



**Midweek Prayer 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**

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Readings**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:6a, 9

<sup>5</sup>...God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "...<sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

Silence

How has prayer given you a better understanding of how to live in the world today?

Romans 8

28We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Silence

Do all things work together for good? Why or why not?

Matthew 13

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

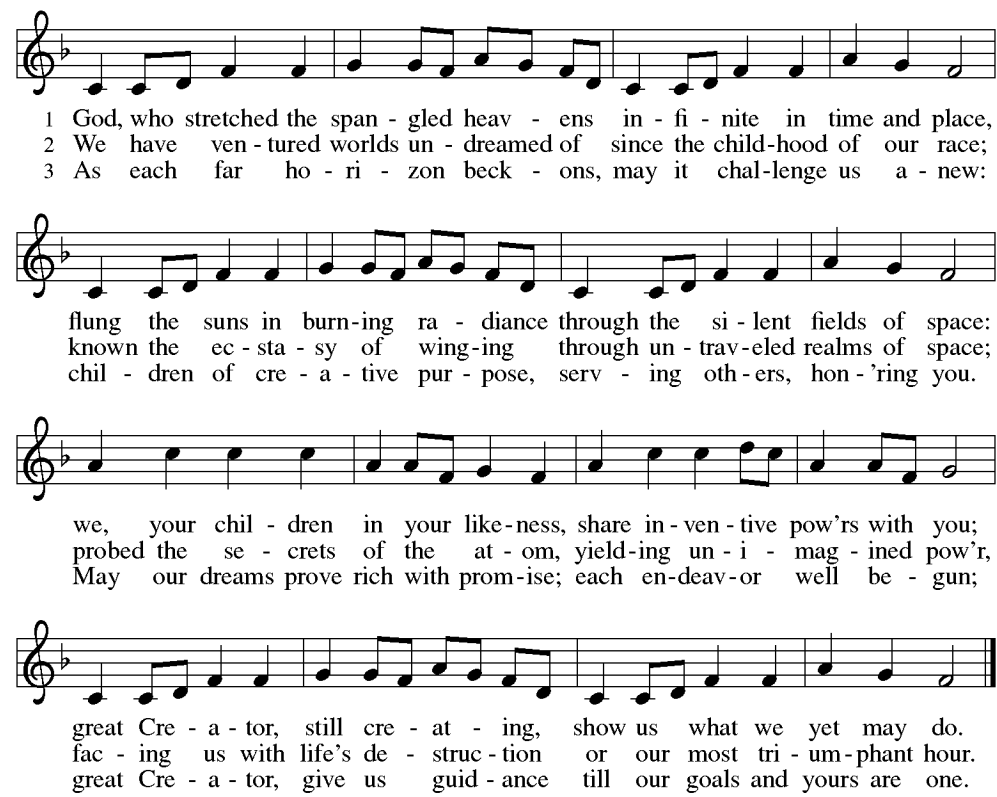
Silence

What joy does faith bring to your life?

**Video Moment**

Hymn of the Day: ELW 771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:

flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.

we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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**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.**