



# Grace

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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about  
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

*You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.*

## SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 23, 2022

### Today in Worship

- In our closing prayer this day we will acknowledge our Heavenly Father as the creator of all life. In His act of creating us, in His image, He has instilled in every life an intrinsic value and holiness. As Creator He is the owner, the giver, the sustainer, and the Savior of our lives. We are precious to Him and we have been fearfully and wonderfully made.
- In the closing prayer we will also acknowledge the brokenness we face each day because of sin. This brokenness puts difficult and terrible choices before us in how we handle and regard this human life. In this morning’s worship let it be the prayer and hope of each of us that the Holy Spirit renew us in viewing our life and every life as precious before the Lord and precious because of the Lord.

### Ring of the Bells

#### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

**Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art  
Thou art my best thought By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light**

Be Thou my Wisdom And Thou my true Word  
I ever with thee And Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father And I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling And I with thee one

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance Now and always  
Thou and thou only First in my heart  
High King of heaven My Treasure thou art

High King of heaven My victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart Whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all  
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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Thus says the Lord: No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. (*Eccl. 8:8*)

**C** **Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we humbly confess that we have not received every member of our human race as gift and privilege. We have presumed to exercise Your authority over life and death.**

**P** Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb? (*Job 31:15*)

**C** **We have not acknowledged our own helplessness reflected in our neighbor's needs. We have not beheld Your image imprinted upon their bodies and our own.**

**P** Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. (*Matthew 10:21*)

**C** **We have despised belonging to You. We have denied responsibility for one another.**

**P** Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. *(Matthew 25:40)*

**C** **We have let our lips lie silent rather than advocating for the lowly. We have left our hands idle instead of aiding them.**

**P** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked ... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. *(Ephesians 2:1, 3)*

**C** **We have worshiped our own desires. We have not served according to Your design.**

**P** Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. *(Genesis 9:6)*

**C** **We were brought forth in sin and have become altogether unrighteous. We have done what is evil in your sight and deserve the punishment we have brought upon ourselves.**

**P** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home. *(Psalm 68:5-6)*

**C** **Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we repent of our condition. We plead for Your pardon and Your intervention. Do not cast us off but make us whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Substitute, and the only Savior. Amen.**

**P** Thus says the Lord your God: You “have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you.” He has given Himself in Jesus Christ. By His shed blood Your sin is atoned for, and by His risen body Your iniquity is taken away. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Isaiah 46:3-4)*

**C** **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

“Healer of My Heart”

**1. Healer of my heart Healer of my stubborn ways  
Healer of all brokenness Crippled with sin**

### Refrain

**Come to this place Drink of God's life  
Rest, fill your soul And be made whole**

**2. Paralyzed with doubt Confusion lingers all about  
Weary, lost and thirsty Bent on my knee** *refrain*

**3. Jesus, God of power Jesus, all authority  
Jesus, man of action "Your sins are forgiven"** *refrain*

**4. Healer of my heart Healer of my stubborn ways  
Place Your seal upon my head The old has passed away** *refrain*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is from Isaiah, chapter 49.

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The Lord called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the Lord,  
and my recompense with my God.”

<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from 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 eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Anthem

“Abide With Me”

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**L** The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians, chapter one.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

John 15:12-17

*“This is my commandment”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*8:00 Service*

## The Apostles Creed

*10:30 Service*

## The Nicene Creed

## Message for Children from God’s Word

# Song of the Day

“There Is a Redeemer”

1. There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *refrain*

## Refrain

Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til The work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
And there I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place. *refrain*

## Sermon

## Offering

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” – *Psalm 19:14*

*We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.*

*Stand*

## Litany of Life in Christ

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**P** God the Father, Almighty Maker of body and spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the human race,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** For Your rich grace whatever our ages and appearances; for Your great mercy notwithstanding our skills or circumstances; for the forgiveness of our sins; for our salvation from death; for the resurrection of our flesh; for everlasting life in Your presence; and for our inheritance of the new creation,

**C** **All thanks and praise to You, O Lord.**

**P** By Your love as Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit; by Your incarnation in the womb of the virgin Mary; by Your growth and obedience as a Son among us; by Your tears for our wounds and Your touch upon our weaknesses, Your bearing our sicknesses and carrying our sorrows; by Your death in sweat and blood upon the cross; by Your rising to life again, leaving even our grave empty and abiding ever beside us; by Your ascension to exalt our nature, order our days, and prepare a place for us; and by Your coming again in glory for our immortality,

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To bring an end to all our sinful practices including the murder of the unborn, the assisting murder of the elderly and the terminally ill; to turn the hearts of those who permit, promote, or participate in violence against life; to strengthen all medical professionals always to care and never to kill; to move all public officials and elected authorities in support of policies, laws, and verdicts that protect the least of these; to defend our land from division, from aggression, and from the deception of death used as a solution; and to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To preserve from despair everyone facing infertility, unexpected pregnancy, disability, or terminal diagnosis; to relieve those burdened by gender dysphoria; to liberate any enslaved by adultery or perversion; to deliver those scheduled for abortion; to grant safe homes and healthy families to those awaiting adoption; to absolve the guilt and ease the grief of those broken by the abortion of their own children; to work comfort and peace within those surviving the suicides of loved ones; to uphold and heal those suffering discomfort and disease [including...]; and to give all who are approaching death a blessed end,

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To gladden us in celebrating gifts of marriage, family, and length of days; to give us courage in speaking Your truth and compassion in showing Your love; to make us ambassadors of Gospel joy in every difficulty and agents of Gospel hope in all affliction; to impart gentleness and respect to our words and bestow sensitivity and winsomeness on our ways; and to bid us rejoice when any heart changes and delight with every saved life,

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

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**C grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

**P** O Lord,

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**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

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8:00 a.m. Service

## Lord's Prayer

### The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit You breathed life into Adam and made him a living being. By Your Son, Jesus Christ, You redeemed Adam and all his descendants from sin and every corrupting effect, which at last You will remove forever when creation is restored in the resurrection. Convince us by Your Word and Spirit of the value of all human life. Where life is fostered and preserved, let us give thanks; where life is vulnerable or abused, give us courage; where life is fragile and debilitated, give us compassion; and where life is injured and dying, point us in hope to the resurrection, where He who does all things well will make all things new; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Announcements

### Closing Song

“Jesus Paid It All”

**And I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all**

#### Refrain

**Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow**

**Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone *refrain***

**And when before the throne I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat *refrain***

*This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service*



*10:30 a.m. Service*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.*

## **Preface**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



## **The Lord's Prayer**

# Words of Our Lord

## **Pax Domini** “The Peace of Our Lord”

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei** “Lamb of God”

Alleluia Alleluia  
for the Lord God Almighty reigns

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Alleluia

Holy, Holy are You Lord God, Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb  
You are Holy, Holy Are You Lord God, Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

## **Distribution Song**

“Come To The Table”

Come to the table of mercy prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry & thirsty come and your souls will be fed  
Come at the Lord’s invitation receive from His nail-scarred hand  
Eat of the bread of salvation drink of the blood of the Lamb (*Instrumental repeat*)

## **Distribution Song**

“Nothing But the Blood”

What can wash away my sin Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Refrain

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea Nothing but the blood of Jesus *refrain*

**Nothing can for sin atone Nothing but the blood of Jesus**  
**Naught of good that I have done Nothing but the blood of Jesus** *refrain*  
**This is all my hope and peace Nothing but the blood of Jesus**  
**This is all my righteousness Nothing but the blood of Jesus** *refrain*

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