
Sunday, January 25, 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

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For 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.

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 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the

sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Installation of 2026 Grace Church Council

P: The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their names are read.

New Members:

Stephanie Busiahn
Brenda Lubenow
Terry Maakestad
Katie Teachout
Cindy Wohlhuter

Returning Members:

Nancy Backer
Chery Brumbaugh
Jaime Core
Joyce Eisenmenger
Corey Klanderud
Andy Kryzer
Mark Morris

P: St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.

P: 2026 Council: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

Installation

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R: Yes, by the help of God.

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

All: Yes, by the help of God.

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

R: 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

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing
 You are making new wine
 In the soil I now surrender
 You are breaking new ground
 So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
 When I trust You I don't need to understand

Make me a vessel, make me an offering
 Make me whatever You want me to be
 I came here with nothing, but all You have given me
 Jesus, bring new wine out of me

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 You are making new wine
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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

I Will Follow

Verse 1 My heart is steadfast oh God
And I won't be led astray by the things that
Quickly will fade before Your face

Chorus And I will follow You
I wrapped up in You
I belong to You

Verse 2 And I was made for this
One thing is to see and to seek Your goodness
Take me by the hand and lead me

Chorus And I will follow You
I wrapped up in You
I belong to You

Bridge And I have decided and I have resolved
That I will go anywhere
Anywhere just to see Your face
And I have decided and I have resolved
That I will go anywhere anywhere
Anywhere just to see Your face

Verse 3 Moments may come when I feel so afraid
But I rest in the promises made that
You will remain forever faithful

Chorus And I will follow You
I wrapped up in You
I belong to You

Prayer after Communion

P: Radian 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

I Will Follow

Intro Where You go I'll go
 Where You stay I'll stay
 When You move I'll move
 I will follow

Verse 1 All Your ways are good
 All Your ways are sure
 I will trust in You alone
 Higher than my sight
 High above my life
 I will trust in You alone

Chorus Where You go I'll go
 Where You stay I'll stay
 When You move I'll move
 I will follow You
 Whom You love I'll love
 How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2 Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Chorus Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Bridge In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Sending

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

