

Welcome to Worship

Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.

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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!

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 and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

All: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

All: **Amen.**

† **Gathering Song**

Holy is the Lord

Verse	We stand and lift up our hands For the joy of the Lord is our strength We bow down and worship Him now How great how awesome is He
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† *The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

Pre-Chorus And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory (Verse & Chorus)

Bridge It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown (Chorus)

✠ **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 mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, 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**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every

kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 8 (Read Responsively)

¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

- 4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,
human beings that you should care for them? R**
- 5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor or you crown them.
- 6 **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
- 7 all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 8 **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- 9 O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

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

Children's Message (Sing)

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

† **Gospel Acclamation**

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

P: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

† **Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Cole McCormick

† **Song of the Day**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Verse 1 O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

Verse 2 These sufferings this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Chorus 1 (Oh) praise the Father praise the Son
(And) praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Verse 3 To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows (Chorus 1)

Bridge Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

Chorus 2 Praise the Father praise the Son
 And praise the Spirit Three in One
 Clothed in power and in grace
 The name above all other names
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† 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*New Wine*

In the crushing, in the pressing
 You are making new wine
 In the soil I now surrender
 You are breaking new ground
 So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
 When I trust You I don't need to understand

Make me a vessel, make me an offering
 Make me whatever You want me to be
 I came here with nothing, but all You have given me
 Jesus, bring new wine out of me

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

✠ Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

‡ **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

O Come to the Altar

Verse 1 Are you hurting and broken within
 Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
 Jesus is calling
 Have you come to the end of yourself
 Do you thirst for a drink from the well
 Jesus is calling

Chorus O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
 Come today there's no reason to wait
 Jesus is calling
 Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
 From the ashes a new life is born
 Jesus is calling (Chorus)

Bridge Oh what a Savior
 Isn't he wonderful
 Sing alleluia Christ is risen
 Bow down before him
 For he is Lord of all
 Sing alleluia Christ is risen (Chorus)

Tag Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
 Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Prayer after Communion

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ **Blessing**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All: Amen.

✠ **Sending Song**

King of Kings

Verse 1 In the darkness we were waiting
 Without hope without light
 Till from Heaven You came running
 There was mercy in Your eyes
 To fulfil the law and prophets
 To a virgin came the Word
 From a throne of endless glory
 To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2 To reveal the kingdom coming
 And to reconcile the lost
 To redeem the whole creation
 You did not despise the cross
 For even in Your suffering
 You saw the other side
 Knowing this was our salvation
 Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

Verse 3 And the morning that You rose
 All of heaven held its breath
 Till that stone was moved for good
 For the Lamb had conquered death
 And the dead rose from their tombs
 And the angels stood in awe
 For the souls of all who'd come
 To the Father are restored (Chorus)

Verse 4 And the Church of Christ was born
 Then the Spirit lit the flame
 Now this Gospel truth of old
 Shall not kneel shall not faint
 By His blood and in His Name
 In His freedom I am free
 For the love of Jesus Christ
 Who has resurrected me (Chorus)

† **Sending**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

