

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Making Christ Known to all Through Grace

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WELCOME to worship

Grace Lutheran Church, a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been at the heart of the faith community in Lincoln since 1889.

- We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."
- We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."
- We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

Thank you for worshipping with us today and join our community at any time!

WORSHIP notes

Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the entry space. Ask an usher to assist you.

Restrooms are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.

Masks are required for everyone during worship.

INTRODUCTION to worship

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame generated by selfishness, transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song", *Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus*, L'Arche Community, arr. A. Melang-Thoren, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. Silence

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in \oplus Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN (Congregation verses 1-2, trumpet solo, congregation verses 3-4.)

God Is Here!



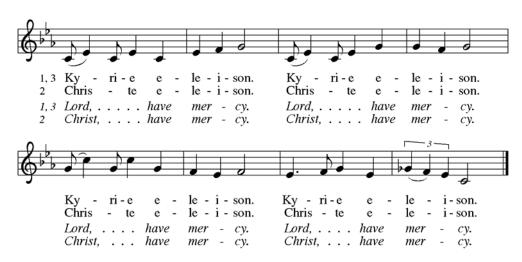
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GREETING

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 (Trumpet and bass intro and then congregation joins with piano & sings all 3 verses in English)

Kyrie



Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927 Music © 1987 Dinah Reindorf, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SIT

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's redemptive suffering is understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

A reading from Isaiah:

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-12

A responsive reading from Psalm 91:

- ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.
- ¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Into your hands we commend ourselves, O God, our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Give your holy angels charge over us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

A reading from Hebrews:

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

STAND

Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

SERMON

STAND

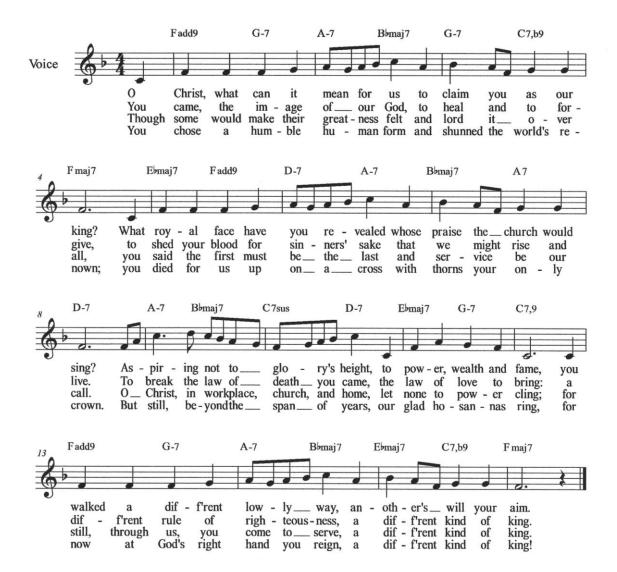
HYMN OF THE DAY (Congregation verses 1-2, bass solo, congregation verses 3-4.)

O Christ, What Can It Means For Us

ELW 250 tune ELW 431 text

Forest Green

English folk tune A. Melang-Thoren, 2021



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 to the living, 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 INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. A brief silence.

We pray for the church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on all the church. May we who witness to your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, your gift to us. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. May our leaders care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the work of our congregation in the world. Inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who need our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. We pray for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the goodness of God. It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. So we give thanks to God in this moment of silence.... May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

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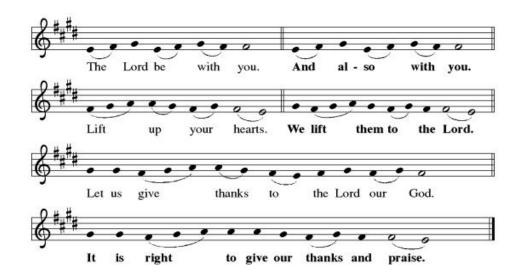
MUSIC OFFERING: "The Peace of the Lord", La Paz del Senor, Anders Ruuth

STAND

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOG



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

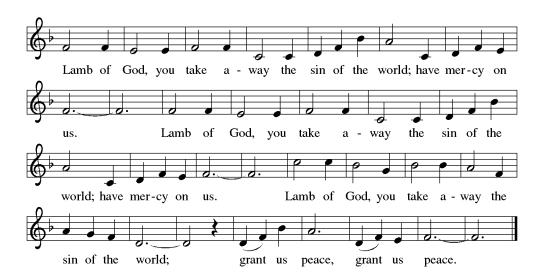
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



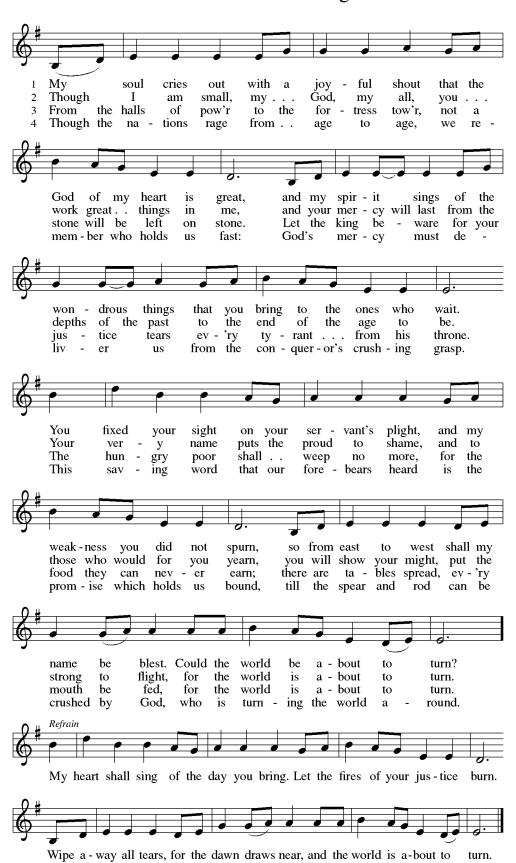
Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

COMMUNION

Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the wafer (Body of Christ). Gluten free is available upon request. Move to the next station to receive the cup (Blood of Christ). Red grape juice is available. Return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Please dispose your used cup into the basket at the head of the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Canticle of the Turning



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

Chesterfield

attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820 A. Melang-Thoren, 2019

Please note 2 measures were added to the original hymn at bar 8 and 16.



BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, \pm one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "On Our Way Rejoicing", Francis R. Havergal, 1836-1879, arr. A. Melang-Thoren, 2021

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A pastor remembers that last summer, she ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To her relief, another customer came over and offered to push her car to the pump. Before this kind, young person drove away, she shouted "Wait!" and hurried toward him. He shook his head from side to side. "I don't want anything for helping you," he declared. "Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?" she countered. He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked her.

Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger's car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit — a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way.

Because when we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and cookies in the gym following worship.

Green attendance cards can be filled out and returned to the Offering basket in the front of the church or the Welcome Table basket in the back of the church.

Altar flowers given in memory of Joan Kruger from Kevin and Fran Gade.

2021 Stewardship Sunday is Today. Please return you pledge card as part of your offering today, in the mail or at the church during the week before or after the 17th. Thanks!

Women of the ELCA breakfast and conversation at Greenfields Restaurant (7900 S. 87th Street) on Tuesday, October 19th at 9:30 a. m. If you are planning to attend, RSVP to Tricia Rosno at 402-540-5020.

2021 Trunk or Treat event is October 23rd from 6:00-7:30 pm in the church parking lot. This year we will team up with Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA-Girls. So bring a trunk full of treats or donate a bag of candy to the Candy Box in the narthex or outside the office.

Cub Scout Pack 30 will be selling popcorn in the Atrium after worship on October 24th. Sales help support the work of the pack.

The Social Ministry committee is preparing thanksgiving boxes again this year. If you know of someone who needs a box for the holiday then contact Lori Drake at 402-310-8386 or ldrake3@neb.rr.com

2021 Offering Envelope boxes are available in the atrium after worship today or during the week.

The Lutheran magazine and **Daily Devotionals** are available in the narthex after worship or in the atrium during the week.

Flower chart is available in the atrium. You can sign up for flowers there and leave through the east main entrance.

Prayers this week for all who seek food to eat and water to drink.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

October 18:	
Lessons	4:00 pm
Gathering Place	5:00 pm
Scouts BSA	7:00 pm
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October 19:	
Al-Anon	9:30 am
Lessons	4:00 pm
Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
WELCA Group 6	7:00 pm
October 20:	
WELCA Group 3	1:00 nm
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Bell Choir A	6:00 pm
Bell Choir B	7:00 pm
Confirmation	7:00 pm

October 21: Quilting	9:00 am
October 23: Worship Trunk or Treat	5:30 pm 6:00 pm
October 24: Worship Adult Choir	9:00 am 10:15 am
Addit Choir	10.13 am