



Grace Lutheran Church

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God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of god are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Glimpse the glory of God.

**Indicates where those who are able are invited to stand.*

If standing seems long at times or is difficult for you, we invite you to remain seated.

Service of the Word

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

CHRIS LEHNE

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*THE KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... **C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

THE RESPONSE L: The word of the Lord. *C: Thanks be to God.*

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

THE RESPONSE L: The word of the Lord. *C: Thanks be to God.*

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

THE RESPONSE *C: Glory to you, O Lord.*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

THE RESPONSE P: The Gospel of the Lord *C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

MESSAGE

“Mother Knows Best”

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:21

*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition the congregation responds with, “Hear our prayer”

The Offering

THE OFFERING

[The offering plates are located in the narthex or scan the QR Code to the right to give electronically. Thank you for your generosity to the mission of our congregation!]



*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*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 Sending

THE BLESSING

*THE CLOSING HYMN

“Oh For A Thousand Tougues To Sing”

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*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

*THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE