

Midweek Service Grace Lutheran Church Lincoln, Nebraska

Respond in Bold

Opening

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 50

¹⁹But Joseph said to his brothers...²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, to preserve a numerous people, as God is doing today.

Where do you see God's goodness at work in our world today? How do you know it is God at work and not something else?

Psalm 103:8

8LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

How have you known God's compassion, anger and love?

Romans 14

4Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

How does God help you stand today?

Matthew 18

²¹Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Is forgiveness something carefully counted or graciously given?

Hymn of the Day: ELW 867

In Thee Is Gladness



Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Apostle's 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.

Closing Prayer

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us every day by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that always we are walking in your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Almighty God (+) bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.