



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 & Forgiveness

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

All: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

All: **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from
your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and
do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We
ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your
abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast
love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, in Christ
Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
you are set free.

All: **Amen.**

Gathering Song***Living Hope***

Verse 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
 How high the mountain I could not climb
 In desperation I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night
 Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul
 The work is finished the end is written
 Jesus Christ my living hope
 But thank God it's all you need

Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace
 The God of ages stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame
 The cross has spoken I am forgiven
 The King of kings calls me His own
 Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
 Jesus Christ my living hope (Chorus)

Verse 3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
 Your buried body began to breathe
 Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me
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 Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me
 Jesus Yours is the victory (Chorus)

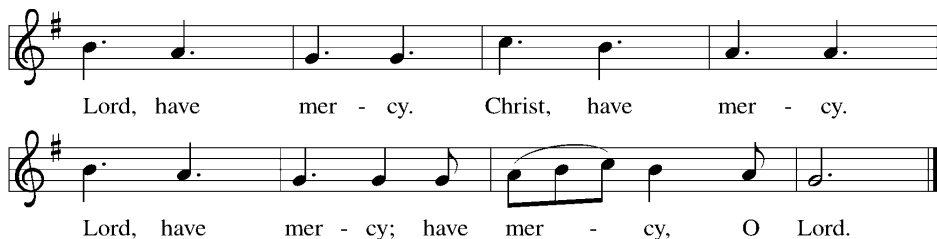
Tag Jesus Christ my living hope
 Oh God You are my living hope

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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the

interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Children’s Message (Sing)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

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.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20-31

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for
that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

Song of the Day

Hymn Of Heaven

Verse 1 How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
 Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
 To look upon the one who bled to save me
 And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus There will be a day
 When all will bow before Him
 There will be a day
 When death will be no more
 Standing face to face
 With He who died and rose again
 Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2 And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
 The songs of faith
 We sang through doubt and fear
 In the end we'll see that it was worth it
 When He returns to wipe away our tears (Chorus)

Verse 3 And on that day we join the resurrection
 And stand beside the heroes of the faith
 With one voice a thousand generations
 Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Forever He shall reign (Chorus)

So let it be today
 We shout the hymn of Heaven
 With angels and the Saints
 We raise a mighty roar
 Glory to our God
 Who gave us life beyond the grave
 Holy holy is the Lord
 Holy holy is the Lord
 Holy holy is the Lord

Remembrance of the Saints

On All Saints Sunday, we lift up the names of those in our congregation who have passed from death to new life in Jesus Christ. As their name is read, the bell will toll, and a candle will be lit in their memory.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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| • Gloria Anderson | • Jean M. | • Maynard Senf |
| • Vickie Berhow | Maakestad | • Eleanor Skaggs |
| • Harriet Brown | • David C. Maland | • Mike Swanson |
| • Ken Carlson | • Phyllis Niehaus | • Lyall Widener |
| • Luella Fisher | • Ed Rettke | • Pat Witty |
| • Karen Hertzke | • Bernice Sandberg | |
| • Jean A. Maakestad | • Ken Scott | |

At this time, you are invited forward to light a candle for the saints who are on your heart this morning. We thank God for our blessed saints of all times and places.

Let us pray: Loving God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servants, may preserve in the course that is set before us and, at the last, share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light. May their memory be a blessing. **Amen.**

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

P: O God who inhabits our sorrows, it is no easy thing to admit another person into our grief. Yet you, O Lord, have clearly called your children to bear one another's burdens. You have instructed us to mourn with those who mourn, even naming such service as an act of worship. Therefore, let us acknowledge and pray together for all those who grieve this day. For we are one body in Christ, and when one part of the body is in pain, we bear the load together.

For those who have suffered a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Premature Birth, or Loss of a Child

O Christ who gathered children in your arms, you know our ache. You know this void no human words can fill. You understand this grief for our child. You were witness to our rising joy. You saw our crumbling hope. Now you behold our sorrow. And yet, even in our deep loss, O Lord, you have not abandoned us or left us without light and hope. For we remember how you, Jesus, loved and welcomed the little ones, touching their heads and blessing them, declaring that the kingdom of heaven belonged to these, and you have told us that your promises are for us *and* our children. For even amidst uncertainty, this we know to be true of your works, O Father, this we cling to:

All: Your grace, your mercy, your redemption, and your love will extend further and will be more wondrous in their perfection than we have ever imagined.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Sibling or Dear Friend

P: We ache, O Lord, with a new sadness rooted deep in the soil of our existence. For we have lost a friend, an ally, and fellow traveler in life, with whom we felt an unspoken bond—an intuitive sympathy forged of holding in common so much that was unique to the peculiar narrative of our lives. We shared home and work, community, and loved ones. Hardships, holidays, and hopes. Our stories overlapped and intersected, organically intertwined. We were bound from the beginning by blood and history or choosing one another as family bound by what we held in common. We can hardly imagine what it will mean now to live in a world without them.

All: Jesus, in this sadness be our steady strength and consolation. Be our peace.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Loving Parent

P: O God, be near your children in our grief. We have lived our life till now, O Lord, with a sense there was a strong, buffering wall between us and the risks and uncertainties of life—for there was always one who had existed before us, who loved us from the beginning of our lives, who protected us, cared for us, and watched over us. Parents who raised and nurtured us, who did not hesitate to sacrifice their own resources for our good, or to deny their own desires in order to advance our flourishing.

All: Meet us in our grief, O God, and let us learn to lean all worry and weight of living upon you.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Spouse

P: In marriage, the two of us had become one. Now one of us is gone and we are not left as one but as half. This is a grief like no other, O Lord, for we were companions in a holy bond, our hearts and lives knit together, sharing purpose and plan, hands

clasped in a common pilgrimage. Together, we were becoming what neither of us could have been alone. Our vow to love within your greater love was remaking us into a new thing. This anguish that cuts so deeply is multiplied by the fact that the one who we would have shared this deep sadness with is the one who is gone.

All: Be present, O God, in the emptiness. Be present, O God, in the silence. Be present, O God, in the aching heart of this new and solitary story.

For All Who Miss Someone

P: You created our hearts for unbroken fellowship. Yet the constraints of time and place, and the stuttering rhythms of life in a fallen world dictate that all fellowship in these days will at times be broken and incomplete. We acknowledge, O Lord, that it is a right and good thing to miss deeply those whom we love but with whom we cannot be physically present.

All: Grant us, therefore, courage to love well even in this time of absence.

P: May our reunion be joyous in the life to come.

All: How we look forward, O Lord, to the day when all our fellowships will be restored, eternal and unbroken.

P: It was an honor to love and know, and to be known and loved by, those we remember this day. For the depth of this pain is the same as the depth of our bond. Our grief is a facet of the joy that was, and a forerunner of the joy yet to come.

All: Now, O Christ, be our strength and consolation. Be our peace. Today and always. Amen.

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***Hope Has a Name***

- Verse 1 There is a song I know it well
 A melody that's never failed
 On mountains high in valleys low
 My soul will rest
 My confidence in You alone
- Chorus Hope has a name His name is Jesus
 My Savior's cross has set this sinner free
 Hope has a name His name is Jesus
 Oh Christ be praised I have victory
- Verse 2 There is a light salvation's flame
 Christ undefeated trampled the grave
 See now the cross be lifted high
 The light has come the light has won
 Behold the Christ (Chorus)
- Verse 3 There'll be a day my hope complete
 Now home in glory Your face I'll see
 My pain no more my fear will cease
 I bow my life I fix my eyes
 On Christ my king
 I bow my life I fix my eyes
 On Christ my king (Chorus)

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Children of all ages may receive communion or a blessing. They are also invited to take an instrument to praise God during the sending song. All are welcome at Christ's table.

Lords Prayer (Spoken)

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.

Communion Song***I Will Rise***

There's a peace I've come to know
 Though my heart and flesh may fail
 There's an anchor for my soul
 I can say it is well

Jesus has overcome
 And the grave is overwhelmed
 The victory is won
 He is risen from the dead
 And I will rise when He calls my name
 No more sorrow no more pain
 I will rise on eagle's wings
 Before my God fall on my knees
 And rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near
 When this darkness breaks to light
 And the shadows disappear
 And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome
 And the grave is overwhelmed
 The victory is won
 He is risen from the dead
 And I will rise when He calls my name
 No more sorrow no more pain
 I will rise on eagle's wings
 Before my God fall on my knees
 And rise, I will rise

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
 Worthy is the Lamb
 And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
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Prayer after Communion

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart 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. Share the harvest.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All
Saints
Sunday

A stylized illustration featuring a bright yellow sun with a spiral center, partially obscured by the word "Sunday". Below the text is a thick, horizontal brushstroke in a golden-yellow color.