

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as  
the people of God.

## MORNING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of this new day and the opportunity it brings to gather as a community of faith. O God, you have called us to a venture of which we not yet know the ending, but we know that our mission is to spread your good word along the way. Make our hearts pure and our speech clear so that we may communicate your words to the people we meet. Make our mouths speak the truth about you so that others may know your forgiveness and love as we know it. Make our hands and bodies able to do good works for others as your son Jesus Christ has done. In your holy name we pray

**Amen.**

## Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:****Ezekiel 17:22-24****Page 684**

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING:****Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15****Page 478**

**1** It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**2** to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

**3** on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**4** For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

**12** The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**13** Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

**14** they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**15** that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

**SECOND READING:****2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17****Page 939**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL:****Mark 4:26-34****Page 815**

**A Sermon by:  
Pastor Carlene Rhody  
“Focusing Thoughts”**

**Sharing by  
Steve Schlenner**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**You Are The Seed**

**WOV 753**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Rhys, Roy, Rose, Shannon, Allen, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, James, Greg, Kristi, Chad, Jan, Sylvia, LaVerne, Elvira, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Kaisley, Tori, Robert, Raef, Ron, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Angela, Rhonda, Dessie, Sherry, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces, all First Responders, and their families. Pray for our Church during this transition period. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE****OFFERING**

For the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

**OFFERING SONG**

**Praise To You, O God Of Mercy**

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**Go My Children With My Blessing**

ELW 543

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

