
Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 10:45 AM



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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 & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Jesus Messiah

Verse 1 He became sin who knew no sin
 That we might become His righteousness
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross
 Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus Jesus Messiah Name above all names
 Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
 The Rescue for sinners
 The Ransom from heaven
 Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2 His body the bread His blood the wine
 Broken and poured out all for love
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
 Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)

Bridge All our hope is in You
 All our hope is in You
 All the glory to You God
 The Light of the world (Chorus)

Ending Jesus Messiah
 Lord of all
 The Lord of all
 The Lord of all

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

Lord God, our strength, **the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded

for the many.¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification.¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Children's Message (Sing)

Deep and Wide

Deep and wide, deep and wide
 There's a fountain flowing deep and wide
 Deep and wide, deep and wide
 There's a fountain flowing deep and wide

Gospel Acclamation

What are you looking 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 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon

Pastor Cole McCormick

Song of the Day

Lord I Need You

Verse 1 Lord I come I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

And without You I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1 Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus 1)

Bridge So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2 Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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

You Are My All in All

Verse 1 You are my strength
 When I am weak
 You are the treasure
 That I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name
 Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name

Verse 2 Taking my sin
 My cross my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name
 You are my all in all
 When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup
 You are my all in all (Chorus)

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love
 embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish
 the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of
 bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son,
 who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in
 Jesus' name.

Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

It Is Well

Verse 1 Grander earth has quaked before
 Moved by the sound of His voice
 Seas that are shaken and stirred
 Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus Through it all through it all
 My eyes are on You
 Through it all through it all
 It is well
 Through it all through it all
 My eyes are on You
 And it is well with me

Verse 2 Far be it from me to not believe
 Even when my eyes can't see
 And this mountain that's in front of me
 Will be thrown into the midst of the sea (Chorus)

Bridge So let go my soul and trust in Him
 The waves and wind still know His name
 (repeat Bridge)
 The waves and wind still know His name

Ending It is well with my soul
 It is well with my soul
 It is well with my soul
 It is well it is well with my soul

Prayer after Communion

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Song***Battle Belongs***

Verse 1 When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
 When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
 And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
 There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you

Chorus So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high
 O God, the battle belongs to You
 And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night
 O God, the battle belongs to You

Verse 2 And if You are for me, who can be against me
 For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You
 When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
 When all I see is a cross God, You see the empty tomb
 (Chorus)

Bridge An Almighty Fortress, You go before us
 Nothing can stand against the power of our God
 You shine in the shadows, You win every battle
 Nothing can stand against the power of our God
 (repeat Bridge) (end with Chorus)

Sending

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

