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**Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 10:45 AM**



**Grace Lutheran Pastors, Staff, and Musicians**

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At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!

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## **Prelude and Bell Ringing**

### **Welcome and Offering of Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Welcome to Worship!

### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: **Amen.**

**Gathering Song*****Holy Forever***

Verse 1      A thousand generations falling down in worship  
 To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
 And all who've gone before us  
 And all who will believe  
 Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus (Jesus) Your name is the highest  
 Your name is the greatest  
 Your name stands above them all  
 All thrones and dominions  
 All powers and positions  
 Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1      And the angels cry Holy  
 All creation cries Holy  
 You are lifted high Holy  
 Holy forever

Verse 2      If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
 Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
 If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
 Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
 We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2      Hear Your people sing Holy  
 To the King of Kings Holy  
 You will always be Holy  
 Holy forever

Tag              You will always be Holy  
 Holy forever

**Greeting**

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

All:    **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.

## Song of Praise

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -

va - tion, the spir - it of mer - - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message (Sing)**

***This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Gospel Acclamation**

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the second in bass clef, the third in treble clef, and the bottom in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with words like 'What', 'are', 'you', 'look - ing', 'for?', 'Come', 'see', 'come', 'and', 'see.', 'What', 'are', 'you', 'look - ing', 'for?', 'Come', 'and', 'see.', 'Come', 'and', 'see.', and 'see.' appearing at various points. The music is in common time and includes various note values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

P: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not

light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Pastor Emily Carson**

## Hymn of the Day

*You Are Salt for The Earth*

Verse 1    You are salt for the earth, O people,  
salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain    Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

Verse 2    You are a light on the hill, O people,  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the kingdom of God! (Refrain)

Verse 3    You are a seed of the Word, O people,  
bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
grow in the kingdom of God! (Refrain)

Verse 4    We are a bless'd and a pilgrim people,  
 bound for the kingdom of God!  
 Love our journey and love our homeland:  
 love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain    Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
 bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
 Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
 bring forth the city of God!

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come 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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## Loaves and Fishes Offering

*Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.*

### Offering Song

### *Goodness of God*

Verse 1    I love You Lord  
                   Oh Your mercy never fails me  
                   All my days  
                   I've been held in Your hands  
                   From the moment that I wake up  
                   Until I lay my head  
                   I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus    All my life You have been faithful  
                   All my life You have been so so good  
                   With every breath that I am able  
                   I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2    I love Your voice  
                   You have led me through the fire  
                   In darkest night  
                   You are close like no other  
                   I've known You as a father  
                   I've known You as a friend  
                   I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)

Bridge    Your goodness is running after  
                   It's running after me  
                   Your goodness is running after  
                   It's running after me  
                   With my life laid down  
                   I'm surrendered now  
                   I give You everything  
                   Your goodness is running after  
                   It's running after me (Chorus)

**Offering Prayer**

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Lords Prayer (Sing)**

**Rachel Kurtz**

Our Father which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 your will be done  
 on earth as it is, is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and help us  
 remember 'til all people are fed  
 forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us  
 whether friend or foe  
 lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
 for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and thine is  
 the glory  
 forever, forever  
 Ah... Ah... Ah... A - men

**Communion Song**

***I Speak Jesus***

Verse 1      I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
                  Over every heart and every mind  
                  'Cause I know there is peace within your presence  
                  I speak Jesus

Verse 2      I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
                  'Til every dark addiction starts to break  
                  Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
                  I speak Jesus

Refrain      'Cause your name is power  
                  Your name is healing  
                  Your name is life  
                  Break every stronghold  
                  Shine through the shadows  
                  Burn like a fire

Verse 3      I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
 Over fear and all anxiety  
 To every soul held captive by depression  
 I speak Jesus (Refrain)

Bridge        Shout Jesus from the mountains  
 Jesus in the streets  
 Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
 Jesus for my family  
 I speak the holy name, Jesus (Refrain)

### **Prayer after Communion**

P:      Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P:      The triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

### ***Build Your Kingdom Here***

Verse 1      Come set Your rule and reign  
 In our hearts again  
 Increase in us we pray  
 Unveil why we're made  
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
 Like wildfire in our very souls  
 Holy Spirit come invade us now  
 We are Your church  
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2      We seek Your kingdom first  
 We hunger and we thirst  
 Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

Chorus      Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3      Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth (Chorus)

### Sending

P:      Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All:      **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude