

## 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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**Sunday, March 1, 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!

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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, 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

### **Rescuer**

Chorus He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1 There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed  
 There is good news for the one who walked away  
 There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed  
 For the good Lord has come to seek and save (Chorus)

Verse 2 He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor  
 He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
 He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive  
 Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life  
 Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life (Chorus)

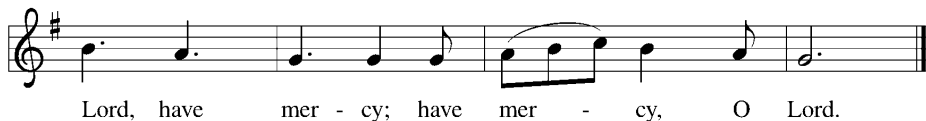
Bridge So come and be chainless  
 Come and be fearless  
 Come to the foot of Calvary  
 There is redemption for every affliction  
 Here at the foot of Calvary (Chorus)

### 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



### Song of Praise



### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, our leader and guide, **in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.  
Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 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 John.

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

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus

answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

## Sermon

**Pastor Allison Cobb**

## Song of the Day

## *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Verse 1      Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2      'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Chorus      My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3      The Lord has promised good to me  
                  His word my hope secures  
                  He will my shield and portion be  
                  As long as life endures

Chorus        My chains are gone I've been set free  
                  My God my Savior has ransomed me  
                  And like a flood His mercy rains  
                  Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4        The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
                  The sun forbear to shine  
                  But God who called me here below  
                  Will be forever mine  
                  Will be forever mine  
                  You are forever mine

### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. 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**

### ***Broken Vessels***

Verse 1 All these pieces, broken and scattered  
 In mercy gathered, mended and whole  
 Empty handed, but not forsaken  
 I've been set free, I've been set free

Chorus    Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a  
wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but  
now I see  
Oh I can see You now, I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life

Verse 2    You take our failure, you take our weakness  
You set Your treasure, in jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord, I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me (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. 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**

### *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

### **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: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: 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***The Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you  
 Make His face to shine upon you  
 And be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His face toward you  
 And give you peace (Repeat this stanza)

Amen, Amen, Amen  
 Amen, Amen, Amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
 And your family, and your children, and their children, and their children

May His presence go before and behind you and beside you  
 All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you  
 In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going  
 In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you

Amen, Amen, Amen  
 Amen, Amen, Amen

**Sending**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

