



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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

Today in Worship

- When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. “Is this not Joseph’s son?” The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God’s Word is spoken it is also a scandal and offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God’s Word is faith.



Ringling of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #583
“God Had Spoken By His Prophets”*

Invocation & Sentences

Romans 7:12, 22-24

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

C For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

P but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

C Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

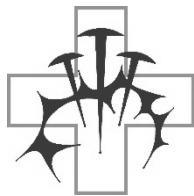
Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.

P Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Psalm 19:7-14

P The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

C the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

P the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

C the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

- P** the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever
C **the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
C **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
C **in keeping them there is great reward.**
- P** Who can discern his errors?
C **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
C **Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
C **O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book #398
 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

"They taught the Word of the Lord clearly so that the people might understand."

L The Old Testament Reading for the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany is from Nehemiah, chapter eight.

¹ And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

"Though individually members, we are all one Body in Christ."

L The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians, chapter 12.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Luke 4:18a

P Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

C **because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

“Jesus opens a scroll to read and fulfills its words in His person and work.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

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

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” ²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months,

and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles Creed *8:00am service*

The Nicene Creed *10:30am service*

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #839

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.

Responses after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P As You are one, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us one people on earth, united in the confession of Your name, until that day when every barrier and division shall be overcome and Your church on earth and Your church in heaven shall be one forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

Offering

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” – 1 Cor. 12:26-27



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.

Offertory “What Shall I Render” / Psalm 116 LSB p. 159-160

(10:30 a.m. Services continue page 10 of the Worship Folder.)



8:00 a.m. Service

The Lord’s Prayer

Thanksgiving

P For the joy of your apostles whom You called to follow and to be made into fishers of men,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of all the witnesses who heard Jesus fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah by proclaiming good news to the poor,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of Jesus who proclaimed and demonstrated the coming Kingdom, and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended,

C we thank You. We praise You. We adore You, Lord. 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.

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #810
"O God of God, O Light of Light"

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service

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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.**

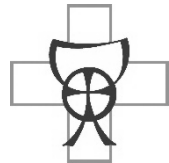
Preface *Sung*

LSB p. 161

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LSB p. 161

Lord's Prayer *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

The Words of our Lord *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

Pax Domini *“The Peace of Our Lord”* LSB p. 163

Agnus Dei *“Lamb of God”* LSB p. 163

Distribution Hymns

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB # 849

“The People That in Darkness Sat” LSB # 412

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” LSB # 631

Thank the Lord LSB p. 164

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Greeting of Peace

Closing Hymn

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“O God of God, O Light of Light”

Formula of Concord Reading Plan

January – Week 4 – The Week of January 26

The Topic this Month: Original Sin

Read:

- Epitome, I, para. 11-25 (p. 475-477)



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