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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

King of My Heart

Verse 1 Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from

Oh He is my song
 Let the King of my heart
 Be the shadow where I hide
 The ransom for my life
 Oh He is my song

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

Verse 2 Let the King of my heart
 Be the wind inside my sails
 The anchor in the waves
 Oh He is my song
 Let the King of my heart
 Be the fire inside my veins
 The echo of my days
 Oh He is my song (Chorus)

Bridge You're never gonna let
 Never gonna let me down
 You're never gonna let
 Never gonna let me down
 You're never gonna let
 Never gonna let me down
 You're never gonna let
 Never gonna let me down (Chorus)

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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our 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

P: A reading from the Gospel of John.

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

Gospel: John 1:29-42

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon**Pastor Allison Cobb**Hymn of the Day*Beautiful*

Verse 1 I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise
 The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
 The world awakens in the light of the day
 I look up to the sky and say
 You're beautiful
 O ---- oh, O -----oh

Verse 2 I see Your power in the moonlit night
 Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright
 We are amazed in the light of the stars
 It's all proclaiming who You are
 You're beautiful
 O ---- oh, O -----oh, You're beautiful
 O----oh, O -----oh

Verse 3 I see You there hanging on a tree
 You bled and then You died
 And then You rose again for me
 Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
 Soon we will be coming home
 You're beautiful
 O ----- oh, O -----oh, you're beautiful
 O -----oh, O -----oh

Verse 4 When we arrive at eternity's shore
 Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
 We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring
 Your bride will come together and we'll sing
 You're beautiful
 O -----oh, O -----oh
 O -----oh, O -----oh

Ending I see Your face You're beautiful
 You're beautiful You're beautiful
 I see Your face You're beautiful
 You're beautiful You're beautiful

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

Give Me Jesus

Verse 1 In the morning when I rise
 In the morning when I rise
 In the morning when I rise

Chorus Give me Jesus
 Give me Jesus
 Give me Jesus
 You can have all this world
 Just give me Jesus

Verse 2 When I am alone
 When I am alone
 Oh when I am alone
 Give me Jesus (Chorus)

Interlude Jesus give me Jesus

Verse 3 When I come to die
 When I come to die
 Oh when I come to die
 Give me Jesus (Chorus)

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

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 Hymn***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)

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

Spirit Of The Living God

Verse 1 x2 The splendor of the King
 Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We only want to hear Your voice
 We're hanging on ev'ry word
 Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We want to know You more and more
 We're hanging on ev'ry word

Chorus 'Cause when You speak and when You move
 When You do what only You can do
 It changes us
 It changes what we see and what we seek
 When You come in the room
 When You do what only You can do
 It changes us
 It changes what we see and what we seek
 You're changing ev'rything

Verse 2 Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We're leaning in to all You are
 Ev'rything else can wait
 Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 Come now and breathe upon our hearts
 Come now and have Your way

Chorus 'Cause when You speak and when You move
 When You do what only You can do
 It changes us
 It changes what we see and what we seek
 When You come in the room
 When You do what only You can do
 It changes us
 It changes what we see and what we seek
 You're changing ev'rything

Bridge 1 When You move You move all our fears
 When You move You move us to tears
 When You move You move all our fears
 When You move You move us to tears

Bridge 2 When You fall we fall on our knees
 When You fall we fall at Your feet
 And when You fall we fall on our knees
 And when You fall we fall at Your feet yeah (Chorus)

Ending Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We only want to hear Your voice
 We're hanging on ev'ry word

Sending

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude