

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

Even If

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. 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.

† *The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

‡ **Gathering Song**

The Way

Verse 1 Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

Chorus The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe

Verse 2 Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are (Chorus)

Bridge It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long
When I believe You are (Chorus x2)

‡ **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

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, **and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse

and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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 9:1-41**

P: ¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat

on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

L: ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

P: ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

L: ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen.

Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.”³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

P: ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

† Song of the Day

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, oh

Pre-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

Chorus Oh I can see You now
Oh 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, oh
Pre Chorus
Chorus
Oh Oh, Oh Oh
Pre Chorus
Chorus

‡ **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***Light of the World***

Verse 1 You are the light of the world
 You are the light of the world
 So shine shine shine where you are
 You are the light of the world

Chorus You are good good oh
 You are good good oh
 You are good good oh
 You are good good oh

Verse 2 You are the city on a hill
 You are the city on a hill
 So shine shine shine where you are
 You are the city on a hill

Verse 3 You are a candle in the dark
 You are a candle in the dark
 So shine shine shine where you are
 You are a candle in the dark

Verse 4 You are a star in the night
 You are a star in the night
 So shine shine shine where you are
 You are a star in the night

Healing Prayer

At this time, you are invited forward to the communion rail or to sit in the front pew for a time of healing prayer with Pastor Allison. Your prayer requests will be kept confidential and the congregation is invited to sing a song of hope and healing during this time.

Special Music***Run to the Father***

Verse 1 I've carried a burden for too long on my own
 I wasn't created to bear it alone
 I hear Your invitation to let it all go
 I see it now I'm laying it down
 And I know that I need You

Chorus I run to the Father
 I fall into grace
 I'm done with the hiding
 No reason to wait
 My heart needs (found) a surgeon
 My soul needs (found) a friend
 So I'll run to the Father
 Again and again
 And again and again

Interlude 1 Oh oh oh

Verse 2 You saw my condition
 Had a plan from the start
 Your Son for redemption
 The price for my heart
 I don't have a context
 For that kind of love
 I don't understand
 I can't comprehend
 All I know is I need You (Chorus)

Interlude 2 Oh oh
 Again and again
 And again and again
 Oh oh oh
 (Again and again)

Bridge My heart has been in Your sights
 Long before my first breath
 Running into Your arms
 Is running to life from death
 I feel this rush deep in my chest
 Your mercy is calling out
 Just as I am You pull me in
 And I know I need You now (Chorus) (Interlude 2)

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

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***

- 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 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**

Way Maker

Verse 1 You are here moving in our midst
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here working in this place
 I worship You I worship You

Chorus x2 (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
 Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2 You are here touching ev'ry heart
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here turning lives around
 I worship You I worship You (Chorus x2)

Bridge Even when I don't see it You're working
 Even when I don't feel it You're working
 You never stop You never stop working
 You never stop You never stop working (Chorus x2)

Tag That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are

‡ **Sending**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

