

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 *Run to the Father* Praise Band

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.**

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

Belong to You (Enemy Can't)

Verse 1 x2 Oh You called me out of darkness
 You silence every lie
 And no other voice will define me
 I belong to You I belong to You

Chorus You know the enemy can't take what I have
 Change who I am I belong to You
 You know the enemy can't take what I have
 Change who I am I belong to You

Verse 2 By Your blood I've been adopted
 I've taken on Your name
 And I need to be reminded
 That I belong to You I belong to You (Chorus)

Bridge Greater are You who's in me
 Than he who's in the world
 The words You have spoken
 Are stronger than the curse
 (REPEAT)
 Stronger than the curse (Chorus)

I belong to you
 I belong to you

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

O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the

dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Second Reading: Psalm 82 (read responsively)

- ¹ God stands to charge the divine coun-¹ cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst¹ of the gods:
² **“How long will you¹ judge unjustly,
and show favor¹ to the wicked?**
³ Save the weak¹ and the orphan;
defend the hum-¹ ble and needy;
⁴ **rescue the weak¹ and the poor;
deliver them from the power¹ of the wicked. R**
⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander
a-¹ bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the¹ earth are shaken.
⁶ **Now I say to you,¹ ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of¹ the Most High;**
⁷ nevertheless, you shall¹ die like mortals,
and fall like¹ any prince.’ ”
⁸ **Arise, O God, and¹ rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations¹ for your own. R**

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.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

Song of the Day

God Is With Us

Verse 1 Where is God in the heartache
 Where is God in the fear
 Where is God when it hurts so bad
 That you can't hold back the tears
 Where is God in the sickness
 That the prayers didn't fix
 When it don't make sense
 Where is God in all of this

Chorus (And) He is right here where He's always been
 He never left and He never will
 Where is God
 God is with us
 He is right here where He's always been
 It's where He'll be until the very end
 Where is God
 God is with us

Verse 2 Where is God in the ashes
 Of a broken home
 Where is God when we lose
 The ones we love the most
 Where is God in addiction

When you lost the battle again
 When it's all too much
 Where is God in all of this (Chorus)

Tag So where is God
 God is with us

Bridge We might never know the answers
 We might never know the outcome
 But we know Jesus we know Jesus
 Even when we face the darkness
 We know better days are coming
 'Cause we know Jesus we know Jesus (Chorus)

Ending So where is God
 God is with us
 So where is 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

Set A Fire

Verse No place I would rather be
 No place I would rather be
 No place I would rather be
 Than here in Your love
 Here in Your love
 (REPEAT)

Chorus (So) set a fire down in my soul
 That I can't contain and I can't control
 I want more of You God
 I want more of You God
 (REPEAT)

Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

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

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Verse 1 Christ is my firm foundation
 The rock on which I stand
 When everything around me is shaken
 I've never been more glad
 That I put my faith in Jesus
 'Cause He's never let me down
 He's faithful through generations
 So why would He fail now

Chorus 1 He won't He won't

Verse 2 I've still got joy in chaos
 I've got peace that makes no sense
 So I won't be going under
 I'm not held by my own strength
 'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
 He's never let me down
 He's faithful in every season
 So why would He fail now

Chorus 2 He won't He won't
 He won't fail
 He won't fail (no) (Verse 1)

Bridge (Oh) Rain came and wind blew
 But my house was built on You
 (And) I'm safe with You
 I'm going to make it through (REPEAT)

Vamp Yeah I'm going to make it through
 'Cause I'm standing strong on You
 Yeah I'm going to make it through
 'Cause my house is built on You (Verse 1)

Chorus 3 He won't He won't
 He won't fail
 He won't fail no He won't

Prayer after Communion

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Sending Song***How He Loves***

Verse 1 He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
 I am a tree bending beneath
 The weight of His wind and mercy
 When all of a sudden I am unaware of
 These afflictions eclipsed by glory
 I realize just how beautiful You are
 And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus Oh how He loves us so
 Oh how He loves us
 How He loves us so (REPEAT)

Chorus (Yeah) He loves us
 Oh how He loves us
 Oh how He loves us
 Oh how He loves (REPEAT)

Verse 2 We are His portion and He is our prize
 Drawn to redemption by the grace in His
 eyes If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
 So Heaven meets earth
 Like a sloppy wet (unforeseen) kiss
 And my heart turns violently inside of my
chest I don't have time to maintain these regrets
 When I think about the way that (Chorus)

Sending

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude