
Sunday, February 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!

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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

All: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus'

name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

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

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts

of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Children's Message (Sing)***This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Gospel Acclamation

What are you looking for? Come,
 see, come and see. What are you
 looking for? Come and see. Come and see.

P: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Cole McCormick

Hymn of the Day

Send Me

Verse 1 If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet,
Here I am Lord send me.

If it's loving one another even when we don't agree,
Here I am Lord send me.

Verse 2 If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy
I'll serve You just the same,
Here I am Lord send me.
On the mountain or the valley
I will choose to praise,
Here I am Lord send me.

Chorus If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect
How much I love You. I love You.

And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes
 'Cause I love You. I love You.

Verse 3 If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway,
 'Cause here I am Lord send me.
 If it means that they'll reject me,
 Lord I will still obey.
 Here I am Lord, send me.

Chorus If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect
 How much I love You. I love You.
 And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes
 'Cause I love You. I love You.

Verse 4 When I'm standing in Your glory
 I'll be glad I chose to say,
 Here I am Lord, send me.
 Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say,
 Here I am Lord, send me.

Chorus If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect
 How much I love You. I love You.
 And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes
 'Cause I love You. I love You.

Tag Here I am Lord send me
 Here I am Lord send me

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

Gratitude

Dani Morris

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 (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

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown, where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

And I will call upon Your name
 And keep my eyes above the waves
 When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
 For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
 Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me
 Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
 And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour

And I will call upon Your name
 And keep my eyes above the waves
 When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
 For I am Yours and You are mine

Prayer after Communion

P: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

All the People Said Amen

Verse 1 You are not alone if you are lonely
 When you feel afraid you're not the only
 We are all the same in need of mercy
 To be forgiven and be free
 It's all you got to lean on
 But thank God it's all you need

Chorus And all the people said amen whoa
 And all the people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
 And all the people said amen

Verse 2 If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
 Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
 We're all broken but we're all in this together
 God knows we stumble and fall
 And He so loved the world
 He sent His son to save us all (Chorus)

Bridge Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
 Blessed are the people hungry for another start
 For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God (Chorus)

Sending

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

