Lord designs and desires that His light now come through us.**

P Come through us through our faithful use of His Word.

C **Individually, with my family at home, with my family here at Grace Sunday mornings in Bible class and the divine service and through our Connection Groups.**

P Come through us as we go to the Lord in prayer.

C **We pray for each other that we are all together in living in the light of the Lord.**

P Come through us with the talents and gifts He has afforded us.

C **We desire to faithfully use the gifts given in service to Him through our congregation to our family, our community, and the world.**

P Come through us through our first fruit giving.

C **The Lord has given us His best, His eternal life. We give Him our best, not the leftovers, but the first fruits.**

P Living in the light of the Lord we are committed.

C **Committed to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine

1. **This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.**
2. **All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.**
3. **Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.**
4. **Don’t let Satan [blow] it out!
I’m going to let it shine
Don’t let Satan [blow] it out!
I’m going to let it shine
Don’t let Satan [blow] it out!
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.**

(The members come forward to place their sealed commitments in the font.)

(please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

- P** Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C Amen.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 703

“How Can I Thank You, Lord”



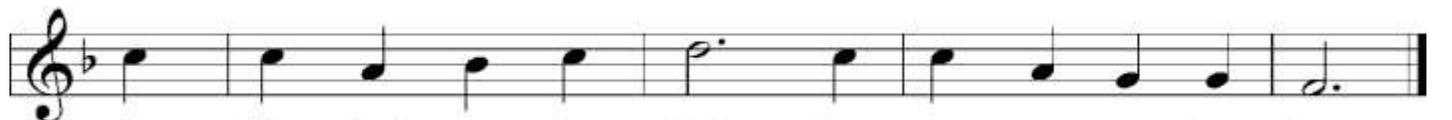
1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.

**5 O Father, God of love,
Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be
My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here
And there with You abide.**

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POSTLUDE

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To God Alone Be the Glory

THOSE WHO SERVE

Presiding Minister	Reverend Robert Pase
Organist.....	Richelle Gengler
Pianist	Pat Lufholm
Joyful Chorus Director	Cindy Hilton
Acolyte.....	Jordyn Hamilton
Elders	Dennis Wehmeyer / Will Krueger
Ushers	Josh Jones
.....	Brent Keesee
.....	Jerry Damm
Teller.....	Jerry Damm
Altar Guild.....	Kelli Jones / Mary Morgan
Nursery	Stephanie & Karsen Mitchell

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

- ❖ Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, & Holly Walker.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Chuck Wolfmueller (Thomas' dad) is still having chemo treatments.
- ❖ Marietta McWhorter (Brandon Mitchell's Meemaw) is in acute care hospital in Abilene. She's had all of the surgeries the doctors are going to do. Now looking for a facility to transfer her to.
- ❖ Jason Stephenson (Margie Norton's cousin's husband) has a chemo port & a pain pump Pain keeps him from sleeping. Nothing new as of 1/24.
- ❖ Irene Greenhaw fell and has a break to her fibula. She's still in Manor Park Rehab for about another week.
- ❖ Family members of our ECP teacher, Anita Cavazos were severely injured in a rollover accident on 1/17 in SE Texas. Her niece had a surgery on 1/23.
- ❖ Pastor Erik Stadler had the first of 37 radiation treatments on 1/23 for prostate cancer.
- ❖ Frances Boyles (Stephen Boyles' mother) has been fighting a recent illness and is need of your prayers.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Toni Granat's right knee surgery on 1/17 went well and she is recovering at home.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ❖ Aunt of our ECP teacher, Anita Cavazos died on 1/17 in a rollover accident in SE Texas. Her funeral was on 1/21.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the glory of God by
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**Please see Grace in Action for the week’s calendar and other
Important information regarding the ministry of our congregation!**